

**PER STUDENT STATE SCHOOL AID PAYMENTS AND WEIGHTED STUDENT UNITS  
FOR THE 2007-09 AND 2009-11 BIENNIUMS**

	<b>2007-09 Legislative Appropriation</b>	<b>2007-09 Actual</b>	<b>2009-11 Executive Budget</b>	<b>2009-11 Legislative Appropriation</b>
First-year per student payments	\$3,250	\$3,250	\$3,420	\$3,200
Second-year per student payments	\$3,325	\$3,325 <sup>1</sup>	\$3,779	\$3,779
Weighted student units				
First year	107,254	105,962	110,375 <sup>3</sup>	109,226 <sup>4</sup>
Second year	107,028	108,281 <sup>2</sup>	111,200 <sup>3</sup>	108,884 <sup>4</sup>

<sup>1</sup>To provide the state school aid payments for the second year of the 2007-09 biennium at the appropriated per student rate, the Department of Public Instruction anticipates transferring an estimated \$4.6 million in general fund appropriation authority from the grants - special education contracts line item to the grants - state school aid line item. Section 58 of House Bill No. 1400 (2009) amended Section 55 of Chapter 163 of the 2007 Session Laws relating to 2007-09 contingent distributions to provide that the Department of Public Instruction first add to the grants - state school aid line item any unspent funds appropriated for special education contracts prior to determining the remaining state school aid funds.

<sup>2</sup>Estimated.

<sup>3</sup>The anticipated increase in weighted student units included in the executive recommendation for the 2009-11 biennium is the result of more modest declines in births, the proposed implementation of an at-risk weighting factor for students considered at risk of failing if they do not receive additional services, and the proposed addition of a prekindergarten factor to the main school funding formula for any school district that provides at least one-half day of education to four year olds at least two times per week beginning with the 2010-11 school year.

<sup>4</sup>The Legislative Assembly postponed the implementation of the at-risk weighting factor included in the executive budget to the 2011-13 biennium and did not provide for the prekindergarten factor resulting in a decrease in the weighted student units when comparing the legislative appropriation to the executive budget for the 2009-11 biennium.