
DIGEST

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Abstract: Requires the State Bd. of Elementary and Secondary Education to use an average daily attendance methodology to determine student counts for purposes of the minimum foundation program formula.

Present constitution provides for public elementary and secondary education funding through the minimum foundation program (MFP) formula, which is adopted by the State Bd. of Elementary and Secondary Education (BESE) and submitted to the legislature for approval. (The formula has historically provided for specific count dates in Feb. and Oct. and has identified students eligible to be counted for funding purposes using the definition of "student membership" provided in present administrative rule.)

Proposed law requires BESE to develop and implement a methodology that uses average daily attendance for the purpose of establishing the base student count for state funding in the MFP formula. Defines average daily attendance as the aggregate days of student attendance during the school year divided by the number of days that school is in session. Requires BESE to adopt rules for proposed law implementation.

(Adds R.S. 17:7(2)(b))