

Subject Hopkins School District; Inclusion of Charter School Programs

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Overview

Minnesota's statutes include processes for school districts to use to combine with each other. These include consolidation, the cooperation and combination program, and dissolution. Minnesota's statutes allow two charter schools to merge their operations into a single charter school. However, the statutes do not include a provision that allows a charter school to combine its operations with a school district.

H.F. 2046, as amended, authorizes any charter school located within the borders of the Hopkins school district to fold its programming into the school district's operations. This bill specifies how the charter school's assets and liabilities are handled, reserves any positive fund balance transferred for the specific programs that the charter school formerly provided, adjusts the calculation of state aids to reflect the combined programming, and authorizes the Hopkins school district to spread an unspecified levy amount over three or fewer years to account for the program's merger.

Summary

Section	Description
1	<p>School program combination; Hopkins school district.</p> <p>Authorizes any charter school located within the borders of the Hopkins school district to fold its programming into the school district's operations. Directs how the charter school's assets and liabilities are handled, reserves any positive fund balance transferred for the specific programs that the charter school formerly provided, adjusts the calculation of state aids to reflect the combined programming, and authorizes the Hopkins school district to spread an unspecified levy amount over three or fewer years to account for the program's merger.</p>