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Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

This bill provides additional funding to the Department of Public Instruction for aids for special education, if grants are awarded to the Department of Health Services (DHS) community health centers.

This bill would allow for a transfers of \$1,580,000 each fiscal year in the 2021-23 biennium to the GPR appropriation under s. 20.255 (2) (b) to increase funding for special education costs, as provided under s. 115.88, in each fiscal year in which grants are awarded to DHS under s. 250.15 (2) (d). This would increase the appropriation from \$468,091,800 to \$469,671,800 in FY22 (an increase of 0.34%) or from \$517,890,000 to \$519,470,000 in FY23 (an increase of 0.31%).

This would increase the payments made by DPI to all eligible local educational agencies (LEAs), which includes school districts, independent charter schools, cooperative educational service agencies, and county children with disabilities education boards.

The current law appropriation is estimated to reimburse LEAs for aidable special education costs at a rate of 28.2% of projected FY21 aidable costs. The increase of \$1,580,000 to the appropriation in FY22 would lift that reimbursement rate of 28.20% to 28.30% (an increase of 0.10%) of projected FY21 aidable costs. The increase of \$1,580,000 to the appropriation in FY23 would increase the estimated reimbursement rate of 30.0% to 30.09% (an increase of .09%).

State: Direct impact

State appropriations would increase by \$1,580,000 in FY22 and/or FY23.

Local: Increase in revenues (indeterminate amount at the individual LEA level)

The increase to the appropriation would increase reimbursements to LEAs for aidable special education costs, by an estimated 0.10% in FY22 and an increase of 0.09% in FY23.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications

If the conditions specified in the bill are met so as to appropriate additional funding for special education categorical aid in FY23 (and in the absence of a sunset clause related to the funding increase), the FY23 adjusted base for the 2023-25 biennium would be greater than under current law and would in effect provide a permanent increase to the appropriation for special education categorical aid (\$1,580,000 annually).