



1999 SENATE BILL 118

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1 **AN ACT to create** 121.91 (4) (h) of the statutes; **relating to:** increasing a school
2 district's revenue limit by a portion of the school district's handicapped
3 education costs.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Current law generally limits the increase in the total amount of revenue that a school district may receive from general school aids and property taxes in a school year to approximately \$209 per pupil in the 1998-99 school year and, in subsequent school years, to the amount of revenue increase allowed per pupil in the previous school year increased by the percentage change in the consumer price index. Several exceptions are provided. For example, if a school district increases the services that it provides by adding responsibility for providing a service transferred to it from another governmental unit, its revenue limit is increased by the cost of that service.

Currently, a school district is eligible to receive categorical state aid for its handicapped education costs. Certain costs are aided at 100%, certain costs are aided at 63% and certain costs are aided at 51%. If funding is insufficient to pay the full amount of aid, payments are prorated.

This bill provides that, if payments are prorated, a school district's revenue limit is increased by an amount equal to the difference between the amount that the school district is eligible to receive and the amount that the school district actually receives.

