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## Bill Summary

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### Overview

The 2005 Legislature passed a statute that requires the department of education to calculate uniform tuition amounts for certain special education services. For fiscal year 2006, the department calculated the new rates, but continued to have school districts bill each other for special education tuition costs. The law requires the department to begin to automatically adjust each school district's special education revenue for tuition bills beginning in fiscal year 2007.

This bill adds school districts that are host districts for special education services to the list of joint groups of districts that provide special education services (e.g. intermediate school districts, special education cooperatives) that are eligible to apply to the commissioner of education to charge higher special education tuition amounts than the uniformly calculated amounts to the resident school districts.

### Section

- 1 Nonresident tuition rate; other costs.** Allows school districts that are host districts for special education services to apply to the commissioner of education to charge higher special education tuition amounts than the uniformly calculated amounts to the resident school districts.