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Overview

Minnesota's schools are funded based on the number of pupils served by the district or charter school. Generally, a school's revenue increases as it serves more pupils and decreases as it serves fewer pupils. Any student resident to Minnesota generates funding for the district or charter school where the student is attending school. However, Minnesota's school finance system does not include general education aid payments for students who are not resident to Minnesota, unless they meet special conditions (e.g. foreign exchange students). Federal special education laws require school districts to serve all students with an individual education plan (IEP), but no similar federal requirement exists for students without an IEP.

Minnesota has a tuition agreement with South Dakota, but for other states, Minnesota's school districts are required to pay tuition bills submitted for educational services by the serving districts, but there is no requirement that other states pay Minnesota's districts for serving children from their states.

This bill states that a Minnesota school district has no obligation to provide educational services to a student without an IEP from another state unless the authority that placed the student in Minnesota provides a way to pay that child's cost of education.

Section

- 1 Placement of students; approval of education program.** States that a Minnesota school district is not required to provide education services to a student who is not a resident of Minnesota, does not have an individual education plan, and does not have a tuition arrangement or agreement to pay the cost of education from the placing authority.