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Overview

State aid payments to school districts and charter schools are metered out to schools on the basis of a statutory schedule. School districts and charter schools receive these state aid payments electronically through twice-monthly payments from the Minnesota Department of Education. The metering schedule is designed to roughly reflect the average school district's cash flow needs throughout the year.

Current law contains a process for charter schools that serve primarily special education students to request an accelerated series of state aid payments for their special education aid payments. A charter school qualifies for accelerated special education payments if the charter school serves less than 200 students and at least 90 percent of the students served are eligible for special education services.

H.F. 3240 modifies this provision by removing the 200 pupil limit (one of the three charter schools that have qualified for accelerated aid payments in the past is expected to have more than 200 pupils during the 2016-2017 school year).

Section

- 1 Cash flow adjustment; charter schools.** Removes the 200 maximum pupil limitation on an eligible special education charter school that requests an accelerated cash flow schedule.