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Overview

Minnesota school districts provide special education services to students through a variety of organizational structures. Many school districts join a special education cooperative, Service Cooperative, or intermediate school district to provide services to special education students in need of high levels of additional services.

The Monticello school district was formerly the fiscal host for a group of neighboring schools districts providing special education services. The Monticello school district disbanded its fiscal host arrangement and formed a special education cooperative to perform these functions. This change happened during the same period of time that Minnesotass special education aid formula was redesigned. The combination of these changes led to an initial overpayment in special education aid by the state to the Monticello school district.

The 2017 Legislature enacted a provision extending the time period over which the Monticello school district needed to repay the overpayment. HF 2877 converts the delay into forgiveness of the overpayment over a five-year period.

Section

Special education adjustment; Monticello school district. Converts the one-time delay in repayment of special education funds to a forgiveness of the funds over a five-year period.