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## Bill Summary

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### Overview

Minnesota operates two residential academies for deaf and blind students in Faribault. The academies are both public schools and state institutions and annually serve more than 500 students through residential programs, summer school, preschool programs, and outreach efforts. In fiscal year 2013, the Minnesota State Academy for the Blind enrolled approximately 53 full-time pupils, and the Minnesota State Academy for the Deaf enrolled approximately 163 full-time pupils. Funding for the Minnesota State Academies' physical plant comes from the state through the sale of state bond proceeds.

House File 2034 appropriates \$15.259 million for the following projects:

- \$3.09 million for the asset preservation;
- \$10.669 million to demolish Frechette Hall and construct a new dormitory; and
- \$1.5 million to complete renovation of Pollard Hall.

### Section

- 1 Minnesota State Academies.** Authorizes the state of Minnesota to sell and issue \$15.259 million in state bond proceeds and appropriates this amount to the Department of Administration for transfer to the Minnesota State Academies for the Deaf and Blind for the construction of a new dormitory, demolition of Frechette Hall, renovation of Pollard Hall, and capital asset preservation projects.