

SB17-296
Amendment Summary

Proposed House Education Committee Amendment L.038:

- Includes the expectation in statute that the amount of the budget adjustment for the 2018-19 budget year will be held constant.
- Creates a grant program in the department of education (department) that awards grants that will enable a teacher or teachers in a school district to teach computer science courses. \$500,000 is appropriated from the State Education Fund for the program.
- Under current law, a teacher must swear or affirm under oath, and a professor or instructor at a state institution of higher education must swear or affirm under oath, to uphold the United States constitution and the state constitution. In addition to swearing or affirming under oath, the bill allows a teacher, instructor, or professor to sign a written pledge.
- Requires school districts to distribute mill levy override revenue to all schools of the school district equitably, either through a distribution plan or by distributing 95% of the per pupil amount of the mill levy override revenue to charter schools and innovation schools of the school district.
- Requires school districts and charter schools to post the list of waived statutes.
- Adds two statutes to the list of statutes that the State Board cannot automatically waive for charter schools.

Proposed House Education Committee Amendment L.040:

- Makes the mill levy override created last session for capital construction, new technology, existing technology upgrade, and maintenance needs prospectively subject to the cap of 25% of a school district's total program funding (30% for rural school districts).