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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 reserve accounts, and transfers among funds are limited. A school district is also prohibited from diverting money from a reserved account to another purpose.

Current law requires Early Childhood Family Education (ECFE) revenue and school readiness revenue to be kept in separate reserve accounts and spent only for the purposes outlined for each of those programs.

This bill allows school districts to use ECFE revenue for school readiness programs and school readiness funds for ECFE programs.

Section

- 1 Use of revenue restricted; ECFE.** Authorizes a school district to spend its Early Childhood Family Education (ECFE) revenue on both ECFE and school readiness programs.
- 2 Use of aid; school readiness.** Authorizes a school district to spend its school readiness aid on both school readiness and ECFE programs.

