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Bill Summary

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Overview

Under current law, 17 school districts qualify under the alternative facilities program for authority to undertake deferred maintenance projects. This authority is limited to school districts that:

- 1. have more than 1.85 million square feet of space with an average age of at least 15 years;
- 2. have more than 1.5 million square feet of space with an average age of at least 35 years; or
- 3. have been included in the program by special legislation.

This bill lowers the threshold from 1.5 million square feet to 1.3 million square feet for those districts with buildings with an average age of at least 35 years. According to data from the fall of 2003, two additional school districts, Mankato and Edina, would become eligible to levy for deferred maintenance programs under the program.

Section

- 1** **To qualify.** Lowers the qualifying threshold for the alternative facilities program from 1.5 million square feet to 1.3 million square feet for school districts with an average building age of at least 35 years

