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## Bill Summary

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### Overview

The leased facilities levy authority allows school districts to levy to pay rent on leased facilities. The levy authority has been modified many times in the last two decades. Currently, upon the commissioner's approval, districts may levy for leased facilities when the leased facility would be economically advantageous. The lease levy must not exceed the lesser of the lease costs or \$150 per pupil unit for fiscal year 2010 and later, except that a school district that is a member of an intermediate school district may levy an additional \$43 per pupil unit for fiscal year 2010 and later for space in intermediate facilities. The facilities must be used for instructional purposes. The leased levy may not be used for a lease purchase agreement unless the agreement was approved by the Commissioner of Education prior to July 1, 1990, or the district levied for the payments in 1989.

TIES (an acronym derived from Technology and Information Education Services) is an education technology and data collaborative located in the metro area that was formed as a joint powers school district. This bill extends the authority of school districts that are members of TIES to levy \$632,000 per year for eleven more years to pay for additional improvement costs associated with the TIES facility.

- 1 To lease building or land.** Authorizes the school districts that are members of TIES to levy their proportionate shares of an amount not to exceed a total of \$632,000 per year for the next 11 years to finance improvements at the TIES facility.