Introduced by Friesen, 34.
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Committee: Education

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Tax Equity and Educational Opportunities Support Act; to amend section 79-1022, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2016; to provide for a minimum amount of state aid to be distributed to each school district; and to repeal the original section.

Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,
Section 1. Section 79-1022, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2016, is amended to read:

79-1022 (1)(a) On or before March 1 of each year for each ensuing fiscal year, the department shall determine the amounts to be distributed to each local system and each district for the ensuing school fiscal year pursuant to the Tax Equity and Educational Opportunities Support Act and shall certify the amounts to the Director of Administrative Services, the Auditor of Public Accounts, each learning community for school fiscal years prior to school fiscal year 2017-18, and each district. Except as otherwise provided in this section, the amount to be distributed to each district from the amount certified for a local system shall be proportional based on the formula students attributed to each district in the local system. For school fiscal years prior to school fiscal year 2017-18, the amount to be distributed to each district that is a member of a learning community from the amount certified for the local system shall be proportional based on the formula needs calculated for each district in the local system. On or before March 1 of each year for each ensuing fiscal year, the department shall report the necessary funding level for the ensuing school fiscal year to the Governor, the Appropriations Committee of the Legislature, and the Education Committee of the Legislature. The report submitted to the committees of the Legislature shall be submitted electronically. Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, certified state aid amounts, including adjustments pursuant to section 79-1065.02, shall be shown as budgeted non-property-tax receipts and deducted prior to calculating the property tax request in the district's general fund budget statement as provided to the Auditor of Public Accounts pursuant to section 79-1024.

(b) Notwithstanding any other provision of the act, the amounts to be distributed to each local system under the act and certified pursuant to this section shall be equal to at least:

(i) One thousand five hundred dollars per formula student for school
(ii) Two thousand five hundred dollars per formula student for school fiscal year 2019-20;
(iii) Three thousand five hundred dollars per formula student for school fiscal year 2020-21;
(iv) Four thousand five hundred dollars per formula student for school fiscal year 2021-22; and
(v) Five thousand five hundred dollars per formula student for school fiscal year 2022-23 and each school fiscal year thereafter.

(2) Except as provided in this subsection, subsection (8) of section 79-1016, and sections 79-1005, 79-1033, and 79-1065.02, the amounts certified pursuant to subsection (1) of this section shall be distributed in ten as nearly as possible equal payments on the last business day of each month beginning in September of each ensuing school fiscal year and ending in June of the following year, except that when a school district is to receive a monthly payment of less than one thousand dollars, such payment shall be one lump-sum payment on the last business day of December during the ensuing school fiscal year.

Sec. 2. Original section 79-1022, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2016, is repealed.