

1 Sec. A. SCHOOL DISTRICT BUDGET APPROVAL; ALTERNATIVE
2 PROCESS

3 (a) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, if a school district
4 budget for the support of schools for fiscal year 2025 has not been approved
5 after at least three votes by the district’s electorate, a school board may vote to
6 recommend a proposed default budget to a School District Default Budget
7 Review. The proposed default budget shall be the district’s long-term
8 weighted membership multiplied by the fiscal year 2025 property dollar
9 equivalent yield, plus the amount of other State categorical aid funds the
10 district is entitled to that would not be included in the district’s education
11 spending. The vote to recommend a proposed default budget shall occur at an
12 open meeting and the board shall prepare and distribute to the electorate, not
13 less than ten days prior to the vote, a copy of the proposed default budget.

14 (b) In conducting the Review, the Secretary of Education shall select three
15 business managers and three superintendents to serve in an advisory role in the
16 Review. The Review shall confirm the district’s default budget was calculated
17 accurately pursuant to subsection (a) of this section. The Secretary shall issue
18 a written confirmation to the school board if the default budget is confirmed or
19 shall issue a notice of corrected default budget, with accompanying
20 calculations, if the Review determines the default budget was not calculated
21 correctly.

1 (c) The school board shall vote to approve the final default budget within
2 30 days after receipt of the confirmation or a corrected default budget from the
3 Secretary pursuant to subsection (b) of this section. The school board’s vote
4 pursuant to this subsection shall occur at an open meeting and the board shall
5 prepare and distribute to the electorate, not less than ten days prior to the vote,
6 a copy of the final default budget.