Overview

H. F. 3567 rearranges many of the programs that school districts use to finance capital needs. In general, the levy authority for most capital programs is changed to an equalized mix of aid and levy by adding the revenue amounts to the district's debt service equalization aid amounts. Levies programs that are rolled into the combined facilities program include the current debt service equalization levy, building lease and lease purchase levies, the down payment levies, health and safety revenue, and a portion of the revenue attributable to the alternative facilities program.

Section

1 **Facilities equalization program.** Changes the name of the debt service equalization aid program to the facilities equalization aid program. Adds to the amount of the debt service calculation the revenue amounts for building lease and lease purchase levies, the down payment levy, cooperating district facility levies, health and safety, and a portion of alternative facilities revenue. Keeps the equalizing factor at $4,000 per adjusted marginal cost pupil unit.

2 **Health and safety program.** Changes a reference from "aid and levy" to "revenue."

3 **Disabled access revenue.** Changes the levy authority for the disabled access program (which allowed school districts one-time levy authority of $300,000 per district) to a revenue amount for projects approved by the commissioner.

4 **Revenue in combined districts.** Changes a combined school district's levy authority for disability access projects to revenue authority limited to the same amount.

5 **Alternative facilities revenue program.** Changes the levy authority under the alternative facilities authority to a revenue authority. Includes the revenue authorized under this program in the district's facilities equalization revenue under section 1.

6 **Facilities revenue referendum.** Changes the name of the down payment levy program to the facilities revenue program. Broadens the program to allow voter approval of leased space. Includes the revenue amounts in the district's facilities equalization revenue under section 1.
7 **Excess building construction fund.** Directs a school district that uses the facilities revenue program under section 6 to transfer any money that is not applied to the lease payments at the termination of the lease to the district's debt redemption fund.

8 **Building lease.** Authorizes a school district to include any approved building lease payments in its facilities equalization revenue under section 1.

9 **Lease purchase authority; pre-1990.** Includes a school district's costs associated with a lease purchase agreement in its facilities equalization revenue under section 1.

10 **Cooperating districts.** Changes the levy authority that cooperating districts have to pay for building repair costs into a revenue amount that is included in the district's facilities equalization revenue under section 1.

11 **Lease purchase.** Includes a school district's costs associated with a lease purchase agreement in its facilities equalization revenue under section 1.

12 **Repealer.** Repeals the levy authority for a combined district for disability access projects (this authority is the same authority that is amended in section 4).

13 **Effective dates.** Makes sections 1 to 11 effective for revenue for fiscal year 2002.