

OVERVIEW OF HOUSE BILL 513

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House Bill 513, which provides funding for local school districts, passed the House on January 31. The bill provides funding for the following key areas: full funding of MAEP, 3% across-the-board teacher pay raise; extending the increments on the MAEP salary schedule from 25 years to 35 years, and a \$500 raise for assistant teachers from \$12,500 to \$13,000 (pay raises will go into effect January 1, 2009). The bill also provides hold harmless funding for any district that would receive less funding in FY 09 than FY 08. The hold harmless provision will restore 50% of a district's reduction in funds from FY 08 to FY 09. As you are aware, this bill will now go to the Senate, where it is likely to be amended and subsequently end up in a conference committee before being adopted by both the Senate and the House. The funding numbers provided to school districts are for informational purposes only; we do not advise using them for budget purposes at this time.

Some of the key funding components that are provided for in this bill are as follows:

- Teacher and assistant teacher pay raises - \$32,769,683
- Full funding of the MAEP formula - \$3,056,124
- One-half of hold harmless for MAEP - \$15,923,872
- High School Redesign - \$8,000,000
- Vocational Equipment - \$5,000,000

A detailed breakdown of funding provided by HB 513 is attached with this email and will also be available on the Department of Education web site.