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Issues:

1. SSG for Bakerslield 2. Budget for Northern Mountain UVSD

## Small Schools Grant (SSG)

- Bakersfield and Berkshire have merged to create the Northern Mountain Valley Unified Union School District, which will become operational on July 1, 2019.
- Bakersfield has historically qualified for a SSG, but needs to apply each year. The criteria for the grant will become more stringent starting in FY2020.
- Northern Mountain Valley Unified Union School District has agreed to accept Sheldon and Montgomery as members of the District. Sheldon and Montgomery are forced to merge by the State Board Order.
- Montgomery has historically qualified for a SSG.
- The Senate's bill allows a school district to receive a SSG in perpetuity for a <u>forced merger</u> if that merger is operational on July 1, 2019. This would cover the SSG for Montgomery.
- Bakersfield is not eligible for the SSG under this provision because is not being forced to merge.
- Subdivision (c)(3)(C) of Sec. 1 extends the SSG in perpetuity to Bakersfield.

## **Default Budget**

- The Senate's bill creates a default budget for a district that is <u>formed</u> by the State Board's merger order in the event that its initial budget is not approved by June 30.
- Northern Mountain Valley Unified Union School District does not qualify because it was formed by voluntary merger.
- Subdivision (c)(4)(D) of Sec. 1 extends the default budget to the Northern Mountain Valley Unified Union School District.