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## Bill Summary

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### Overview

The legislature requires school districts to adopt and use a uniform system of records and accounting for public schools. The adopted system, a modified accrual accounting system, is known as Uniform Financial Accounting and Reporting Standards (UFARS). Under UFARS and state laws, every district must maintain a series of funds and accounts (including reserve accounts), and transfers among funds and reserve accounts are limited.

A special law passed in 2013 (see Laws 2013, chapter 116, article 7, section 19), and applying for FY 2014 and FY 2015 only, allows a school district to make transfers among accounts and funds if the transfer doesn't change the district's state aid or local levy authority. Transfers are prohibited from the community service fund and the food service fund. Transfers are allowed among accounts in the community service fund.

This bill reauthorizes the special law for two more years.

### Section

- 1 Fund transfer; fiscal year 2014 through fiscal year 2017.** Authorizes a school district to transfer money among accounts and funds (other than the community service or food service fund) if the transfer doesn't change the district's state aid or local levy authority. Continues the prohibition of transfers from the community service fund to another fund but would allow a transfer among accounts within the community service fund.