HOUSE RESEARCH

Bill Summary

FILE NUMBER: H.F. 717 DATE: February 23, 2005

Version: As Introduced

Authors: Juhnke and others

Subject: Fund Transfer; New London-Spicer School District

Analyst: Tim Strom, 651-296-1886

This publication can be made available in alternative formats upon request. Please call 651-296-6753 (voice); or the Minnesota State Relay Service at 1-800-627-3529 (TTY) for assistance. Summaries are also available on our website at: www.house.mn/hrd.

Overview

School districts are required to adopt and use a uniform system of records and accounting. The adopted system, a modified accrual accounting system, is known as Uniform Financial Accounting and Reporting System (UFARS). Under UFARS (see Minn. Stat. §§ 123B.75 to 123B.83), every district must maintain three operating funds and three nonoperating funds. UFARS and the state's public indebtedness statute for municipalities prohibit certain types of fund transfers between nonoperating and operating funds.

A school district annually is required to levy 105 percent of the amount it needs for its debt levy to ensure that it has sufficient funds to repay the building bonds. The amount in excess of the sum actually needed to repay the building bonds is referred to as "debt excess".

This bill authorizes Independent School District No. 345, New London-Spicer, to transfer up to \$150,000 per year for five years from the debt excess in its debt redemption fund to the general fund for purposes of paying for a new roof.

Section

Fund transfer; New London-Spicer school district. Authorizes Independent School District No. 345, New London-Spicer, to permanently transfer up to \$150,000 per year from its debt redemption fund to the general fund for each of the next five years. Requires the levy to be used to pay for a new roof for the Prairie Woods Elementary School.