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A bill for an act

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relating to education finance; requiring public testimony before a school board

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reauthorizes board-approved referendum revenue authority; requiring school

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board approval of local optional revenue; amending Minnesota Statutes 2014,

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sections 126C.10, subdivision 2e; 126C.17, subdivision 9a.

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

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Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 126C.10, subdivision 2e, is amended to

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read:

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Subd. 2e. **Local optional revenue.** (a) Local optional revenue for a school district

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with a board-approved plan equals \$424 times the adjusted pupil units of the district

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for that school year.

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(b) A district's local optional levy equals its local optional revenue times the lesser

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of one or the ratio of its referendum market value per resident pupil unit to \$510,000.

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The local optional revenue levy must be spread on referendum market value. A district

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may levy less than the permitted amount.

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(c) A district's local optional aid equals its local optional revenue less its local

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optional levy, times the ratio of the actual amount levied to the permitted levy.

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(d) Beginning with revenue for the 2017-2018 school year, a school district is

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eligible for local optional revenue under this subdivision only after the school board has

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asked for public testimony and adopted a written plan describing the proposed uses of

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the local optional revenue. A board-approved plan may be in place for no more than five

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fiscal years, after which time a new plan must be adopted.

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Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 126C.17, subdivision 9a, is amended to read:

2.1 Subd. 9a. **Board-approved referendum allowance.** Notwithstanding subdivision  
2.2 9, a school district may convert up to \$300 per adjusted pupil unit of referendum authority  
2.3 from voter approved to board approved by a board vote. A district with less than \$300 per  
2.4 adjusted pupil unit of referendum authority after the local optional revenue subtraction  
2.5 under subdivision 1 may authorize new referendum authority up to the difference between  
2.6 \$300 per adjusted pupil unit and the district's referendum authority. The board may  
2.7 authorize this levy for up to five years ~~and~~. The board may subsequently reauthorize that  
2.8 authority ~~in increments of up to~~ only after allowing public testimony on the authority and  
2.9 adopting a written resolution extending the authority for a specified number of years,  
2.10 not to exceed five years.

2.11 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 1, 2016.