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| 03/14/2016 | 5036 | Introduction and first reading<br>Referred to Finance |
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1.1 A bill for an act  
1.2 relating to education finance; increasing debt service equalization aid for school  
1.3 districts; amending Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 123B.53, subdivisions 5, 6;  
1.4 Minnesota Statutes 2015 Supplement, section 123B.53, subdivision 4.

1.5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

1.6 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2015 Supplement, section 123B.53, subdivision 4, is  
1.7 amended to read:

1.8 Subd. 4. **Debt service equalization revenue.** ~~(a)~~ The debt service equalization  
1.9 revenue of a district equals ~~the sum of the first tier debt service equalization revenue and~~  
1.10 ~~the second tier debt service equalization revenue.~~

1.11 ~~(b) The first tier debt service equalization revenue of a district equals the greater~~  
1.12 ~~of zero or the eligible debt service revenue minus the amount raised by a levy of 15.74~~  
1.13 ~~ten percent times the adjusted net tax capacity of the district minus the second tier debt~~  
1.14 ~~service equalization revenue of the district.~~

1.15 ~~(c) The second tier debt service equalization revenue of a district equals the greater~~  
1.16 ~~of zero or the eligible debt service revenue, minus the amount raised by a levy of 26.24~~  
1.17 ~~percent times the adjusted net tax capacity of the district.~~

1.18 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective for revenue for fiscal year 2018  
1.19 and later.

1.20 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 123B.53, subdivision 5, is amended to read:

1.21 Subd. 5. **Equalized debt service levy.** ~~(a)~~ The equalized debt service levy of a  
1.22 district equals ~~the sum of the first tier equalized debt service levy and the second tier~~  
1.23 ~~equalized debt service levy.~~

2.1 ~~(b) A district's first tier equalized debt service levy equals the district's first tier debt~~  
 2.2 ~~service equalization revenue times the lesser of one or the ratio of:~~

2.3 ~~(1) the quotient derived by dividing the adjusted net tax capacity of the district for~~  
 2.4 ~~the year before the year the levy is certified by the adjusted pupil units in the district for~~  
 2.5 ~~the school year ending in the year prior to the year the levy is certified; to~~

2.6 ~~(2) \$3,400 in fiscal year 2016 and \$4,430 in fiscal year 2017 and later.~~

2.7 ~~(e) A district's second tier equalized debt service levy equals the district's second tier~~  
 2.8 ~~debt service equalization revenue times the lesser of one or the ratio of:~~

2.9 ~~(1) the quotient derived by dividing the adjusted net tax capacity of the district for~~  
 2.10 ~~the year before the year the levy is certified by the adjusted pupil units in the district for~~  
 2.11 ~~the school year ending in the year prior to the year the levy is certified; to~~

2.12 ~~(2) \$8,000 100 percent of the statewide adjusted net tax capacity equalizing factor~~  
 2.13 ~~under section 123B.535, subdivision 1, paragraph (b).~~

2.14 ~~**EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective for revenue for fiscal year 2018~~  
 2.15 ~~and later.~~

2.16 Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 123B.53, subdivision 6, is amended to read:

2.17 Subd. 6. **Debt service equalization aid.** ~~(a) A district's debt service equalization~~  
 2.18 ~~aid is the sum of the district's first tier debt service equalization aid and the district's~~  
 2.19 ~~second tier debt service equalization aid.~~

2.20 ~~(b) A district's first tier debt service equalization aid equals the difference between~~  
 2.21 ~~the district's first tier debt service equalization revenue and the district's first tier equalized~~  
 2.22 ~~debt service levy.~~

2.23 ~~(c) A district's second tier debt service equalization aid equals the difference between~~  
 2.24 ~~the district's second tier debt service equalization revenue and the district's second tier~~  
 2.25 ~~equalized debt service levy.~~

2.26 ~~**EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective for revenue for fiscal year 2018~~  
 2.27 ~~and later.~~