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I am writing in support of 2026 - H 7245. This legislation would lower the threshold for LEAs to be reimbursed for "High Cost Special Education Students. The formula for this categorical appropriation is the Core Instructional Amount (Core) plus the Student Success Factor (SSF) multiplied by four.

FY 2026 calculation. 13,322 Core + 40% SSF = 18,650 x 4.0 = 74,603 reimbursement threshold.

Governor's Proposed
FY 2027 calculation. 13,859 Core + 43% SSF = 19,818 x 4.0 = 79,273 reimbursement threshold.

2026 -- H 7245 Proposed
FY 2027 calculation.* 14,468 Core + 40% SSF = 20,256 x 3.5 = 70,897 reimbursement threshold.

FY 2028 calculation.* 15,104 Core + 40% SSF = 21,146 x 3.0 = 63,439 reimbursement threshold.

**Since FY 2012, the per pupil core instruction amount has increased by an annual rate of 4.4 percent. - House Fiscal Staff*