

Subject Monticello School District; Special Education Adjustment

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Overview

Minnesota school districts provide special education services to students through a variety of organizational structures. Many school districts join a special education cooperative, Service Cooperative, or intermediate school district to provide services to special education students in need of high levels of additional services.

The Monticello school district was formerly the fiscal host for a group of neighboring schools districts providing special education services. The Monticello school district disbanded its fiscal host arrangement and formed a special education cooperative to perform these functions. This change happened during the same period of time that Minnesota's special education aid formula was redesigned. The combination of these changes led to an initial overpayment in special education aid by the state to the Monticello school district.

The 2017 Legislature enacted a provision extending the time period over which the Monticello school district needed to repay the overpayment. HF 207 forgives the fiscal year 2018 delay of \$800,000 and appropriates \$200,000 per year for fiscal years 2020 to 2024.

Summary

Section	Description
1	<p>Special education adjustment; Monticello school district.</p> <p>Forgives in fiscal year 2019 \$800,000 in special education funds that were initially overpaid by the state to the Monticello school district. Adds \$200,000 per year in each of the next four years to compensate the district for the remaining funds recaptured by the state.</p>