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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 is also prohibited from diverting money from a reserved account to another purpose. Money in the reserved for operating capital account must be reserved and spent only on school district facility or equipment needs. There is general exception in place through the end of fiscal year 2010 that allows any school district to transfer up to \$51 per pupil unit from the reserved for operating account to the undesignated general fund balance.

This bill authorizes Independent School District No. 203, Hayfield, to transfer up to \$75,000 from its reserved account for operating capital to its undesignated general fund balance.

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