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PROPERTY TAX Property Leased by School Districts

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	Yes	No
DOR Administrative Costs/Savings		X

Department of Revenue

Analysis of S.F. 738 (Olson, G.) / H.F. 2340 (Berns), revised for effective date

	<u>Fund Impact</u>			
	<u>F.Y. 2008</u>	<u>F.Y. 2009</u>	<u>F.Y. 2010</u>	<u>F.Y. 2011</u>
General Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

(000's)

Effective for taxes payable in 2008 and thereafter.

EXPLANATION OF THE BILL

Current Law: Property that is leased or rented to a school district is exempt from taxation if it meets the following requirements:

- 1) the lease period is at least 12 consecutive months;
- 2) the school district pays a nominal consideration for use of the building;
- 3) the school district must use the property for K-12 education, special education, adult basic education, preschool and early childhood family education, or community education programs; and
- 4) the school district must have exclusive use of the property during the lease period.

Proposed Law: The bill would create an alternative school district payment requirement for use of a leased building. Instead of the current payment, the terms of a lease could require a payment reduced by an amount equal to the property tax forgone due to the exemption, as verified by the county assessor.

REVENUE ANALYSIS DETAIL

- The proposal would have no cost impact to the state general fund. The proposal may reduce payments by school districts for the use of leased buildings.

Source: Minnesota Department of Revenue
Property Tax Division – Research Unit
http://www.taxes.state.mn.us/taxes/legal_policy

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