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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

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SHORT TITLE	Change Program Un	it Calculation		SB	205
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APPROPRIATION

Appropriation Contained		-		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY02	FY03	FY02	FY03		
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(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

Duplicates/Relates to Appropriation in The General Appropriation Act

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

State Department of Education (SDE)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

Senate Bill 205 proposes to amend section 22-8-25 of the Public School Code by changing the program unit calculation under the State Equalization Guarantee (SEG) for certain school districts.

Significant Issues

The majority of school districts are now funded based on the average membership of the 40th, 80th, and 120th days of the prior year. Senate Bill 205 proposes to amend the Public School Code so that all school districts will be funded based on prior year average membership. With the proposed language, school districts operating under an approved year-round school calendar will be funded on an average of the membership on appropriate dates established by the State Board of Education.

School districts with a membership of 200 or less will be funded on an average of the membership on the 40th, 80th and 120th days of the prior year or the 40th day of the current year, whichever is greater, preserving the save harmless provision of very small school districts.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The SDE indicates that enactment of the legislation will not have a fiscal impact.

ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS

The legislation will allow the funding of all public school districts to be calculated by the department's Accountability Data System (ADS), alleviating the administrative burden of calculating the funding for some school districts outside of ADS.

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