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## Bill Summary

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### Overview

The West Metro Education Program (WMEP) is an integration collaborative formed as a joint powers association that provides a variety of integration and equity activities for its member school districts. The WMEP board operates two schools, the FAIR school located in downtown Minneapolis, and the FAIR school located in Crystal.

Facility costs at the WMEP schools were financed through the sale of state general obligation bonds.

This bill conveys the FAIR downtown school to special school district No. 1, Minneapolis, and the FAIR school Crystal to independent school district No. 281, Robbinsdale, and provides for an orderly transition in funding during the 2015-16 school year.

#### Section

**1 West Metro Education Program; property conveyance.** Conveys the FAIR school downtown, owned and operated by the West Metro Education Program (WMEP), to the Minneapolis school district. Conveys the FAIR school Crystal, owned and operated by WMEP, to the Robbinsdale school district.

**2 FAIR school downtown transition.**

**Subd. 1. Student enrollment.** Allows any student who is currently enrolled at the FAIR school downtown or who will be enrolled at the FAIR school downtown during the 2015-16 school year to continue attending that school through the 2018-19 school year.

## **Section**

Allows other students who wish to attend the FAIR school downtown to apply through open enrollment.

**Subd. 2. Compensatory revenue; literacy aid; and Qcomp revenue.** Specifies the base year funding characteristics so that the department of education can calculate compensatory revenue, literacy aid, and Qcomp revenue for the FAIR school downtown during the transition year.

**Subd. 3. Pupil transportation.** Authorizes the Minneapolis school district to provide transportation services for the students attending the FAIR school downtown and provides that the transportation costs are reimbursed under the interdistrict desegregation transportation aid formula.

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### **Fair school Crystal transition.**

**Subd. 1. Student enrollment.** Allows any student who is currently enrolled at the FAIR school Crystal or who will be enrolled at the FAIR school Crystal during the 2015-16 school year to continue attending that school through the 2019-20 school year. Allows other students to who wish to attend the FAIR school Crystal to apply through open enrollment.

**Subd. 2. Compensatory revenue; literacy aid; and Qcomp revenue.** Specifies the base year funding so that the department of education can calculate compensatory revenue, literacy aid, and Qcomp revenue for the FAIR school downtown during the transition year.

**Subd. 3. Pupil transportation.** Authorizes the Robbinsdale school district to provide transportation services for the students attending the FAIR school Crystal and provides that the transportation costs are reimbursed under the interdistrict desegregation transportation aid formula.