

HB 745 -- State School Aid

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This bill makes changes in how certain elements of state school aid are calculated. Currently, the Commissioner of Education receives a total of 1% of the basic school fund moneys appropriated pursuant to Section 163.031, RSMo, which is divided into two parts (0.9% and 0.1%), the larger portion of which supports several programs relating to critical needs, such as management teams for academically deficient schools, while the other supports a professional development grant program. The bill reduces the total percentage to 0.5%. This provision has an emergency clause.

The bill changes how "eligible pupils" is defined, eliminating the double count of pupils for summer school beginning with the summer school to be held in calendar year 2004. The bill also places conditions on counting a prior year's summer school, by requiring any district that uses the second or first preceding year's summer school in its pupil count to have a summer school for its current year, beginning with the summer school held in calendar year 2004.