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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 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." A statutory process exists to reduce debt excesses, but that calculation may still leave a positive fund balance in a district's debt redemption fund.

This bill authorizes Independent School District No. 2853, Lac qui Parle Valley, to transfer up to \$200,000 of the excess in its debt redemption fund to its reserved for capital account in its general fund.

Section

- 1 Fund transfer; Lac qui Parle Valley.** Authorizes Independent School District No. 2853, Lac qui Parle Valley, to transfer up to \$200,000 from its debt redemption fund to its reserved for capital account in the general fund.