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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. Allocates responsibilities between the State Academies and the serving school district during the trial placement. Directs the academy staff to meet with the child's parent 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. Causes the transportation and due process responsibilities to be the same as during the trial placement if the child's placement continues at the State Academies.

Makes this section effective for the 2011-2012 school year and later.