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**REVIEW OF STATE SCHOOL AID FORMULA**

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**STUDY ASSIGNMENT:** The committee is directed to study the current state school aid formula for public elementary and secondary schools in the state and to develop legislation to improve the method of allocating state funds to school districts. The committee shall review the various components that are used to calculate and distribute school aids under the equalization formula and for categorical programs. Also, the committee may review issues related to declining enrollment and increasing property values. The committee may also review the current statutory restraints on local spending, including revenue limits and general referendum requirements, and qualified economic offers to teachers under the Municipal Employment Relations Act. In addition, the committee may review funding formulas in other states and emerging trends in school finance as well as issues associated with rising property values and declining enrollments.

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