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Bill Summary

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Overview

School districts may only levy for programs as authorized by statute. There is no general authority for a school district to levy for unfunded severance or retirement costs.

Five groups of school districts participated in the cooperative secondary facilities program. The program provides facility grants for groups of school districts that choose to build a joint secondary facility. The five sets of school districts that received a grant and subsequently consolidated include the Lac qui Parle Valley School, Blue Earth Area High School, Grant County Schools, ACGC (Atwater, Cosmos, Grove City), and the Minnewaska schools.

This bill authorizes a school district that has participated in the cooperative secondary facilities program to levy for certain severance and retirement costs. Sets the maximum levy amount per consolidated districts at \$150,000 per year for each of the next 10 years. Requires the revenue received under this section to be reserved and spent only for severance and retirement costs .

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