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## Bill Summary

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### Overview

In 1991, the legislature authorized school districts to levy for disabled access projects. The levy authority for each school district was set at \$300,000 per district. The levy is unequalized (there is no state aid attached to the levy). Many school districts used all of their levy authority in the first few years. The levy was ultimately extended for an

eight-year time period. However, not all districts have used their full levy authority. According to the fiscal note prepared by the department of finance, 98 school districts have not exercised their full levy authority. Roughly \$20 million of authority remains.

House File 171 removes the eight-year time period and allows any school district to use its remaining disabled access levy authority. According to the fiscal note prepared by the department of finance, the statewide levy impact of this bill is to increase levies by \$1,000,000 for taxes payable in 2002, by \$600,000 for taxes payable in 2003, and by \$400,000 for taxes payable in 2004.

### Section

- 1 **Disabled access levy authority.** Removes the eight-year time limit that a district has to exercise its \$300,000 levy authority for disabled access projects.