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Bill Summary

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Overview

Minnesota operates two residential academies for deaf and blind students in Faribault. The academies are both public schools and state institutions and annually serve more than 500 students through residential programs, summer school, preschool programs, and outreach efforts. In fiscal year 2012, the Minnesota State Academy for the Blind enrolled approximately 55 full-time pupils, and the Minnesota State Academy for the Deaf enrolled approximately 150 full-time pupils.

Capital needs for the Minnesota State Academies are generally requested through the state's general obligation bonding authority. This bill asks for \$810,000 of state bond proceeds for the Minnesota State Academy for the Deaf to design a new residence hall.

Section

Minnesota State Academies. Appropriates \$810,000 from the bond proceeds fund to the commissioner of administration to design a new residence hall for the Minnesota Academy for the Deaf. Authorizes the sale of bonds to fund the appropriation.