Overview

This bill allows the city of Columbia Heights to extend the duration of four TIF districts by up to four years and to pool increments from any TIF district in the city to pay general obligation TIF bonds issued before January 1, 1999. The increments from the pooling authority and the district extensions may only be used, if the originally pledged increments are insufficient to pay these bonds.

1 **Columbia Heights, TIF district extension.** Authorizes the City of Columbia Heights to extend four TIF districts by up to four additional years each. The state aid offset does not apply during the extension period.

2 **Limitations.** Increments attributable to the extension may only be used to pay principal and interest on bonds issued before January 1, 1999 and only if the amounts available under the pooling provisions in section 3 are insufficient to pay the obligations.

3 **Pooling authority.** Allows the city to pool increments (i.e., spend them on activities located outside of the geographic area of the district from which they were collected) from any TIF district in the city to pay pre-1/1/99 obligations to the extent that the increments pledged to pay these obligations are insufficient.

4 **Definition.** Defines "outstanding obligations" as general obligation TIF bonds of the city issued before 1/1/99.

5 **Effective date.** Effective upon local approval by the city, county, and school district.