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Bill Summary

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Overview

The legislature has granted school districts authority to levy to pay rent for leased facilities. Upon the commissioner's approval, a district may levy for leasing instructional space when the leased facility would be economically advantageous. The lease levy must not exceed the lesser of the actual lease costs or \$150 per pupil unit. A school district that is a member of an intermediate school district may levy an additional \$43 per pupil for space in intermediate facilities. The leased facilities must be used for instructional purposes.

In the past 15 years, the legislature has specifically authorized lease levy authority for administrative space for about a dozen school districts.

This bill allows the Faribault school district to levy for administrative space, provided that the district demonstrates to the commissioner's satisfaction that such space is more inexpensive than the instructional space the district would otherwise need to lease.

- 1 Lease levy; administrative space; Faribault.** Authorizes the Faribault school district to levy for administrative space, provided that the district demonstrates to the commissioner's satisfaction that such space is more inexpensive than the instructional space the district would otherwise need to lease.