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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

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SHORT TITLE School District Fund Reimbursement Study SJM			67
		ANALYST	Aguilar
<u>APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)</u>			
Appropriation		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY09	FY10		
	None Noted		

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

Senate Joint Memorial 67 requests that the Office of Educational Accountability, LESC and LFC resolve issues related to the development of rules, implementation of oversight activities, timely reimbursement of funds and the development of processes for allocating special funds.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

A number of school districts have raised concerns and complaints regarding delays in the reimbursement of funds, particularly federal funds for costs incurred by the district. In the last two years the department changed its distribution policy in order to comply with federal laws concerning how federal funds are moved to school districts. A number of issues have been identified relating to how districts request funds and how funds are distributed and the department has begun taking steps to address the issue.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

Copies of the joint memorial will be transmitted to OEA, LESC and LFC for action

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