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State of Minnesota
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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H. F. No. **1634**

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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Education Finance

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to education finance; modifying sparsity revenue for a school district that
1.3 has ended an academic pairing agreement; amending Minnesota Statutes 2012
1.4 Supplement, section 126C.10, subdivision 8a.

1.5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

1.6 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2012 Supplement, section 126C.10, subdivision 8a,
1.7 is amended to read:

1.8 Subd. 8a. **Sparsity revenue for school districts that close facilities or end**
1.9 **academic pairing programs.** (a) A school district that closes a school facility or whose
1.10 sparsity revenue is reduced by a school closure in another district is eligible for elementary
1.11 and secondary sparsity revenue equal to the greater of the amounts calculated under
1.12 subdivisions 6, 7, and 8 or the total amount of sparsity revenue for the previous fiscal
1.13 year if the school board of the district has adopted a written resolution stating that the
1.14 district intends to close the school facility, but cannot proceed with the closure without
1.15 the adjustment to sparsity revenue authorized by this subdivision. The written resolution
1.16 must be approved by the board and filed with the commissioner of education prior to the
1.17 start of the fiscal year for which aid under this subdivision is first requested. A school
1.18 district whose sparsity revenue is affected by a closure in another district is not required to
1.19 adopt a written resolution under this section.

1.20 (b) The sparsity revenue for a school district ending an academic pairing on or
1.21 after July 1, 2010, where that agreement was in place for more than 15 years equals the
1.22 greater of the amount calculated under subdivisions 6, 7, and 8, or the total amount of
1.23 sparsity revenue for the previous fiscal year.

2.1 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment
2.2 and applies to revenue for fiscal year 2014 and later.