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## Bill Summary

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### Overview

The cooperative secondary facilities grant program was initially enacted in 1987 and provided state grants funded through state bond proceeds to groups of local school districts that built new secondary facilities. Grants from state bond proceeds totaling slightly more than \$30 million were awarded to five groups of school districts under this program for construction of five new secondary facilities.

The 2007 Legislature expanded the program beyond the secondary grades to encompass facilities serving pupils from all grades. Other significant changes in the 2007 law included increasing the maximum grant amount from \$6 million to \$20 million, qualifying districts for a grant regardless of the number of pupils served by the district, and allowing individual school districts that have consolidated since 1980 to receive a grant.

This bill moves forward the date of consolidation and requires a group of school districts to newly consolidate or have been consolidated since July 1, 2009.

- 1 Consolidated districts.** Requires a school district to be consolidating or to have been consolidated since July 1, 2009 (instead of July 1, 1980) in order to be eligible for a cooperative facility grant. Makes this section effective July 1, 2012.