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Bill Summary

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Overview

Allows the parent of a child who is deaf or hard of hearing or blind or visually impaired to apply to the Minnesota Academy for the Deaf or the Minnesota Academy for the Blind for a 60- to 90-day trial placement. Allows the academy staff and the child's parent to decide if the academy is an appropriate placement once the trial period ends. Causes the child's placement to revert to the previous placement if there is no agreement on placement.

Section

1 **Admissions.** (b) Allows a parent to submit an application for an eligible child with disabilities to the Minnesota Academy for the Deaf or the Minnesota Academy for the Blind for a 60- to 90-day trial placement. Establishes a process for approving the trial placement. Directs the academy staff to meet with the child's individual education planning team before the trial placement concludes to determine if the academy is an appropriate placement.

Causes the child's placement to revert to the previous placement if no agreement on placement is reached.

Makes this section effective for the 2010-2011 school year and later.