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Bill Summary

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Overview

A school district may raise additional funds by having its voters approve an operating referendum. Most school districts' operating referenda are subject to a cap of 26 percent of the formula allowance, adjusted for changes in inflation. A school district is not subject to the referendum cap if it is eligible for sparsity revenue. A school district is eligible for secondary sparsity revenue if the sum of the distance from its high school to the next nearest high school and the square mile area of the distance expressed as a linear number are greater than a certain statutory number.

This bill exempts the Chokio-Alberta school district from the operating referendum cap regardless of the location of its secondary school (a recent reconfiguration of the district's grades among its two school buildings led to a change in the district's eligibility for sparsity revenue). Note: a district may lose sparsity revenue not only based on its own building decisions but also by building decisions made by neighboring school districts.

Section

- 1 Chokio-Alberta; Exemption from operating referendum revenue cap.** Exempts independent school district No. 771, Chokio-Alberta from the operating referendum cap for fiscal years 2006 and later.