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House Bill 5531 (Conference Report 1)  
Sponsor: Representative Matthew Gillard  
House Committee: Appropriations  
Senate Committee: Appropriations

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### **CONTENT**

House Bill 5531 (CR-1) would provide supplemental appropriations for fiscal year (FY) 2007-08 in the School Aid budget. Due to savings accruing from fewer pupils and smaller program costs than anticipated, the bill would reduce foundation allowance payments and special education costs; those estimates of savings (totaling \$117.0 million) were agreed to by the State Budget Office and the House and Senate Fiscal Agencies.

In addition to the technical cost adjustments noted above, the bill contains several other positive supplemental adjustments, totaling \$12.1 million in State funds. Specifically, the bill would appropriate \$4.7 million to ensure that districts receive at least their prior-year funding amounts for the School Readiness Program; \$3.3 million for the establishment of an assessment item test bank; \$2.0 million in additional School Bond Loan Fund debt service; \$1.3 million for grants to sparsely populated, rural districts; \$0.6 million for end-of-course prototype assessments; \$0.1 million for competitive Cultural Access Grants; and \$80,000 for Newsline, a news service for visually impaired individuals. The bill also would transfer \$3.3 million in Federal assessment funding to the Department of Education to support more assessment functions performed in-house rather than under contract.

### **FISCAL IMPACT**

House Bill 5531 (CR-1) would provide for negative supplemental appropriations for FY 2007-08. The bill would reduce Gross appropriations by \$108.2 million and School Aid Fund (SAF) appropriations by \$104.9 million.

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**Pending FY 2007-08 School Aid Supplemental: H.B. 5531**  
**Recommendations from the Office of the State Budget, House-Passed, Senate-Passed, and Conference**

<u>Item</u>	<u>Office of the State Budget</u>		<u>House-Passed</u>		<u>Senate-Passed</u>		<u>Conference</u>	
	<u>Gross</u>	<u>GF/GP</u>	<u>Gross</u>	<u>GF/GP</u>	<u>Gross</u>	<u>GF/GP</u>	<u>Gross</u>	<u>GF/GP</u>
Foundation Allowance Cost Adjustments	(\$101,000,000)	\$0	(\$101,000,000)	\$0	(\$101,000,000)	\$0	(\$101,000,000)	\$0
Special Education Cost Adjustments	(16,000,000)	0	(16,000,000)	0	(16,000,000)	0	(16,000,000)	0
School Readiness Hold Harmless Payments	4,700,000	0	4,700,000	0	4,700,000	0	4,700,000	0
Assessments: Test Prototypes and Item Bank	3,922,400	0	3,922,400	0	3,922,400	0	3,922,400	0
School Bond Loan Fund Debt Service	2,000,000	0	2,000,000	0	2,000,000	0	2,000,000	0
Grants to Sparsely Populated Rural Districts	1,275,000	0	1,275,000	0	1,275,000	0	1,275,000	0
Community College Access Grants	0	0	1,000,000	0	0	0	0	0
Middle School Algebra Pilot Projects	0	0	1,000,000	0	0	0	0	0
Cultural Access Grants	0	0	800,000	0	0	0	100,000	0
Early Childhood Investment Corp. Collaborative Grants	0	0	750,000	0	0	0	0	0
Early Childhood Abuse/Neglect Grants	0	0	375,000	0	0	0	0	0
FIRST Robotics	300,000	0	300,000	0	0	0	0	0
Mercy Education Project	0	0	100,000	0	0	0	0	0
Science Engineering Mathematics Aerospace Acad.	0	0	100,000	0	0	0	0	0
Newsline	0	0	80,000	0	0	0	80,000	0
Assessments: Transfer Federal Funds to DOE	(3,322,400)	0	(3,322,400)	0	(3,322,400)	0	(3,322,400)	0
Total Spending Adjustments (Including Federal Funds)	(108,125,000)		(103,920,000)		(108,425,000)		(108,245,000)	
Total School Aid Fund (SAF) Adjustments	(104,802,600)		(100,597,600)		(105,102,600)		(104,922,600)	
Total SAF Spending Aside from Technical Cost Savings:	\$12,197,400		\$16,402,400		\$11,897,400		\$12,077,400	