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Committee: Education

A BILL

1 FOR AN ACT relating to the Tax Equity and Educational Opportunities
2 Support Act; to amend section 79-1026, Revised Statutes
3 Supplement, 2000; to change provisions relating to
4 applicable allowable growth percentage; and to repeal the
5 original section.
6 Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

1 Section 1. Section 79-1026, Revised Statutes Supplement,
2 2000, is amended to read:

3 79-1026. On or before April 1, 1999, and on or before
4 February 1 for each year thereafter, the department shall determine
5 and certify to each Class II, III, IV, V, or VI district an
6 applicable allowable growth percentage carried out at least four
7 decimal places for each local system as follows:

8 (1)(a) For each school fiscal year, the department shall
9 determine a target budget level for each local system by
10 multiplying the adjusted formula students as calculated pursuant to
11 section 79-1007.01 by the cost grouping cost per student as
12 calculated under section 79-1007.02. The sum of such product and
13 the local system's special receipts allowance and transportation
14 allowance shall be each local system's target budget level;

15 ~~(2)~~ (b) The department shall establish a target budget
16 level range of general fund operating expenditure levels for each
17 school fiscal year for each local system which shall begin at
18 twenty percent less than the target budget level and end at the
19 target budget level. The beginning point of the range shall be
20 assigned a number equal to the maximum allowable growth rate
21 established in section 79-1025, and the end point of the range
22 shall be assigned a number equal to the basic allowable growth rate
23 as prescribed in such section such that the lower end of the range
24 shall be assigned the maximum allowable growth rate and the higher
25 end of the range shall be assigned the basic allowable growth rate;
26 and

27 ~~(3)~~ (c) For each school fiscal year, each local system's
28 general fund operating expenditures shall be compared to its target

1 budget level along the range described in subdivision ~~(2)~~ (1)(b) of
2 this section to arrive at an ~~applicable allowable~~ a target budget
3 growth rate as follows: If each local system's general fund
4 operating expenditures fall below the lower end of the range, such
5 ~~applicable allowable~~ growth rate shall be the maximum growth rate
6 identified in section 79-1025. If each local system's general fund
7 operating expenditures are greater than the higher end of the
8 range, the local system's allowable growth rate shall be the basic
9 growth rate identified in such section. If each local system's
10 general fund operating expenditures fall between the lower end and
11 the higher end of the range, the department shall use a linear
12 interpolation calculation between the end points of the range to
13 arrive at the ~~applicable allowable~~ target budget growth rate for
14 the local system.

15 (2) The applicable allowable growth rate shall be the
16 greater of the target budget growth rate or the growth rate
17 necessary to fund formula needs calculated pursuant to sections
18 79-1001.01 and 79-1007.02.

19 Sec. 2. Original section 79-1026, Revised Statutes
20 Supplement, 2000, is repealed.