



## **S.F. No. 2285 – Modifying conditions for carry forward of American Indian education aid**

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**S.F. No. 2285** modifies the conditions under which a school district or Tribal contract school may carry forward unspent American Indian education aid into the following fiscal year.

Under current law, a school district or Tribal contract school may carry forward up to half of the amount remaining unexpended in the previous fiscal year if the school's American Indian Parent Advisory Committee concurs with the school's American Indian education programs, among other conditions. The bill removes the requirement that the committee concur with the programs for unspent aid amounts to carry forward.

### **Additional background information**

To be eligible to receive American Indian education aid, a district, charter school, cooperative unit, or Tribal contract school must submit a plan for approval by MDE. Aid for a school must not exceed actual expenditures under the approved plan, except as allowed under the carry forward authority for school districts and Tribal contract schools.

Funds carried forward must be used for American Indian education programs designed to “(1) support postsecondary preparation for American Indian pupils; (2) support the academic achievement of American Indian pupils; (3) make the curriculum relevant to the needs, interests, and cultural heritage of American Indian pupils; (4) provide positive reinforcement of the self-image of American Indian pupils; (5) develop intercultural awareness among pupils, parents, and staff; and (6) supplement, not supplant, state and federal educational and cocurricular programs.”

