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AMENDMENT SUMMARY

**HF 546**

**Save Extension  
and Reform**

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Status of Bill: On House Floor  
Committee: Education (21-2) Ways and Means (23-1)  
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***H-1022 by Bossman: Increased Amount for Property Tax Relief***

The amendment increases the amount allocated to Property Tax Equity Relief Fund (PTER fund, which is funds for property poor districts) in the out years, currently capped in the bill at 12%. The amendment would raise this to 15%. Then, instead of the split coming from the Secure an Advanced Vision for Education (SAVE) to the PTER in the bill at 2/3 to PTER and 1/3 property tax relief to all districts through the Foundation Base Supplement Fund (FBSF), the amendment would change that to a 50% - 50% split. Also, starting in FY 2020, the increased allocation to PTER would jump to 3.1% automatically just for that year, instead of needing a 2% sales tax growth. FY 2021 and after would require 2% sales tax growth to trigger the increase to PTER.

Based on the timing issues under the current program, PTER funding is provided in the fiscal year after the amount is determined. Currently under the bill the increased allocation to PTER happens in FY 2020, the school districts would receive the funds in 2022. The amendment delays this by one year, with the allocation to the fund in FY 2021, and the school districts would be in FY 2023.

**Operations 1, 2, 5, 6 and 8:** Change the percentage automatically in FY 2021 from 2.1% to 3.1%, and the transfer of funds would start in FY 2021, not in FY 2020.

**Operations 3 and 4:** Changes the cap amount transferred to PTER in the out years from 12% to 15%.

**Operation 7:** Changes the split of 2/3 to PTER and 1/3 to the FBSF to 50% -50%.

***H-1024 by Dolecheck: Changes the Required Number of Signatures in a Petition***

Currently in the bill, if at any time prior to 15 days following the hearing, the school board receives a petition containing 100 eligible electors or 30% of the voters for preceding school board election, whichever is greater, they are required to send the SAVE project before the voters.

Under H-1024, a qualifying petition would need at least the lesser of 2,000 signatures or 30% of the number of voters for preceding school board election, but not less than 100 signatures. The number of days following the hearing does not change.

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