

## AASB Resolution Submission Form

**Section:** Funding

**Resolution Number:**

**Title:** Supporting/Urging Fiscal year 2021 Hold Harmless Funding

**Proposed Resolution:** *Below find a proposed resolution supporting the use of November 2019 student count data collected*

AASB supports the State's use of estimated student count data, submitted November 2019, to determine the amount of state aid needed to fund K-12 Public Education for the fiscal year 2021.

Use of the November 2019 student count data allocates the funding and gives districts the ability to continue to provide a sustainable, educational funding source.

If districts are not able to use the November 2019 student count data in determining the amount of state aid the district receives for Fiscal Year 2021, the number of potential resources districts will be able to fund and maintain could be greatly impacted.

Districts may experience a significant loss in revenue for any families choosing to enroll their children in correspondence study programs on a temporary basis even though districts anticipate students will return after districts demonstrate they are able to educate students in a safe, effective manner.

The large numbers of students who may enroll in programs outside their local districts will create severe budget shortfalls for school systems already suffering from a lack of adequate funding.

### **Rationale:**

Current state law allows districts that lose 5% or more in enrollment from the previous year, to qualify for hold harmless funding for 75% of enrollment losses in neighborhood brick and mortar schools; however, current state law does not provide protection for migration to homeschool or loss of intensive needs students. Enrollment reductions of less than 5% currently have no hold-harmless protection, and those losses combined with homeschool transition and loss of intensive needs students may be devastating to affected districts.

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