

A bill for an act
relating to education finance; adjusting the eligibility criteria for sparsity
revenue; permitting Independent School District No. 356, Lancaster, to recover
sparsity aid that the district lost due to the closing of a school building; amending
Minnesota Statutes 2010, section 126C.10, subdivision 8a.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2010, section 126C.10, subdivision 8a, is amended to
read:

Subd. 8a. **Sparsity revenue for school districts that close facilities.** A school
district that closes a school facility or whose sparsity revenue is reduced by a school
closure in another district 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. A school district whose sparsity revenue is affected by a closure in another
district is not required to adopt a written resolution under this section.

EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective for revenue for fiscal year 2012
and later.

Sec. 2. **KITTSOON CENTRAL SCHOOL CLOSING.**

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2.1 Independent School District No. 356, Lancaster, is eligible for sparsity revenue
2.2 calculated under Minnesota Statutes, section 126C.10, subdivision 8a, for fiscal year 2012
2.3 and later, if the board has adopted a written resolution at any time prior to the start of
2.4 the 2011-2012 school year to notify the commissioner and request aid under Minnesota
2.5 Statutes, section 126C.10, subdivision 8a. For the purposes of this section, the school
2.6 district shall be eligible for aid under Minnesota Statutes, section 126C.10, subdivision
2.7 8a, as a result of the closure of the Kennedy Elementary School in Independent School
2.8 District No. 2171, Kittson Central.

2.9 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective for revenue for fiscal year 2012
2.10 and later.