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Introducer's Statement of Intent

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Chairperson: Senator Kate Sullivan

Committee: Education

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The following constitutes the reasons for this bill and the purposes which are sought to be accomplished thereby:

Legislative Bill 407 would amend the Tax Equity and Educational Opportunities Support Act (TEEOSA). The measure contains two types of changes. The first type of changes would be permanent modifications. The second type of change would phase in the scheduled return to permanent provisions that were temporarily modified over the last few years in response to economic conditions.

The permanent modifications would include:

- 1. Allowing tuition paid and transportation fees paid to other districts to be included in general fund operating expenditures (GFOE);
- 2. Eliminating the teacher education allowance, the instructional time allowance, averaging adjustment, and the local choice adjustment;
- 3. Limiting the summer school allowance to reported summer school expenditures that are not included in other allowances; and
- 4. Allowing additional budget authority for early childhood education when programs move from grant funding to being included in the calculation of TEEOSA aid.

The phase in provisions would include a base limitation rate for school districts of 1.5% for 2013-14 and a local effort rate of \$1.03 for 2013-14 and 2014-15. The base limitation rate for school districts was 0.5% for 2012-13 and would return to the permanent provisions of 2.5% for 2014-15. The local effort rate was \$1.0395 for 2012-13 and would return to the permanent provisions of \$1.00 for 2015-16.

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