

Subject Stadium bond transactions

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Overview

H.F. 288 would require the commissioner of management and budget to take the use of stadium reserve account funds into account when making a decision about refunding the bonds for U.S. Bank Stadium. The bill would also repeal the backup revenue sources for the stadium if the stadium bonds are redeemed or defeased.

Summary

Section	Description
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1	Appropriation; general reserve account.
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Requires the commissioner of management and budget to analyze whether the use of stadium reserve account funds to defease and prepay the stadium bonds would create a savings to the state compared to the savings from a transaction that does not use stadium reserve account funds. The commissioner would then be required to take this analysis into account when making a decision regarding refunding or prepaying the stadium bonds. The new requirement would only be triggered if the amount of money in the stadium reserve account exceeds the greater of stadium expenses or \$44,000,000, and only the excess amount would be included in the analysis.

Effective date: day following final enactment.

2	Conditional repealer.
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Repeals the backup revenue sources for the stadium, conditional on the redemption or defeasement of the stadium bonds. The commissioner of management and budget would have to notify the revisor within 30 days of the commissioner's certification that the bonds have been redeemed or defeased, and the repeal would be effective 30 days later.

The backup revenue sources (a sports-themed lottery game and a tax on stadium suites) are discretionary and are triggered only when certain revenues fall below certain stadium expenses.



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