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Bill Summary

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Overview

House File 670 allows 21 of the state's largest school districts to include energy conservation projects in their existing alternative facilities bonding and levy program. This would allow districts to pay for energy conservation improvements through a levy, a mechanism the legislature repealed in 1998.

Section

- 1** **To qualify.** Expands the criteria allowing an independent or special school district to participate in the alternative facilities bonding and levy program to include districts that have insufficient funds from projected health and safety revenue and capital facilities revenue to make energy conservation investments.

Effective date. This section is effective for taxes payable in 2008.
- 2** **Facility plan.** Specifies that a district must first receive approval of an energy project study (a financial analysis of the investment and projected fuel savings) before making conservation investments in a school.

Effective date. This section is effective for taxes payable in 2008.
- 3** **Eligibility.** Allows the commissioner of commerce to approve a district's energy project study for inclusion in the district's alternative facilities plan.

Effective date. This section is effective July 1, 2007.