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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on K-12 Education Policy and Oversight

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to education; allowing parents or guardians to designate a person to
1.3 attend a school conference; amending Minnesota Statutes 2008, section 13.32,
1.4 by adding a subdivision.

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

1.6 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2008, section 13.32, is amended by adding a subdivision
1.7 to read:

1.8 Subd. 10a. Access to student records; school conferences. (a) A parent or
1.9 guardian of a student may designate an individual, defined under paragraph (c), to
1.10 participate in a school conference involving the child of the parent or guardian. The parent
1.11 or guardian must provide the school with prior written consent allowing the significant
1.12 individual to participate in the conference and to receive any data on the child of the
1.13 consenting parent or guardian that is necessary and relevant to the conference discussions.
1.14 The consenting parent or guardian may withdraw consent, in writing, at any time.

1.15 (b) A school may accept the following form, or another consent to release student
1.16 data form, as sufficient to meet the requirements of this subdivision:

"CONSENT TO PARTICIPATE IN CONFERENCES AND RECEIVE STUDENT DATA

1.17 I, (Name of parent or guardian), as parent or guardian of
1.18 (Name of child), consent to allow
1.19 (Name of an individual) to participate in school conferences and receive student data
1.20 relating to the above-named child, consistent with Minnesota Statutes, section 13.32,
1.21 subdivision 10a. I understand that I may withdraw my consent, upon written request, at
1.22 any time.
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2.1 (Signature of parent or guardian)

2.2 (Date)"

2.3 (c) For purposes of this section, "an individual" means one additional adult
2.4 designated by a child's parent or guardian to attend school-related activities and
2.5 conferences.

2.6 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective for the 2009-2010 school year and
2.7 later.