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## Bill Summary

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## Overview

The Minnesota State Academies for the Deaf and Blind is a single administrative unit that operates 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.

The academies' operating budgets are primarily funded through direct state appropriations and the resident school district of a student attending the State Academies for the Deaf and the Blind counts the student for general education revenue and passes a portion of that funding on to the state academies as well. In some years, state bond proceeds are made available for facility improvements.

This bill appropriates \$85,000 from the general fund to the Academies to make kitchen improvements.

## Section

**Appropriation; Minnesota State Academies kitchen upgrade.** Appropriates \$85,000 in fiscal year 2014 from the general fund to the Minnesota State Academies for a kitchen upgrade.