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STATE OF MINNESOTA
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S.F. No. 1601

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Introduction and first reading
Referred to Education Finance

OFFICIAL STATUS

1.1 A bill for an act

1.2 relating to education finance; increasing equalization aid for the operating

1.3 referendum program; decreasing property tax levies; appropriating money;

1.4 amending Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 126C.17, subdivision 6.

1.5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

1.6 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 126C.17, subdivision 6, is amended to read:

1.7 Subd. 6. **Referendum equalization levy.** (a) A district's referendum equalization levy

1.8 equals the sum of the first tier referendum equalization levy and the second tier referendum

1.9 equalization levy.

1.10 (b) A district's first tier referendum equalization levy equals the district's first tier

1.11 referendum equalization revenue times the lesser of one or the ratio of the district's

1.12 referendum market value per resident pupil unit to ~~\$567,000~~ 150 percent of the operating

1.13 referendum market value equalizing factor.

1.14 (c) A district's second tier referendum equalization levy equals the district's second tier

1.15 referendum equalization revenue times the lesser of one or the ratio of the district's

1.16 referendum market value per resident pupil unit to \$290,000.

1.17 (d) A district's operating referendum market value equalizing factor equals the quotient

1.18 derived by dividing the referendum market value of all school districts in the state for the

1.19 year before the year the levy is certified by the total number of resident pupil units in all

1.20 school districts in the state in the year before the year the levy is certified.

1.21 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective for revenue for fiscal year 2025 and later.

2.1 Sec. 2. APPROPRIATION.

2.2 \$..... in fiscal year 2025 is appropriated from the general fund to the Department of

2.3 Education for additional general education aid.