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## Bill Summary

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### Overview

An appropriations deficiency occurs when the appropriation in law is smaller than the amount necessary to fully fund the program. An appropriations surplus occurs when the appropriation in law is greater than the estimated amount necessary for the program. For the last several years, the legislature and the executive branch have operated under a series of budget principles that require the legislature to fully fund programs and for the executive branch to reflect the full cost of these programs in the forecasts.

This bill makes corrections to appropriations for fiscal years 2006 and 2007 where the line item appropriation was different from the amounts needed to fully fund the state aid programs. These appropriations changes are already included in the February 2006 Forecast of base expenditures.

## Article 1

Education appropriations in this article are amended both to reflect forecast adjustments and to reflect the higher aid payments that are required by the repayment of the school accounting shifts. The K-12 adjustments in this bill are necessary to match the February 2006 forecast amounts and affect the following programs:

- general education aid;
- referendum tax base replacement aid;
- abatement aid;
- consolidation transition aid;
- nonpublic pupil aid;
- nonpublic pupil transportation aid;
- charter school building lease aid;
- charter school startup aid;
- integration aid;
- interdistrict desegregation transportation aid;
- success for the future aid;
- aid for tribal contract schools;
- regular special education aid;
- aid for children with disabilities;
- travel for home-based services;
- special education excess cost aid;
- aid for the transition of disabled students;
- court-placed special education aid;
- health and safety aid;
- debt service equalization aid;
- alternative facilities bonding aid;
- school lunch aid;
- school breakfast and kindergarten milk aid;
- library basic support aid;
- multicounty, multitype library aid;
- regional library telecommunications aid;
- school readiness aid;
- early childhood family education aid;
- health and developmental screening aid;
- community education aid;
- adults with disabilities program aid;
- school age care aid; and
- adult basic education aid.

## Article 2

Human services appropriations in this article are amended to reflect forecast adjustments. The human

services adjustments in this bill are necessary to match the February 2006 forecast amounts and affect the following programs:

- MFIP;
- MFIP child care assistance grants;
- General Assistance;
- Minnesota Supplemental Aid;
- Group Residential Housing;
- MinnesotaCare;
- Medical Assistance;
- General Assistance Medical Care;
- MA Long-Term Care Waivers;
- MA Long-Term Care Facilities; and
- Chemical Dependency Entitlement Grants.