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Introduction and first reading
Referred to Education Finance and Policy

OFFICIAL STATUS

- 1.1 A bill for an act
- 1.2 relating to education finance; requiring that certain forecasted positive general
- 1.3 fund balances be allocated to restore the special education aid payment percentage;
- 1.4 amending Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 16A.152, subdivision 2.
- 1.5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:
- 1.6 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 16A.152, subdivision 2, is amended to read:
- 1.7 Subd. 2. **Additional revenues; priority.** (a) If on the basis of a forecast of general fund
- 1.8 revenues and expenditures, the commissioner of management and budget determines that
- 1.9 there will be a positive unrestricted budgetary general fund balance at the close of the
- 1.10 biennium, the commissioner of management and budget must allocate money to the following
- 1.11 accounts and purposes in priority order:
- 1.12 (1) the cash flow account established in subdivision 1 until that account reaches
- 1.13 \$350,000,000;
- 1.14 (2) the budget reserve account established in subdivision 1a until that account reaches
- 1.15 \$1,596,522,000;
- 1.16 (3) the amount necessary to increase the aid payment schedule for school district aids
- 1.17 and credits payments in section 127A.45 to not more than 90 percent rounded to the nearest
- 1.18 tenth of a percent without exceeding the amount available and with any remaining funds
- 1.19 deposited in the budget reserve;
- 1.20 (4) the amount necessary to restore all or a portion of the net aid reductions under section
- 1.21 127A.441 and to reduce the property tax revenue recognition shift under section 123B.75,
- 1.22 subdivision 5, by the same amount;

~~(5) the clean water fund established in section 114D.50 until \$22,000,000 has been transferred into the fund; and~~

~~(6) (5) the amount necessary to increase the Minnesota 21st century fund by not more than the difference between \$5,000,000 and the sum of the amounts credited and canceled to it in the previous 12 months under Laws 2020, chapter 71, article 1, section 11, until the sum of all transfers under this section and all amounts credited or canceled under Laws 2020, chapter 71, article 1, section 11, equals \$20,000,000; and~~

(6) the amount necessary to increase the special education aid estimated current fiscal year entitlement percentage under section 127A.45, subdivision 13, to not more than 100 percent rounded to the nearest tenth of a percent without exceeding the amount available.

(b) The amounts necessary to meet the requirements of this section are appropriated from the general fund within two weeks after the forecast is released or, in the case of transfers under paragraph (a), clauses (3) ~~and~~₂ (4), and (6), as necessary to meet the appropriations schedules otherwise established in statute.

(c) The commissioner of management and budget shall certify the total dollar amount of the reductions under paragraph (a), clauses (3) ~~and~~₂ (4), and (6), to the commissioner of education. The commissioner of education shall increase the aid payment percentage ~~and~~₂ reduce the property tax shift percentage, and increase the special education aid estimated current fiscal year entitlement percentage by these amounts and apply those reductions to the current fiscal year and thereafter.

~~(d) Paragraph (a), clause (5), expires after the entire amount of the transfer has been made.~~

EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective July 1, 2021.