

A bill for an act

relating to education finance; extending the sparsity revenue guarantee to all qualifying school districts; amending Minnesota Statutes 2009 Supplement, section 126C.10, subdivision 8a.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2009 Supplement, section 126C.10, subdivision 8a, is amended to read:

Subd. 8a. **Sparsity revenue for school districts that close facilities.** (a) A school district that closes a school facility is eligible for elementary and secondary sparsity revenue equal to the greater of the amounts calculated under subdivisions 6, 7, and 8 or the total amount of sparsity revenue for the previous fiscal year if the school board of the district has adopted a written resolution stating that the district intends to close the school facility, but cannot proceed with the closure without the adjustment to sparsity revenue authorized by this subdivision. The written resolution must be filed with the commissioner of education at least 60 days prior to the start of the fiscal year for which aid under this subdivision is first requested.

(b) Notwithstanding the timelines and requirement for the board to adopt a written resolution under paragraph (a), any school district that closed a facility eligible for sparsity revenue at the end of the 2008-2009 school year qualifies for the sparsity revenue adjustment contained in this subdivision.

EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective the day following final enactment for revenue for fiscal years 2010 and later.