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HB 2672: common school districts; unification; budget

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House Engrossed

Overview

Permits a school district meeting outlined criteria to continue calculating its budget and equalization assistance as a common school district not within a high school district until a high school is built.

History

[Laws 2007, Chapter 283](#) allowed a common school district that was not within the boundaries of a high school district and that elected to become a unified school district to continue to include tuition costs in its budget and equalization assistance. This provision expired on July 1, 2011 and a high school was not constructed. [Laws 2010, Chapter 332](#) extended the time provided to these newly unified school districts to July 1, 2016 or until a new high school is constructed. [Laws 2016, Chapter 220](#) extended this provision until June 30, 2020 or until a new high school is constructed.

[Laws 2021, Chapter 11](#) repeals these session laws and allows a common school district that meets the aforementioned criteria to continue calculating its budget and equalization assistance as such for 15 years after the unification election or until a high school is built, whichever is first. This session law also allows the newly formed unified school district to continue calculating its budget and equalization assistance as a common school district not within a high school district for five years after the first year of operation of the new high school in the newly formed unified school district.

Provisions

1. Allows a common school district that is not within the boundaries of a high school district and that was authorized to establish a unified school district to continue calculating its budget and equalization assistance as a common school district not within a high school district *until a high school is built*, rather than for 15 years after the unification election or until a high school is built. (Sec. 1)
2. Adds that a common school district that is not within the boundaries of a high school district and that was authorized to establish a unified school district or the newly formed unified school district may retroactively adjust its budget for FY 2021 *or* FY 2022. (Sec. 1)
3. Repeals, on July 1, 2023, statute that:
 - a) Allows a common school district that is not within the boundaries of a high school district and that was authorized to establish a unified school district to continue calculating its budget and equalization assistance as a common school district not within a high school district until a high school is built;
 - b) Allows a newly formed unified school district meeting outlined requirements and that phases in instruction for students in the 9th-12th grades to continue calculating its budget

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and equalization assistance for a maximum of five years after the first year of operation of the new high school in the newly formed unified school district; and

- c) Allows a common school district that is not within the boundaries of a high school district and that was authorized to establish a unified school district or the newly formed unified school district to retroactively adjust its budget for FY 2021 or FY 2022. (Sec. 2, 3)