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2. H. Education Finance: State Special Education Revenue - Part II

Review from last Business Committee.

State special education revenue calculations changed starting in Fiscal Year 2016 (FY16). And FY16 became the base year for state special education revenue going forward.

From the baseline, components were created to establish a "ceiling", which provided a range for state special education revenue. Calculation components included: Adjusted Average Daily Membership (ADJ ADM), Adjusted ADM Served, a growth factor for the base, an amount per ADM Served.

Initial state special education revenue is calculated, based on expenses. That initial calculation is then compared against the "revenue range" to determine final state special education revenue.

The Legislature has made a change, starting in FY21, to eliminate the "ceiling" in the calculation and provides a second calculation for the "base". What is unknown is if there will be a pro-ration of eligible state special education revenue due to a legislative cap of total revenue paid out statewide.

