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DP22 SCHOOL BLOCK GRANTS

"DP 22 School Block Grants" appears on page E-22.

State law requires an annual 0.76% increase in the block grants paid to the county transportation fund and to school funds. The 2001 Legislature established the block grants under HB124 to replace a variety of local non-tax revenues with a state block grant payment. The amounts needed to pay the statutory increases are \$754,633 in FY 2006 and \$1,136,257 in FY 2007. This is a biennial appropriation.