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## Bill Summary

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### Overview

School districts may 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 facilities must be used for instructional purposes.

There are a variety of regional organizations that provide educational services to their member districts, including among others, intermediate school districts, service cooperatives, special education cooperatives, and education districts.

The St. Croix River Education District is operated by six school districts located in East Central Minnesota: Chisago Lakes, North Branch, Rush City, Pine City, Hinckley-Finlayson, and East Central Schools.

This bill authorizes the school districts that are members of the St. Croix River Education District to include in their lease levy authority the amounts necessary to pay for a building through a lease purchase agreement.

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