

# Extraordinary Cost Fund of Special Education 2018 Interim Study

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## TITLE OF STUDY

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Extraordinary cost fund of special education.

## SCOPE OF STUDY

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The specific issue to be addressed is the increasing need for special education and related services in the schools in our state and how to adequately fund special education in light of that increased need. One of the main concerns is that the state aid dollars currently being set aside for the extraordinary cost fund for special education are not adequate to meet the demands on that fund. What is causing the need for increased funding? What are the state and federal requirements? How are children being identified for the levels of disability? Some school districts receive little to no funding for special education, due to the small number of special education students in their school district, while other school districts must utilize the extraordinary cost fund to try to meet their demands for special education. What can be done to ensure adequate funding to the schools that need it?

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