

LD 1932 "An Act To Amend the Laws Regarding School Funding"	LD 1932	LD 1932	LD 1932
	as amended by Senate (2/25)	as amended by House (3/06)	Committee of Conference report (3/14)
Allows local cost-sharing formulas for expenses above EPS (DoE)	X	X	X
Removes the minimum 2 mill tax effort (DoE)	X	X	X
Retains minimum subsidy (DoE)	X	X	X
Allows postponement of budget validation referendum until 2009 (S-410: Committee Majority Report)	X	X	
Clarifies the authorization for cost-sharing agreements for costs in addition to the local contribution. (S-410: Committee Report)	X	X	X
Repeals a cross-reference to the 2 mill minimum. (S-410: Committee Report)	X	X	X
Includes a process for amending the cost-sharing formula. (S-410: Committee Report)	X	X	X
Clarifies the roles for municipal school units whose charters give authority to approve the school budget . (S-410: Committee Report)	X	X	X
Clarifies the relationship between a regional school unit board and a local school . (S-410: Committee Report)	X	X	X
Authorizes "doughnut hole" school units that serve at least 1,000 students if these isolated, rural school units meet certain criteria. (S-410: Committee Report)	X	X	X
Clarifies the assumption of existing debt after July 1, 2008. (S-410: Committee Report)	X	X	X
Provides regional school unit boards with legal authority prior to the operational date of the new regional school unit. (S-410: Committee Report)	X	X	X
Changes the referendum deadline to January 15, 2009. (S-419: Damon)	X		
Authorizes regional school unions as an alternative to the regional school unit method of school reorganization. A regional school union must perform certain core functions, which include employment of a superintendent, performance of all business functions, special education administration, transportation administration, adoption of a core curriculum and all state and federal reporting. A regional school union is formed in the same manner as a regional school unit by means of a reorganization plan prepared by a reorganization planning committee, with approval of the Commissioner of Education and approval at a referendum. Regional school unions are subject to the same requirements as regional school units with respect to minimum numbers of students, exceptions to minimum numbers of students, timelines for submission of reorganization plans, operational date and applicable penalties. School administrative units that form a regional school union become "local educational units" with no further responsibility for the administrative functions, which are taken over by the regional school union. (S-419: Damon)	X		
Clarifies budget validation requirement (S-430: Martin)	X		
Allows the dissolution of regional school units , the withdrawal from a regional school unit by a municipality and the transfer by a municipality out of one regional school unit into another. The amendment also includes provisions that formerly applied in this area of law authorizing the State Board of Education to review decisions of the Commissioner of Education and to make rules concerning the reorganization of the regional school units. (S-420: Raye)	X		
H-717: (MacDonald) [similar to S-419: Damon and S-430: Martin] 1. Incorporates the substance of Senate Amendment "D" to Committee Amendment "A" to S.P. 741, L.D. 1932; 2. Incorporates the substance of Senate Amendment "C" to S.P. 741, L.D. 1932 and allocates it within the proper statutory context; and 3. Corrects 2 errors in which the terms "school administrative unit" and "school union" were erroneously employed.		X	X
H-718: (Carter) Allows waiver to minimum size for districts in areas with fewer than 50 residents per square mile.		X	X
H-719: (Pratt) [Similar to S-420: Raye] Incorporates the substance of Senate Amendment "B" (S-420). Allows the dissolution of regional school units, the		X	X

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