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S 909. REVISE FUNDING FORMULA FOR LEP STUDENTS. *TO MODIFY THE FUNDING FORMULA FOR STUDENTS WITH LIMITED ENGLISH PROFICIENCY*. Requires that the State Board of Education allocate funds to local school administrative units (LEAs) for the purpose of paying staff and providing materials for students with limited English proficiency (LEP). The SBE shall fund this program as a proportion of funding after base allotment as follows: 66% for 2003-2004 and 85% for 2004-2005, and 2005-2007 budget shall use a base allotment and average daily membership of LEP students. Requires that funds be allocated only to those schools in which at least 2 ½% of school's average daily membership are LEP students, to a maximum number of 10.6% of school's average daily membership. Requires that in 2003-2004, SBE hold LEAs and charter schools harmless with respect in any funding decreases resulting from act and hold them harmless for 50% of funding decrease in 2004-2005. Requires that SBE assess proficiency levels of LEP students every three years and omit from LEP head count those students who score superior on those assessments. Effective July 1, 2003.

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