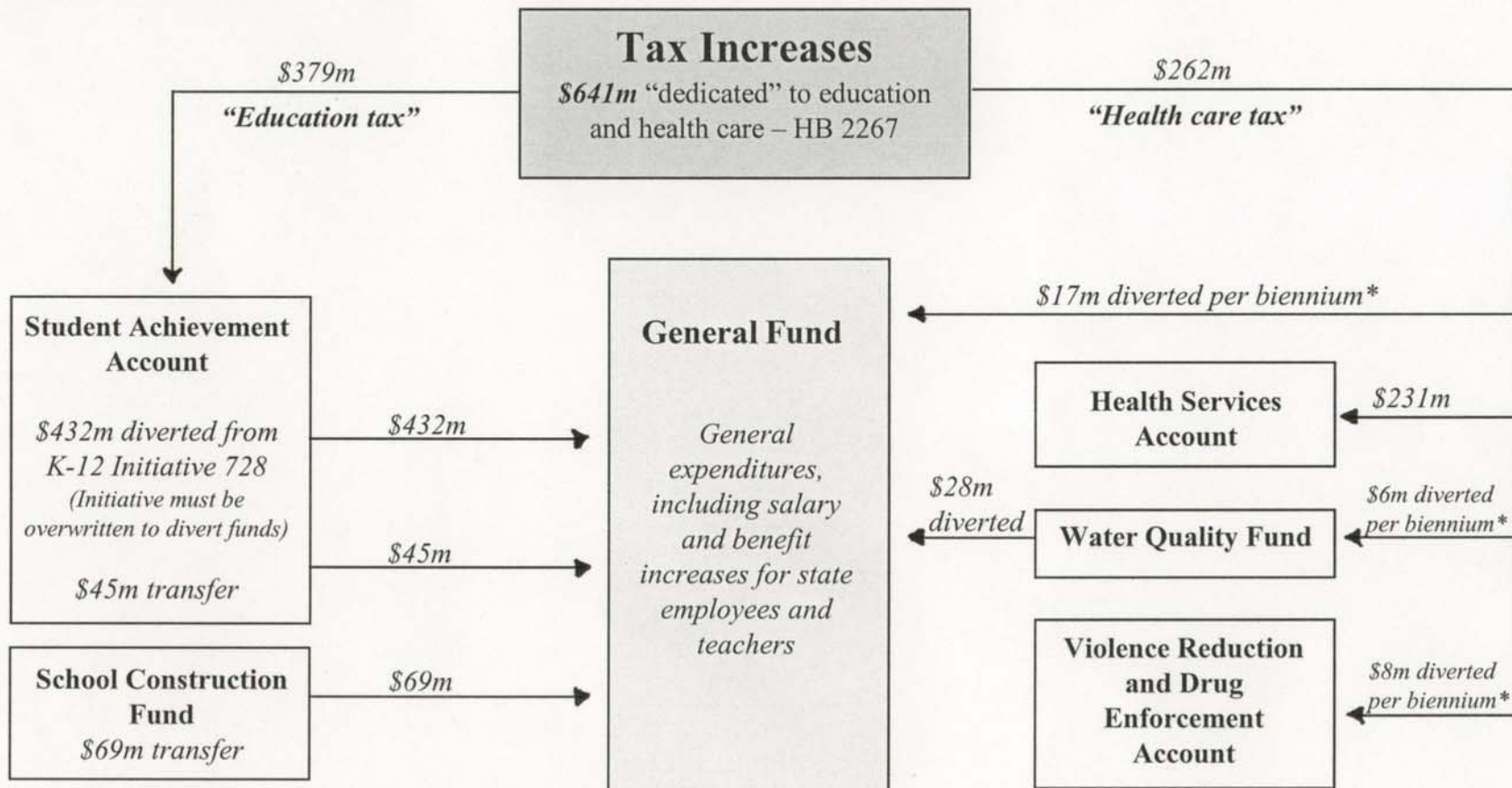


# House budget: Tax shell game

House Democrats know voters won't approve \$641 million in new tax increases to meet the untimely pay raise demands of public employee unions, but voters just might do it "for the children." So writers of the new House budget proposal are quietly diverting money from education and health funds so they can claim the tax hikes are needed for those accounts.



\* Ongoing expense to be diverted every budget cycle.