

# House Research Act Summary

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## Overview

School district food service funds are regulated by state and federal law. Under the current state statute, a school district must not transfer funds out of the food service fund and is limited as to what ancillary costs may be charged against the fund. Capital purchases for food service equipment must be made from the general fund unless the school district has a surplus in its food service fund. The surplus may then be used to purchase the equipment upon approval of the Minnesota Department of Education.

This bill removes the requirement that a school district receive approval from the Minnesota Department of Education (MDE) before buying food service equipment with surplus funds from the food service fund.

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