

**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

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**H. F. No. 2400**

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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means

04/09/2019 Adoption of Report: Amended and re-referred to the Committee on Taxes

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Read for the Second Time

04/23/2019 Calendar for the Day, Amended  
Read Third Time as Amended  
Passed by the House as Amended and transmitted to the Senate to include Floor Amendments

1.1 A bill for an act

1.2 relating to education finance; modifying provisions for prekindergarten through

1.3 grade 12 including general education, education excellence, teachers, special

1.4 education, health and safety, facilities, fund transfers, accounting, nutrition,

1.5 libraries, early childhood, community education, lifelong learning, and state

1.6 agencies; making technical changes; making forecast adjustments; requiring reports;

1.7 appropriating money; amending Minnesota Statutes 2018, sections 5A.03,

1.8 subdivision 2; 16A.152, subdivisions 1b, 2; 120A.20, subdivision 2; 120A.22,

1.9 subdivisions 5, 6, 11; 120A.24, subdivision 1; 120A.35; 120A.40; 120B.11,

1.10 subdivisions 2, 3; 120B.12, subdivision 2; 120B.122, subdivision 1; 120B.21;

1.11 120B.30, subdivisions 1, 1a; 120B.35, subdivision 3; 120B.36, subdivision 1;

1.12 121A.22, subdivision 1, by adding a subdivision; 121A.335, subdivisions 3, 5;

1.13 121A.41, by adding subdivisions; 121A.45, subdivisions 1, 2; 121A.46, by adding

1.14 subdivisions; 121A.47, subdivisions 2, 14; 121A.53, subdivision 1; 121A.55;

1.15 122A.06, subdivisions 2, 5, 7, 8; 122A.07, subdivisions 1, 2, 4a, by adding a

1.16 subdivision; 122A.09, subdivision 9; 122A.091, subdivision 1; 122A.092,

1.17 subdivisions 5, 6; 122A.14, subdivision 9; 122A.17; 122A.175, subdivisions 1, 2;

1.18 122A.18, subdivisions 7c, 8, 10; 122A.181, subdivisions 3, 4, 5; 122A.182,

1.19 subdivisions 1, 3, 4; 122A.183, subdivisions 2, 4; 122A.184, subdivisions 1, 3;

1.20 122A.185, subdivision 1; 122A.187, subdivision 3, by adding subdivisions;

1.21 122A.19, subdivision 4; 122A.20, subdivisions 1, 2; 122A.21; 122A.22; 122A.26,

1.22 subdivision 2, by adding a subdivision; 122A.40, subdivision 8; 122A.41,

1.23 subdivision 5; 122A.63, subdivisions 1, 4, 5, 6, by adding a subdivision; 122A.70;

1.24 123A.64; 123B.02, subdivision 14; 123B.143, subdivision 1; 123B.41, subdivisions

1.25 2, 5; 123B.42, subdivision 3; 123B.49, subdivision 4; 123B.52, subdivision 6;

1.26 123B.571; 123B.595; 123B.61; 123B.92, subdivision 1; 124D.02, subdivision 1;

1.27 124D.09, subdivisions 3, 7, 9, 10; 124D.091; 124D.111; 124D.1158; 124D.151,

1.28 subdivisions 2, 4, 5, 6; 124D.165, subdivisions 2, 3, 4, by adding a subdivision;

1.29 124D.2211; 124D.231; 124D.34, subdivisions 2, 3, 4, 5, 8, 12; 124D.4531;

1.30 124D.531, subdivision 1; 124D.55; 124D.59, subdivision 2a; 124D.65, subdivision

1.31 5; 124D.68, subdivision 2; 124D.78, subdivision 2; 124D.83, subdivision 2;

1.32 124D.861, subdivision 2; 124D.862, subdivisions 1, 4, 5, by adding a subdivision;

1.33 124D.957, subdivision 1, by adding a subdivision; 124D.98, by adding a

1.34 subdivision; 124D.99, subdivision 3; 124E.03, subdivision 2; 124E.11; 124E.12,

1.35 by adding a subdivision; 124E.13, subdivision 3; 124E.20, subdivision 1; 124E.21,

1.36 subdivision 1; 125A.08; 125A.091, subdivisions 3a, 7; 125A.11, subdivision 1;

1.37 125A.50, subdivision 1; 125A.76, subdivisions 1, 2a, 2c, by adding a subdivision;

1.38 126C.05, subdivision 1; 126C.10, subdivisions 2, 2d, 2e, 3, 13a, 18a, 24; 126C.126;

2.1 126C.17, subdivisions 1, 2, 5, 6, 7, 7a, 9, by adding subdivisions; 126C.40,  
 2.2 subdivision 1; 126C.44; 127A.052; 127A.45, subdivision 13; 127A.47, subdivision  
 2.3 7; 127A.49, subdivision 2; 134.355, subdivisions 5, 6, 7, 8; 136D.01; 136D.49;  
 2.4 214.01, subdivision 3; 245C.12; 257.0725; 471.59, subdivision 1; 626.556,  
 2.5 subdivisions 2, 3b, 10, 11; 631.40, subdivision 4; Laws 2016, chapter 189, article  
 2.6 25, sections 56, subdivisions 2, 3; 61; 62, subdivisions 4, 15; Laws 2017, First  
 2.7 Special Session chapter 5, article 1, section 19, subdivisions 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 9;  
 2.8 article 2, section 57, subdivisions 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 21, 26, 37; article 4, section 12,  
 2.9 subdivisions 2, as amended, 3, 4, 5; article 5, section 14, subdivisions 2, 3; article  
 2.10 6, section 3, subdivisions 2, 3, 4; article 8, sections 8; 9, subdivision 6; 10,  
 2.11 subdivisions 3, 4, 5a, 6, 12; article 9, section 2, subdivision 2; article 10, section  
 2.12 6, subdivision 2; article 11, section 9, subdivision 2; Laws 2018, chapter 211,  
 2.13 article 21, section 4; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapters  
 2.14 120A; 120B; 121A; 122A; 123B; 125A; 127A; 245C; repealing Minnesota Statutes  
 2.15 2018, sections 120B.299; 122A.09, subdivision 1; 122A.182, subdivision 2;  
 2.16 122A.63, subdivisions 7, 8; 126C.17, subdivision 9a; 127A.051, subdivision 7;  
 2.17 127A.14; 136D.93; Laws 2017, First Special Session chapter 5, article 11, section  
 2.18 6; Minnesota Rules, part 8710.2100, subparts 1, 2.

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

## 2.20 ARTICLE 1

### 2.21 GENERAL EDUCATION

2.22 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 16A.152, subdivision 1b, is amended to read:

2.23 Subd. 1b. **Budget reserve level.** (a) The commissioner of management and budget shall  
 2.24 calculate the budget reserve level by multiplying the current biennium's general fund  
 2.25 nondedicated revenues and the most recent budget reserve percentage under subdivision 8.

2.26 (b) If, on the basis of a November forecast of general fund revenues and expenditures,  
 2.27 the commissioner of management and budget determines that there will be a positive  
 2.28 unrestricted general fund balance at the close of the biennium and that the provisions of  
 2.29 subdivision 2, paragraph (a), ~~clauses (1), (2), (3), and (4)~~, are satisfied, the commissioner  
 2.30 shall transfer to the budget reserve account in the general fund the amount necessary to  
 2.31 increase the budget reserve to the budget reserve level determined under paragraph (a). The  
 2.32 amount of the transfer authorized in this paragraph shall not exceed 33 percent of the positive  
 2.33 unrestricted general fund balance determined in the forecast.

2.34 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 1, 2019.

2.35 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 16A.152, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

2.36 Subd. 2. **Additional revenues; priority.** (a) If on the basis of a forecast of general fund  
 2.37 revenues and expenditures, the commissioner of management and budget determines that  
 2.38 there will be a positive unrestricted budgetary general fund balance at the close of the

3.1 biennium, the commissioner of management and budget must allocate money to the following  
3.2 accounts and purposes in priority order:

3.3 (1) the cash flow account established in subdivision 1 until that account reaches  
3.4 \$350,000,000;

3.5 (2) the budget reserve account established in subdivision 1a until that account reaches  
3.6 \$1,596,522,000;

3.7 (3) the amount necessary to increase the aid payment schedule for school district aids  
3.8 and credits payments in section 127A.45 to not more than 90 percent rounded to the nearest  
3.9 tenth of a percent without exceeding the amount available and with any remaining funds  
3.10 deposited in the budget reserve;

3.11 (4) the amount necessary to restore all or a portion of the net aid reductions under section  
3.12 127A.441 and to reduce the property tax revenue recognition shift under section 123B.75,  
3.13 subdivision 5, by the same amount; ~~and~~

3.14 (5) ~~the clean water fund established in section 114D.50 until \$22,000,000 has been~~  
3.15 ~~transferred into the fund.~~ the amount necessary to increase the special education aid payment  
3.16 percentage under section 127A.45, subdivision 13, paragraph (b), to not more than 100  
3.17 percent; and

3.18 (6) the permanent school fund compensation aid until \$50,000,000 has been transferred  
3.19 to the commissioner of education for payment of school aids under section 41.

3.20 (b) The amounts necessary to meet the requirements of this section are appropriated  
3.21 from the general fund within two weeks after the forecast is released or, in the case of  
3.22 transfers under paragraph (a), clauses (3) ~~and~~<sub>2</sub> (4), and (5), as necessary to meet the  
3.23 appropriations schedules otherwise established in statute.

3.24 (c) The commissioner of management and budget shall certify the total dollar amount  
3.25 of the reductions under paragraph (a), clauses (3) ~~and~~<sub>2</sub> (4), and (5), to the commissioner of  
3.26 education. The commissioner of education shall increase the aid payment percentage ~~and~~<sub>2</sub>  
3.27 reduce the property tax shift percentage, and increase the special education aid payment  
3.28 percentage by these amounts and apply those reductions to the current fiscal year and  
3.29 thereafter.

3.30 (d) ~~Paragraph (a), clause (5), expires after the entire amount of the transfer has been~~  
3.31 ~~made.~~

3.32 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 1, 2019.

4.1 Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 120A.20, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

4.2 Subd. 2. **Education, residence, and transportation of homeless.** (a) Notwithstanding  
4.3 subdivision 1, a district must not deny free admission to a homeless pupil solely because  
4.4 the district cannot determine that the pupil is a resident of the district.

4.5 (b) The school district of residence for a homeless pupil shall be the school district in  
4.6 which the parent or legal guardian resides, unless: (1) parental rights have been terminated  
4.7 by court order; (2) the parent or guardian is not living within the state; or (3) the parent or  
4.8 guardian having legal custody of the child is an inmate of a Minnesota correctional facility  
4.9 or is a resident of a halfway house under the supervision of the commissioner of corrections.  
4.10 If any of clauses (1) to (3) apply, the school district of residence shall be the school district  
4.11 in which the pupil resided when the qualifying event occurred. If no other district of residence  
4.12 can be established, the school district of residence shall be the school district in which the  
4.13 pupil currently resides. If there is a dispute between school districts regarding residency,  
4.14 the district of residence is the district designated by the commissioner of education.

4.15 (c) Except as provided in paragraph (d), the serving district is responsible for transporting  
4.16 a homeless pupil to and from the pupil's district of residence. The district may transport  
4.17 from a permanent home in another district but only through the end of the academic school  
4.18 year. When a pupil is enrolled in a charter school, the district or school that provides  
4.19 transportation for other pupils enrolled in the charter school is responsible for providing  
4.20 transportation. When a homeless ~~student~~ pupil with or without an individualized education  
4.21 program attends a public school other than an independent or special school district or  
4.22 charter school, the district of residence is responsible for transportation.

4.23 (d) For a homeless pupil with an individualized education plan enrolled in a program  
4.24 authorized by an intermediate school district, special education cooperative, service  
4.25 cooperative, or education district, the serving district at the time of the pupil's enrollment  
4.26 in the program remains responsible for transporting that pupil for the remainder of the school  
4.27 year, unless the initial serving district and the current serving district mutually agree that  
4.28 the current serving district is responsible for transporting the homeless pupil.

4.29 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 1, 2019.

4.30 Sec. 4. **[120A.21] ENROLLMENT OF A STUDENT IN FOSTER CARE.**

4.31 A student placed in foster care must remain enrolled in the student's prior school unless  
4.32 it is determined that remaining enrolled in the prior school is not in the student's best interests.  
4.33 The best interests of the student must not be influenced by the preferences of the prior or

5.1 current enrolling school and the best interests of the student must not be influenced by the  
5.2 educational costs associated with the placement of the foster student. If the student does  
5.3 not remain enrolled in the prior school, the student must be enrolled in a new school within  
5.4 seven school days.

5.5 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 1, 2019.

5.6 Sec. 5. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 120A.35, is amended to read:

5.7 **120A.35 ABSENCE FROM SCHOOL FOR RELIGIOUS OBSERVANCE.**

5.8 Reasonable efforts must be made by a school district to accommodate any pupil who  
5.9 wishes to be excused from a curricular activity for a religious observance. A school board  
5.10 must provide annual notice to parents of the school district's policy relating to a pupil's  
5.11 absence from school for a religious observance. A school board may satisfy the notice  
5.12 requirement by including the notice in a student handbook containing school policies or by  
5.13 posting the notice on the district website.

5.14 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective for the 2019-2020 school year and later.

5.15 Sec. 6. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 120A.40, is amended to read:

5.16 **120A.40 SCHOOL CALENDAR.**

5.17 (a) Except for learning programs during summer, flexible learning year programs  
5.18 authorized under sections 124D.12 to 124D.127, and learning year programs under section  
5.19 124D.128, a district must not commence an elementary or secondary school year before  
5.20 Labor Day, except as provided under paragraph (b). Days devoted to teachers' workshops  
5.21 may be held before Labor Day. Districts that enter into cooperative agreements are  
5.22 encouraged to adopt similar school calendars.

5.23 (b) A district may begin the school year on any day before Labor Day:

5.24 (1) to accommodate a construction or remodeling project of \$400,000 or more affecting  
5.25 a district school facility;

5.26 (2) if the district has an agreement under section 123A.30, 123A.32, or 123A.35 with a  
5.27 district that qualifies under clause (1); or

5.28 (3) if the district agrees to the same schedule with a school district in an adjoining state.

5.29 (c) A school board may consider the community's religious observances when adopting  
5.30 an annual school calendar.

5.31 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective for the 2019-2020 school year and later.

6.1 Sec. 7. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 123A.64, is amended to read:

6.2 **123A.64 DUTY TO MAINTAIN ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOLS.**

6.3 Each district must maintain classified elementary and secondary schools, ~~grades 1~~  
6.4 kindergarten through grade 12, unless the district is exempt according to section 123A.61  
6.5 or 123A.62, has made an agreement with another district or districts as provided in sections  
6.6 123A.30, 123A.32, or sections 123A.35 to 123A.43, or 123A.17, subdivision 7, has received  
6.7 a grant under sections 123A.441 to 123A.445, or has formed a cooperative under section  
6.8 123A.482. A district that has an agreement according to sections 123A.35 to 123A.43 or  
6.9 123A.32 must operate a school with the number of grades required by those sections. A  
6.10 district that has an agreement according to section 123A.30 or 123A.17, subdivision 7, or  
6.11 has received a grant under sections 123A.441 to 123A.445 must operate a school for the  
6.12 grades not included in the agreement, but not fewer than three grades.

6.13 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective for the 2020-2021 school year and later.

6.14 Sec. 8. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 123B.02, subdivision 14, is amended to read:

6.15 Subd. 14. **Employees; contracts for services.** (a) The board may employ and discharge  
6.16 necessary employees and may contract for other services.

6.17 (b) The board must, before making an offer of employment to a person, request a copy  
6.18 of the person's personnel file from the previous employing district or charter school.

6.19 Sec. 9. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 123B.143, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

6.20 Subdivision 1. **Contract; duties.** (a) All districts maintaining a classified secondary  
6.21 school must employ a superintendent who ~~shall be~~ must serve as an ex officio nonvoting  
6.22 member of the school board. The authority for selection and employment of a superintendent  
6.23 must be vested in the board in all cases.

6.24 (b) An individual employed by a board as a superintendent ~~shall~~ must have an initial  
6.25 employment contract for a period of time no longer than three years from the date of  
6.26 employment. Any subsequent employment contract must not exceed a period of three years.  
6.27 A board, at its discretion, may or may not renew an employment contract. A board must  
6.28 not, by action or inaction, extend the duration of an existing employment contract. Beginning  
6.29 365 days prior to the expiration date of an existing employment contract, a board may  
6.30 negotiate and enter into a subsequent employment contract to take effect upon the expiration  
6.31 of the existing contract. A subsequent contract must be contingent upon the employee  
6.32 completing the terms of an existing contract. If a contract between a board and a

7.1 superintendent is terminated prior to the date specified in the contract, the board may not  
7.2 enter into another superintendent contract with that same individual that has a term that  
7.3 extends beyond the date specified in the terminated contract.

7.4 (c) A board may terminate a superintendent during the term of an employment contract  
7.5 for any of the grounds specified in section 122A.40, subdivision 9 or 13. A superintendent  
7.6 ~~shall~~ must not rely upon an employment contract with a board to assert any other continuing  
7.7 contract rights in the position of superintendent under section 122A.40. Notwithstanding  
7.8 the provisions of sections 122A.40, subdivision 10 or 11, 123A.32, 123A.75, or any other  
7.9 law to the contrary, no individual ~~shall have~~ has a right to employment as a superintendent  
7.10 based on order of employment in any district.

7.11 (d) If two or more districts enter into an agreement for the purchase or sharing of the  
7.12 services of a superintendent, the contracting districts have the absolute right to select one  
7.13 of the individuals employed to serve as superintendent in one of the contracting districts  
7.14 and no individual has a right to employment as the superintendent to provide all or part of  
7.15 the services based on order of employment in a contracting district.

7.16 (e) The superintendent of a district ~~shall~~ must perform the following:

7.17 (1) visit and supervise the schools in the district, report and make recommendations  
7.18 about their condition when advisable or on request by the board;

7.19 (2) recommend to the board employment and dismissal of teachers;

7.20 (3) annually evaluate each school principal assigned responsibility for supervising a  
7.21 school building within the district, consistent with section 123B.147, subdivision 3, paragraph  
7.22 (b);

7.23 (4) superintend school grading practices and examinations for promotions;

7.24 (5) make reports required by the commissioner; and

7.25 (6) perform other duties prescribed by the board.

7.26 Sec. 10. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 123B.41, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

7.27 Subd. 2. **Textbook.** (a) "Textbook" means any book or book substitute, including  
7.28 electronic books as well as other printed materials delivered electronically, which a pupil  
7.29 uses as a text or text substitute in a particular class or program in the school regularly  
7.30 attended and a copy of which is expected to be available for the individual use of each pupil  
7.31 in this class or program. Textbook includes an online book with an annual subscription cost.  
7.32 Textbook includes a teacher's edition, teacher's guide, or other materials that accompany a

8.1 textbook that a pupil uses when the teacher's edition, teacher's guide, or other teacher  
8.2 materials are packaged physically or electronically with textbooks for student use.

8.3 (b) For purposes of calculating the annual nonpublic pupil aid entitlement for textbooks,  
8.4 the term shall be limited to books, workbooks, or manuals, whether bound or in loose-leaf  
8.5 form, as well as electronic books and other printed materials delivered electronically,  
8.6 intended for use as a principal source of study material for a given class or a group of  
8.7 students.

8.8 (c) For purposes of sections 123B.40 to 123B.48, the terms "textbook" and "software  
8.9 or other educational technology" include only such secular, neutral, and nonideological  
8.10 materials as are available, used by, or of benefit to Minnesota public school pupils.

8.11 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.

8.12 Sec. 11. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 123B.41, subdivision 5, is amended to read:

8.13 Subd. 5. **Individualized instructional or cooperative learning materials.** (a)

8.14 "Individualized instructional or cooperative learning materials" means educational materials  
8.15 which:

8.16 ~~(a)~~ (1) are designed primarily for individual pupil use or use by pupils in a cooperative  
8.17 learning group in a particular class or program in the school the pupil regularly attends,  
8.18 including teacher materials that accompany materials that a pupil uses;

8.19 ~~(b)~~ (2) are secular, neutral, nonideological and not capable of diversion for religious  
8.20 use; and

8.21 ~~(c)~~ (3) are available, used by, or of benefit to Minnesota public school pupils.

8.22 (b) Subject to the requirements in ~~clauses (a), (b), and (c)~~ paragraph (a), "individualized  
8.23 instructional or cooperative learning materials" include, but are not limited to, the following  
8.24 if they do not fall within the definition of "textbook" in subdivision 2: published materials;  
8.25 periodicals; documents; pamphlets; photographs; reproductions; pictorial or graphic works;  
8.26 prerecorded video programs; prerecorded tapes, cassettes and other sound recordings;  
8.27 manipulative materials; desk charts; games; study prints and pictures; desk maps; models;  
8.28 learning kits; blocks or cubes; flash cards; individualized multimedia systems; prepared  
8.29 instructional computer software programs; choral and band sheet music; electronic books  
8.30 and other printed materials delivered electronically; and CD-Rom.



9.1 (c) "Individualized instructional or cooperative learning materials" do not include  
9.2 instructional equipment, instructional hardware, or ordinary daily consumable classroom  
9.3 supplies.

9.4 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.

9.5 Sec. 12. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 123B.42, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

9.6 Subd. 3. **Cost; limitation.** (a) The cost per pupil of the textbooks, individualized  
9.7 instructional or cooperative learning materials, software or other educational technology,  
9.8 and standardized tests provided for in this section for each school year must not exceed the  
9.9 statewide average expenditure per pupil, adjusted pursuant to ~~clause paragraph~~ (b), by the  
9.10 Minnesota public elementary and secondary schools for textbooks, individualized  
9.11 instructional materials and standardized tests as computed and established by the department  
9.12 by February 1 of the preceding school year from the most recent public school year data  
9.13 then available.

9.14 (b) The cost computed in ~~clause paragraph~~ (a) shall be increased by an inflation  
9.15 adjustment equal to the percent of increase in the formula allowance, pursuant to section  
9.16 126C.10, subdivision 2, from the second preceding school year to the current school year.  
9.17 ~~Notwithstanding the amount of the formula allowance for fiscal years 2015 and 2016 in~~  
9.18 ~~section 126C.10, subdivision 2, the commissioner shall use the amount of the formula~~  
9.19 ~~allowance for the current year minus \$414 in determining the inflation adjustment for fiscal~~  
9.20 ~~years 2015 and 2016.~~

9.21 (c) The commissioner shall allot to the districts or intermediary service areas the total  
9.22 cost for each school year of providing or loaning the textbooks, individualized instructional  
9.23 or cooperative learning materials, software or other educational technology, and standardized  
9.24 tests for the pupils in each nonpublic school. The allotment shall not exceed the product of  
9.25 the statewide average expenditure per pupil, according to ~~clause paragraph~~ (a), adjusted  
9.26 pursuant to ~~clause paragraph~~ (b), multiplied by the number of nonpublic school pupils who  
9.27 make requests pursuant to this section and who are enrolled as of September 15 of the current  
9.28 school year.

9.29 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.

9.30 Sec. 13. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 123B.49, subdivision 4, is amended to read:

9.31 Subd. 4. **Board control of extracurricular activities.** (a) The board ~~may~~ must take  
9.32 charge of and control all extracurricular activities of the teachers and children of the public

10.1 schools in the district. Extracurricular activities means all direct and personal services for  
10.2 pupils for their enjoyment that are managed and operated under the guidance of an adult or  
10.3 staff member. The board shall allow all resident pupils receiving instruction in a home  
10.4 school as defined in section 123B.36, subdivision 1, paragraph (a), to be eligible to fully  
10.5 participate in extracurricular activities on the same basis as public school students.

10.6 (b) Extracurricular activities have all of the following characteristics:

10.7 (1) they are not offered for school credit nor required for graduation;

10.8 (2) they are generally conducted outside school hours, or if partly during school hours,  
10.9 at times agreed by the participants, and approved by school authorities;

10.10 (3) the content of the activities is determined primarily by the pupil participants under  
10.11 the guidance of a staff member or other adult.

10.12 ~~(e) If the board does not take charge of and control extracurricular activities, these~~  
10.13 ~~activities shall be self-sustaining with all expenses, except direct salary costs and indirect~~  
10.14 ~~costs of the use of school facilities, met by dues, admissions, or other student fund-raising~~  
10.15 ~~events. The general fund must reflect only those salaries directly related to and readily~~  
10.16 ~~identified with the activity and paid by public funds. Other revenues and expenditures for~~  
10.17 ~~extra-curricular activities must be recorded according to the Manual for Activity Fund~~  
10.18 ~~Accounting. Extracurricular activities not under board control must have an annual financial~~  
10.19 ~~audit and must also be audited annually for compliance with this section.~~

10.20 ~~(d) If the board takes charge of and controls extracurricular activities, (c)~~ Any or all  
10.21 costs of these activities may be provided from school revenues and all revenues and  
10.22 expenditures for these activities shall be recorded in the same manner as other revenues and  
10.23 expenditures of the district.

10.24 ~~(e) If the board takes charge of and controls extracurricular activities, (d)~~ The teachers  
10.25 or pupils in the district must not participate in such activity, nor shall the school name or  
10.26 any allied name be used in connection therewith, except by consent and direction of the  
10.27 board.

10.28 (e) A school district must reserve revenue raised for extracurricular activities and spend  
10.29 the revenue only for extracurricular activities.

10.30 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective for fiscal year 2020 and later.

11.1 Sec. 14. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 123B.92, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

11.2 Subdivision 1. **Definitions.** For purposes of this section and section 125A.76, the terms  
11.3 defined in this subdivision have the meanings given to them.

11.4 (a) "Actual expenditure per pupil transported in the regular and excess transportation  
11.5 categories" means the quotient obtained by dividing:

11.6 (1) the sum of:

11.7 (i) all expenditures for transportation in the regular category, as defined in paragraph  
11.8 (b), clause (1), and the excess category, as defined in paragraph (b), clause (2), plus

11.9 (ii) an amount equal to one year's depreciation on the district's school bus fleet and  
11.10 mobile units computed on a straight line basis at the rate of 15 percent per year for districts  
11.11 operating a program under section 124D.128 for grades 1 to 12 for all students in the district  
11.12 and 12-1/2 percent per year for other districts of the cost of the fleet, plus

11.13 (iii) an amount equal to one year's depreciation on the district's type III vehicles, as  
11.14 defined in section 169.011, subdivision 71, which must be used a majority of the time for  
11.15 pupil transportation purposes, computed on a straight line basis at the rate of 20 percent per  
11.16 year of the cost of the type three school buses by:

11.17 (2) the number of pupils eligible for transportation in the regular category, as defined  
11.18 in paragraph (b), clause (1), and the excess category, as defined in paragraph (b), clause  
11.19 (2).

11.20 (b) "Transportation category" means a category of transportation service provided to  
11.21 pupils as follows:

11.22 (1) Regular transportation is:

11.23 (i) transportation to and from school during the regular school year for resident elementary  
11.24 pupils residing one mile or more from the public or nonpublic school they attend, and  
11.25 resident secondary pupils residing two miles or more from the public or nonpublic school  
11.26 they attend, excluding desegregation transportation and noon kindergarten transportation;  
11.27 but with respect to transportation of pupils to and from nonpublic schools, only to the extent  
11.28 permitted by sections 123B.84 to 123B.87;

11.29 (ii) transportation of resident pupils to and from language immersion programs;

11.30 (iii) transportation of a pupil who is a custodial parent and that pupil's child between the  
11.31 pupil's home and the child care provider and between the provider and the school, if the  
11.32 home and provider are within the attendance area of the school;

12.1 (iv) transportation to and from or board and lodging in another district, of resident pupils  
12.2 of a district without a secondary school; ~~and~~

12.3 (v) transportation to and from school during the regular school year required under  
12.4 subdivision 3 for nonresident elementary pupils when the distance from the attendance area  
12.5 border to the public school is one mile or more, and for nonresident secondary pupils when  
12.6 the distance from the attendance area border to the public school is two miles or more,  
12.7 excluding desegregation transportation and noon kindergarten transportation; and

12.8 (vi) transportation of pregnant or parenting pupils to and from a program that was  
12.9 established on or before January 1, 2018, or that is in operation on or after July 1, 2021,  
12.10 that provides:

12.11 (A) academic instruction;

12.12 (B) at least four hours per week of parenting instruction; and

12.13 (C) high-quality child care on site during the education day with the capacity to serve  
12.14 all children of enrolled pupils.

12.15 For the purposes of this paragraph, a district may designate a licensed day care facility,  
12.16 school day care facility, respite care facility, the residence of a relative, or the residence of  
12.17 a person or other location chosen by the pupil's parent or guardian, or an after-school program  
12.18 for children operated by a political subdivision of the state, as the home of a pupil for part  
12.19 or all of the day, if requested by the pupil's parent or guardian, and if that facility, residence,  
12.20 or program is within the attendance area of the school the pupil attends.

12.21 (2) Excess transportation is:

12.22 (i) transportation to and from school during the regular school year for resident secondary  
12.23 pupils residing at least one mile but less than two miles from the public or nonpublic school  
12.24 they attend, and transportation to and from school for resident pupils residing less than one  
12.25 mile from school who are transported because of full-service school zones, extraordinary  
12.26 traffic, drug, or crime hazards; and

12.27 (ii) transportation to and from school during the regular school year required under  
12.28 subdivision 3 for nonresident secondary pupils when the distance from the attendance area  
12.29 border to the school is at least one mile but less than two miles from the public school they  
12.30 attend, and for nonresident pupils when the distance from the attendance area border to the  
12.31 school is less than one mile from the school and who are transported because of full-service  
12.32 school zones, extraordinary traffic, drug, or crime hazards.

13.1 (3) Desegregation transportation is transportation within and outside of the district during  
13.2 the regular school year of pupils to and from schools located outside their normal attendance  
13.3 areas under a plan for desegregation mandated by the commissioner or under court order.

13.4 (4) "Transportation services for pupils with disabilities" is:

13.5 (i) transportation of pupils with disabilities who cannot be transported on a regular school  
13.6 bus between home or a respite care facility and school;

13.7 (ii) necessary transportation of pupils with disabilities from home or from school to  
13.8 other buildings, including centers such as developmental achievement centers, hospitals,  
13.9 and treatment centers where special instruction or services required by sections 125A.03 to  
13.10 125A.24, 125A.26 to 125A.48, and 125A.65 are provided, within or outside the district  
13.11 where services are provided;

13.12 (iii) necessary transportation for resident pupils with disabilities required by sections  
13.13 125A.12, and 125A.26 to 125A.48;

13.14 (iv) board and lodging for pupils with disabilities in a district maintaining special classes;

13.15 (v) transportation from one educational facility to another within the district for resident  
13.16 pupils enrolled on a shared-time basis in educational programs, and necessary transportation  
13.17 required by sections 125A.18, and 125A.26 to 125A.48, for resident pupils with disabilities  
13.18 who are provided special instruction and services on a shared-time basis or if resident pupils  
13.19 are not transported, the costs of necessary travel between public and private schools or  
13.20 neutral instructional sites by essential personnel employed by the district's program for  
13.21 children with a disability;

13.22 (vi) transportation for resident pupils with disabilities to and from board and lodging  
13.23 facilities when the pupil is boarded and lodged for educational purposes;

13.24 (vii) transportation of pupils for a curricular field trip activity on a school bus equipped  
13.25 with a power lift when the power lift is required by a student's disability or section 504 plan;  
13.26 and

13.27 (viii) services described in clauses (i) to (vii), when provided for pupils with disabilities  
13.28 in conjunction with a summer instructional program that relates to the pupil's individualized  
13.29 education program or in conjunction with a learning year program established under section  
13.30 124D.128.

13.31 For purposes of computing special education initial aid under section 125A.76, the cost  
13.32 of providing transportation for children with disabilities includes (A) the additional cost of  
13.33 transporting a student in a shelter care facility as defined in section 260C.007, subdivision

14.1 30, a homeless student in another district to the school of origin, or a formerly homeless  
14.2 student from a permanent home in another district to the school of origin but only through  
14.3 the end of the academic year; and (B) depreciation on district-owned school buses purchased  
14.4 after July 1, 2005, and used primarily for transportation of pupils with disabilities, calculated  
14.5 according to paragraph (a), clauses (ii) and (iii). Depreciation costs included in the disabled  
14.6 transportation category must be excluded in calculating the actual expenditure per pupil  
14.7 transported in the regular and excess transportation categories according to paragraph (a).  
14.8 For purposes of subitem (A), a school district may transport a child who does not have a  
14.9 school of origin to the same school attended by that child's sibling, if the siblings are homeless  
14.10 or in a shelter care facility.

14.11 (5) "Nonpublic nonregular transportation" is:

14.12 (i) transportation from one educational facility to another within the district for resident  
14.13 pupils enrolled on a shared-time basis in educational programs, excluding transportation  
14.14 for nonpublic pupils with disabilities under clause (4);

14.15 (ii) transportation within district boundaries between a nonpublic school and a public  
14.16 school or a neutral site for nonpublic school pupils who are provided pupil support services  
14.17 pursuant to section 123B.44; and

14.18 (iii) late transportation home from school or between schools within a district for  
14.19 nonpublic school pupils involved in after-school activities.

14.20 (c) "Mobile unit" means a vehicle or trailer designed to provide facilities for educational  
14.21 programs and services, including diagnostic testing, guidance and counseling services, and  
14.22 health services. A mobile unit located off nonpublic school premises is a neutral site as  
14.23 defined in section 123B.41, subdivision 13.

14.24 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 1, 2019.

14.25 Sec. 15. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 124D.4531, is amended to read:

14.26 **124D.4531 CAREER AND TECHNICAL REVENUE.**

14.27 Subdivision 1. **Career and technical revenue.** (a) A district with a career and technical  
14.28 program approved under this section for the fiscal year in which the levy is certified is  
14.29 eligible for career and technical revenue equal to ~~35~~ 50 percent of approved expenditures  
14.30 in the fiscal year in which the levy is certified for the following:

14.31 (1) salaries paid to essential, licensed personnel providing direct instructional services  
14.32 to students in that fiscal year, including extended contracts, for services rendered in the

15.1 district's approved career and technical education programs, excluding salaries reimbursed  
15.2 by another school district under clause (2);

15.3 (2) amounts paid to another Minnesota school district for salaries of essential, licensed  
15.4 personnel providing direct instructional services to students in that fiscal year for services  
15.5 rendered in the district's approved career and technical education programs;

15.6 (3) contracted services provided by a public or private agency other than a Minnesota  
15.7 school district or cooperative center under chapter 123A or 136D;

15.8 (4) necessary travel between instructional sites by licensed career and technical education  
15.9 personnel;

15.10 (5) necessary travel by licensed career and technical education personnel for vocational  
15.11 student organization activities held within the state for instructional purposes;

15.12 (6) curriculum development activities that are part of a five-year plan for improvement  
15.13 based on program assessment;

15.14 (7) necessary travel by licensed career and technical education personnel for noncollegiate  
15.15 credit-bearing professional development; and

15.16 (8) specialized vocational instructional supplies.

15.17 (b) The district must recognize the full amount of this levy as revenue for the fiscal year  
15.18 in which it is certified.

15.19 ~~(c) The amount of the revenue calculated under this subdivision may not exceed~~  
15.20 ~~\$17,850,000 for taxes payable in 2012, \$15,520,000 for taxes payable in 2013, and~~  
15.21 ~~\$20,657,000 for taxes payable in 2014.~~

15.22 ~~(d) If the estimated revenue exceeds the amount in paragraph (c), the commissioner must~~  
15.23 ~~reduce the percentage in paragraph (a) until the estimated revenue no longer exceeds the~~  
15.24 ~~limit in paragraph (c).~~

15.25 Subd. 1a. **Career and technical levy.** ~~(a) For fiscal year 2014 only, a district may levy~~  
15.26 ~~an amount not more than the product of its career and technical revenue times the lesser of~~  
15.27 ~~one or the ratio of its adjusted net tax capacity per adjusted pupil unit in the fiscal year in~~  
15.28 ~~which the levy is certified to the career and technical revenue equalizing factor. The career~~  
15.29 ~~and technical revenue equalizing factor for fiscal year 2014 equals \$7,612.~~

15.30 ~~(b) For fiscal year 2015 and later, A district may levy an amount not more than the~~  
15.31 ~~product of its career and technical revenue times the lesser of one or the ratio of its adjusted~~  
15.32 ~~net tax capacity per adjusted pupil unit in the fiscal year in which the levy is certified to the~~

16.1 career and technical revenue equalizing factor. The career and technical revenue equalizing  
16.2 factor ~~for fiscal year 2015 and later~~ equals ~~\$7,612~~ \$13,575.

16.3 Subd. 1b. **Career and technical aid.** ~~For fiscal year 2014 and later,~~ A district's career  
16.4 and technical aid equals its career and technical revenue less its career and technical levy.  
16.5 If the district levy is less than the permitted levy, the district's career and technical aid shall  
16.6 be reduced proportionately.

16.7 Subd. 2. **Allocation from cooperative centers and intermediate districts.** For purposes  
16.8 of this section, a cooperative center or an intermediate district must allocate its approved  
16.9 expenditures for career and technical education programs among participating districts.

16.10 Subd. 3. **Revenue guarantee.** Notwithstanding subdivision 1, paragraph (a), the career  
16.11 and technical education revenue for a district is not less than the lesser of:

16.12 (1) the district's career and technical education revenue for the previous fiscal year; or

16.13 (2) 100 percent of the approved expenditures for career and technical programs included  
16.14 in subdivision 1, paragraph (a), for the fiscal year in which the levy is certified.

16.15 ~~Subd. 3a. **Revenue adjustments.** Notwithstanding subdivisions 1, 1a, and 3, for taxes~~  
16.16 ~~payable in 2012 to 2014 only, the department must calculate the career and technical revenue~~  
16.17 ~~for each district according to Minnesota Statutes 2010, section 124D.4531, and adjust the~~  
16.18 ~~revenue for each district proportionately to meet the statewide revenue target under~~  
16.19 ~~subdivision 1, paragraph (c). For purposes of calculating the revenue guarantee under~~  
16.20 ~~subdivision 3, the career and technical education revenue for the previous fiscal year is the~~  
16.21 ~~revenue according to Minnesota Statutes 2010, section 124D.4531, before adjustments to~~  
16.22 ~~meet the statewide revenue target.~~

16.23 Subd. 4. **District reports.** Each district or cooperative center must report data to the  
16.24 department for all career and technical education programs as required by the department  
16.25 to implement the career and technical revenue formula.

16.26 Subd. 5. **Allocation from districts participating in agreements for secondary**  
16.27 **education or interdistrict cooperation.** For purposes of this section, a district with a career  
16.28 and technical program approved under this section that participates in an agreement under  
16.29 section 123A.30 or 123A.32 must allocate its revenue authority under this section among  
16.30 participating districts.

16.31 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective for fiscal year 2021 and later.



17.1 Sec. 16. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 124D.65, subdivision 5, is amended to read:

17.2 Subd. 5. **School district ~~EL~~ English learner program revenue.** (a) A district's English  
17.3 learner programs revenue equals the product of (1) ~~\$704~~ \$740 times (2) the greater of 20  
17.4 or the adjusted average daily membership of eligible English learners enrolled in the district  
17.5 during the current fiscal year.

17.6 (b) A pupil ceases to generate state English learner aid in the school year following the  
17.7 school year in which the pupil attains the state cutoff score on a commissioner-provided  
17.8 assessment that measures the pupil's emerging academic English.

17.9 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective for revenue in fiscal year 2020 and later.

17.10 Sec. 17. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 124E.12, is amended by adding a subdivision  
17.11 to read:

17.12 Subd. 7. **Prospective employees.** A charter school must, before making an offer of  
17.13 employment to a person, request a copy of the person's personnel file from the previous  
17.14 employing district or charter school.

17.15 Sec. 18. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 124E.20, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

17.16 Subdivision 1. **Revenue calculation.** (a) General education revenue must be paid to a  
17.17 charter school as though it were a district. The general education revenue for each adjusted  
17.18 pupil unit is the state average general education revenue per pupil unit, plus the referendum  
17.19 equalization aid allowance and first tier local optional aid allowance in the pupil's district  
17.20 of residence, minus an amount equal to the product of the formula allowance according to  
17.21 section 126C.10, subdivision 2, times .0466, calculated without declining enrollment revenue,  
17.22 local optional revenue, basic skills revenue, extended time revenue, pension adjustment  
17.23 revenue, transition revenue, and transportation sparsity revenue, plus declining enrollment  
17.24 revenue, basic skills revenue, pension adjustment revenue, and transition revenue as though  
17.25 the school were a school district.

17.26 (b) For a charter school operating an extended day, extended week, or summer program,  
17.27 the general education revenue in paragraph (a) is increased by an amount equal to 25 percent  
17.28 of the statewide average extended time revenue per adjusted pupil unit.

17.29 (c) Notwithstanding paragraph (a), the general education revenue for an eligible special  
17.30 education charter school as defined in section 124E.21, subdivision 2, equals the sum of  
17.31 the amount determined under paragraph (a) and the school's unreimbursed cost as defined

18.1 in section 124E.21, subdivision 2, for educating students not eligible for special education  
18.2 services.

18.3 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective for revenue for fiscal year 2021 and later.

18.4 Sec. 19. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 126C.10, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

18.5 Subd. 2. **Basic revenue.** The basic revenue for each district equals the formula allowance  
18.6 times the adjusted pupil units for the school year. ~~The formula allowance for fiscal year~~  
18.7 ~~2017 is \$6,067. The formula allowance for fiscal year 2018 is \$6,188.~~ The formula allowance  
18.8 for fiscal year 2019 ~~and later~~ is \$6,312. The formula allowance for fiscal year 2020 is \$6,501.  
18.9 The formula allowance for fiscal year 2021 and later is \$6,631.

18.10 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective for revenue for fiscal year 2020 and later.

18.11 Sec. 20. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 126C.10, subdivision 2d, is amended to read:

18.12 Subd. 2d. **Declining enrollment revenue.** (a) A school district's declining enrollment  
18.13 revenue equals the greater of zero or the product of: (1) 28 percent of the formula allowance  
18.14 for that year and (2) the difference between the adjusted pupil units for the preceding year  
18.15 and the adjusted pupil units for the current year.

18.16 (b) Notwithstanding paragraph (a), for fiscal years 2015, 2016, and 2017 only, a pupil  
18.17 enrolled at the Crosswinds school shall not generate declining enrollment revenue for the  
18.18 district or charter school in which the pupil was last counted in average daily membership.

18.19 (c) Notwithstanding paragraph (a), for fiscal years 2017, 2018, and 2019 only,  
18.20 prekindergarten pupil units under section 126C.05, subdivision 1, paragraph ~~(c)~~ (c), must  
18.21 be excluded from the calculation of declining enrollment revenue.

18.22 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective for revenue for fiscal year 2020 and later.

18.23 Sec. 21. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 126C.10, subdivision 2e, is amended to read:

18.24 Subd. 2e. **Local optional revenue.** (a) For fiscal year 2020, local optional revenue for  
18.25 a school district equals \$424 times the adjusted pupil units of the district for that school  
18.26 year. For fiscal year 2021 and later, local optional revenue for a school district equals the  
18.27 sum of the district's first tier local optional revenue and second tier local optional revenue.  
18.28 A district's first tier local optional revenue equals \$300 times the adjusted pupil units of the  
18.29 district for that school year. A district's second tier local optional revenue equals \$424 times  
18.30 the adjusted pupil units of the district for that school year.

19.1 (b) For fiscal year 2020, a district's local optional levy equals its local optional revenue  
19.2 times the lesser of one or the ratio of its referendum market value per resident pupil unit to  
19.3 \$510,000. For fiscal year 2021 and later, a district's local optional levy equals the sum of  
19.4 the first tier local optional levy and the second tier local optional levy. A district's first tier  
19.5 local optional levy equals the district's first tier local optional revenue times the lesser of  
19.6 one or the ratio of the district's referendum market value per resident pupil unit to \$880,000.  
19.7 A district's second tier local optional levy equals the district's second tier local optional  
19.8 revenue times the lesser of one or the ratio of the district's referendum market value per  
19.9 resident pupil unit to \$510,000. The local optional revenue levy must be spread on referendum  
19.10 market value. A district may levy less than the permitted amount.

19.11 (c) A district's local optional aid equals its local optional revenue ~~less~~ minus its local  
19.12 optional levy, ~~times the ratio of the actual amount levied to the permitted levy.~~ If a district's  
19.13 actual levy for first or second tier local optional revenue is less than its maximum levy limit  
19.14 for that tier, its aid must be proportionately reduced.

19.15 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective for revenue for fiscal year 2021 and later.

19.16 Sec. 22. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 126C.10, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

19.17 Subd. 3. **Compensatory education revenue.** (a) The compensatory education revenue  
19.18 for each building in the district equals the formula allowance minus \$839 times the  
19.19 compensation revenue pupil units computed according to section 126C.05, subdivision 3.  
19.20 A district's compensatory revenue equals the sum of its compensatory revenue for each  
19.21 building in the district and the amounts designated under Laws 2015, First Special Session  
19.22 chapter 3, article 2, section 70, subdivision 8, for fiscal year 2017. Revenue shall be paid  
19.23 to the district and must be allocated according to section 126C.15, subdivision 2.

19.24 (b) When the district contracting with an alternative program under section 124D.69  
19.25 changes prior to the start of a school year, the compensatory revenue generated by pupils  
19.26 attending the program shall be paid to the district contracting with the alternative program  
19.27 for the current school year, and shall not be paid to the district contracting with the alternative  
19.28 program for the prior school year.

19.29 (c) When the fiscal agent district for an area learning center changes prior to the start of  
19.30 a school year, the compensatory revenue shall be paid to the fiscal agent district for the  
19.31 current school year, and shall not be paid to the fiscal agent district for the prior school year.

19.32 ~~(d) Of the amount of revenue under this subdivision, 1.7 percent for fiscal year 2018,~~  
19.33 ~~3.5 percent for fiscal year 2019, and for fiscal year 2020 and later, 3.5 percent plus the~~

20.1 ~~percentage change in the formula allowance from fiscal year 2019, must be used for extended~~  
20.2 ~~time activities under subdivision 2a, paragraph (e).~~

20.3 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective for revenue for fiscal year 2020 and later.

20.4 Sec. 23. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 126C.10, subdivision 13a, is amended to read:

20.5 Subd. 13a. **Operating capital levy.** To obtain operating capital revenue, a district may  
20.6 levy an amount not more than the product of its operating capital revenue for the fiscal year  
20.7 times the lesser of one or the ratio of its adjusted net tax capacity per adjusted pupil unit to  
20.8 the operating capital equalizing factor. The operating capital equalizing factor equals \$15,740  
20.9 for fiscal year 2017, \$20,548 for fiscal year 2018, \$24,241 for fiscal year 2019, and \$22,912  
20.10 \$23,902 for fiscal year 2020, \$23,885 for fiscal year 2021, \$23,895 for fiscal year 2022,  
20.11 and \$23,974 for fiscal year 2023 and later.

20.12 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective for revenue for fiscal year 2020 and later.

20.13 Sec. 24. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 126C.10, subdivision 18a, is amended to read:

20.14 Subd. 18a. **Pupil transportation adjustment.** (a) An independent, common, or special  
20.15 school district's transportation sparsity revenue under subdivision 18 is increased by the  
20.16 greater of zero or 18.2 percent of the difference between:

20.17 (1) the lesser of the district's total cost for regular and excess pupil transportation under  
20.18 section 123B.92, subdivision 1, paragraph (b), including depreciation, for the previous fiscal  
20.19 year or 105 percent of the district's total cost for the second previous fiscal year; and

20.20 (2) the sum of:

20.21 (i) 4.66 percent of the district's basic revenue for the previous fiscal year;

20.22 (ii) transportation sparsity revenue under subdivision 18 for the previous fiscal year;

20.23 ~~and~~

20.24 (iii) the district's charter school transportation adjustment for the previous fiscal year;

20.25 and

20.26 (iv) the district's reimbursement for transportation provided under section 123B.92,  
20.27 subdivision 1, paragraph (b), clause (1), item (vi).

20.28 (b) A charter school's pupil transportation adjustment equals the school district per pupil  
20.29 adjustment under paragraph (a).

20.30 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 1, 2019.

21.1 Sec. 25. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 126C.10, subdivision 24, is amended to read:

21.2 Subd. 24. **Equity revenue.** (a) A school district qualifies for equity revenue if:

21.3 (1) the school district's adjusted pupil unit amount of basic revenue, transition revenue,  
21.4 first tier local optional revenue, and referendum revenue is less than the value of the school  
21.5 district at or immediately above the 95th percentile of school districts in its equity region  
21.6 for those revenue categories; and

21.7 (2) the school district's administrative offices are not located in a city of the first class  
21.8 on July 1, 1999.

21.9 (b) Equity revenue ~~for a qualifying district that receives referendum revenue under~~  
21.10 ~~section 126C.17, subdivision 4~~, equals the product of (1) the district's adjusted pupil units  
21.11 for that year; times (2) the sum of (i) \$14, plus (ii) \$80, times the school district's equity  
21.12 index computed under subdivision 27.

21.13 (e) ~~Equity revenue for a qualifying district that does not receive referendum revenue~~  
21.14 ~~under section 126C.17, subdivision 4, equals the product of the district's adjusted pupil units~~  
21.15 ~~for that year times \$14.~~

21.16 (d) (c) A school district's equity revenue is increased by the greater of zero or an amount  
21.17 equal to the district's adjusted pupil units times the difference between ten percent of the  
21.18 statewide average amount of referendum revenue and first tier local optional revenue per  
21.19 adjusted pupil unit for that year and the sum of the district's referendum revenue and first  
21.20 tier local optional revenue per adjusted pupil unit. A school district's revenue under this  
21.21 paragraph must not exceed \$100,000 for that year.

21.22 (e) (d) A school district's equity revenue for a school district located in the metro equity  
21.23 region equals the amount computed in paragraphs (b); and (c); ~~and (d)~~ multiplied by 1.25.

21.24 (f) ~~For fiscal years 2017, 2018, and 2019 for a school district not included in paragraph~~  
21.25 ~~(e), a district's equity revenue equals the amount computed in paragraphs (b), (c), and (d)~~  
21.26 ~~multiplied by 1.16.~~ (e) For fiscal year 2020 and later for a school district not included in  
21.27 paragraph (e) (d), a district's equity revenue equals the amount computed in paragraphs (b);  
21.28 and (c); ~~and (d)~~ multiplied by 1.25.

21.29 (g) (f) A school district's additional equity revenue equals \$50 times its adjusted pupil  
21.30 units.

21.31 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective for revenue for fiscal year 2021 and later.

22.1 Sec. 26. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 126C.126, is amended to read:

22.2 **126C.126 USE OF GENERAL EDUCATION REVENUE FOR ~~ALL-DAY~~**  
22.3 **KINDERGARTEN AND PREKINDERGARTEN.**

22.4 A school district may spend general education revenue on extended time kindergarten  
22.5 and prekindergarten programs. At the school board's discretion, the district may use revenue  
22.6 generated by the ~~all-day~~ kindergarten pupil count under section 126C.05, subdivision 1,  
22.7 paragraph (d), to meet the needs of three- and four-year-olds in the district. ~~A school district~~  
22.8 ~~may not use these funds on programs for three- and four-year-old children while maintaining~~  
22.9 ~~a fee-based all-day kindergarten program.~~

22.10 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective for the 2020-2021 school year and later.

22.11 Sec. 27. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 126C.17, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

22.12 Subdivision 1. **Referendum allowance.** (a) A district's initial referendum allowance for  
22.13 fiscal year 2021 and later equals the result of the following calculations:

22.14 ~~(1) multiply the referendum allowance the district would have received for fiscal year~~  
22.15 ~~2015 under Minnesota Statutes 2012, section 126C.17, subdivision 1, based on elections~~  
22.16 ~~held before July 1, 2013, by the resident marginal cost pupil units the district would have~~  
22.17 ~~counted for fiscal year 2015 under Minnesota Statutes 2012, section 126C.05;~~

22.18 ~~(2) add to the result of clause (1) the adjustment the district would have received under~~  
22.19 ~~Minnesota Statutes 2012, section 127A.47, subdivision 7, paragraphs (a), (b), and (c), based~~  
22.20 ~~on elections held before July 1, 2013;~~

22.21 ~~(3) divide the result of clause (2) by the district's adjusted pupil units for fiscal year~~  
22.22 ~~2015;~~

22.23 ~~(4) add to the result of clause (3) any additional referendum allowance per adjusted pupil~~  
22.24 ~~unit authorized by elections held between July 1, 2013, and December 31, 2013;~~

22.25 ~~(5) add to the result in clause (4) any additional referendum allowance resulting from~~  
22.26 ~~inflation adjustments approved by the voters prior to January 1, 2014;~~

22.27 ~~(6) subtract from the result of clause (5), the sum of a district's actual local optional levy~~  
22.28 ~~and local optional aid under section 126C.10, subdivision 2e, divided by the adjusted pupil~~  
22.29 ~~units of the district for that school year; and~~

22.30 (1) subtract \$424 from the district's allowance under Minnesota Statutes 2018, section  
22.31 126C.17, subdivision 1, paragraph (a), clause (5);

23.1 (2) if the result of clause (1) is less than zero, set the allowance to zero;

23.2 (3) add to the result in clause (2) any new referendum allowance authorized between  
 23.3 July 1, 2013, and December 31, 2013, under Minnesota Statutes 2013, section 126C.17,  
 23.4 subdivision 9a;

23.5 (4) add to the result in clause (3) any additional referendum allowance per adjusted pupil  
 23.6 unit authorized between January 1, 2014, and June 30, 2019;

23.7 (5) subtract from the result in clause (4) any allowances expiring in fiscal year 2016,  
 23.8 2017, 2018, 2019, or 2020;

23.9 (6) subtract \$300 from the result in clause (5); and

23.10 (7) if the result of clause (6) is less than zero, set the allowance to zero.

23.11 (b) A district's referendum allowance equals the sum of the district's initial referendum  
 23.12 allowance, plus any new referendum allowance authorized ~~between July 1, 2013, and~~  
 23.13 ~~December 31, 2013, under subdivision 9a, plus any additional referendum allowance per~~  
 23.14 ~~adjusted pupil unit authorized after December 31, 2013~~ after July 1, 2019, minus any  
 23.15 allowances expiring in fiscal year ~~2016~~ 2021 or later, plus any inflation adjustments for  
 23.16 fiscal year 2021 and later approved by the voters prior to July 1, 2019, provided that the  
 23.17 allowance may not be less than zero. ~~For a district with more than one referendum allowance~~  
 23.18 ~~for fiscal year 2015 under Minnesota Statutes 2012, section 126C.17, the allowance calculated~~  
 23.19 ~~under paragraph (a), clause (3), must be divided into components such that the same~~  
 23.20 ~~percentage of the district's allowance expires at the same time as the old allowances would~~  
 23.21 ~~have expired under Minnesota Statutes 2012, section 126C.17.~~ For a district with more than  
 23.22 one allowance for fiscal year 2015 that expires in the same year, the reduction under  
 23.23 paragraph (a), ~~clause~~ clauses (1) and (6), ~~to offset local optional revenue~~ shall be made first  
 23.24 from any allowances that do not have an inflation adjustment approved by the voters.

23.25 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective for revenue for fiscal year 2021 and later.

23.26 Sec. 28. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 126C.17, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

23.27 Subd. 2. **Referendum allowance limit.** (a) Notwithstanding subdivision 1, for fiscal  
 23.28 year ~~2015~~ 2021 and later, a district's referendum allowance must not exceed ~~the annual~~  
 23.29 ~~inflationary increase as calculated under paragraph (b) times the greatest~~ greater of:

23.30 (1) ~~\$1,845~~ the product of the annual inflationary increase as calculated under paragraph  
 23.31 (b), and \$2,079.50, minus \$300;

24.1 (2) the product of the annual inflationary increase as calculated under paragraph (b),  
 24.2 and the sum of the referendum revenue the district would have received for fiscal year 2015  
 24.3 under Minnesota Statutes 2012, section 126C.17, subdivision 4, based on elections held  
 24.4 before July 1, 2013, and the adjustment the district would have received under Minnesota  
 24.5 Statutes 2012, section 127A.47, subdivision 7, paragraphs (a), (b), and (c), based on elections  
 24.6 held before July 1, 2013, divided by the district's adjusted pupil units for fiscal year 2015,  
 24.7 minus \$300;

24.8 (3) ~~the product of the referendum allowance limit the district would have received for~~  
 24.9 ~~fiscal year 2015 under Minnesota Statutes 2012, section 126C.17, subdivision 2, and the~~  
 24.10 ~~resident marginal cost pupil units the district would have received for fiscal year 2015 under~~  
 24.11 ~~Minnesota Statutes 2012, section 126C.05, subdivision 6, plus the adjustment the district~~  
 24.12 ~~would have received under Minnesota Statutes 2012, section 127A.47, subdivision 7,~~  
 24.13 ~~paragraphs (a), (b), and (c), based on elections held before July 1, 2013, divided by the~~  
 24.14 ~~district's adjusted pupil units for fiscal year 2015; minus \$424 for a newly reorganized~~  
 24.15 ~~district created on July 1, 2020, the referendum revenue authority for each reorganizing~~  
 24.16 ~~district in the year preceding reorganization divided by its adjusted pupil units for the year~~  
 24.17 ~~preceding reorganization, minus \$300; or~~

24.18 (4) for a newly reorganized district created after July 1, ~~2013~~ 2021, the referendum  
 24.19 revenue authority for each reorganizing district in the year preceding reorganization divided  
 24.20 by its adjusted pupil units for the year preceding reorganization.

24.21 (b) For purposes of this subdivision, for fiscal year ~~2016~~ 2022 and later, "inflationary  
 24.22 increase" means one plus the percentage change in the Consumer Price Index for urban  
 24.23 consumers, as prepared by the United States Bureau of Labor ~~Standards~~ Statistics, for the  
 24.24 current fiscal year to fiscal year 2015. ~~For fiscal year 2016 and later, for purposes of~~  
 24.25 ~~paragraph (a), clause (3), the inflationary increase equals one-fourth of the percentage~~  
 24.26 ~~increase in the formula allowance for that year compared with the formula allowance for~~  
 24.27 ~~fiscal year 2015~~ 2021.

24.28 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective for revenue for fiscal year 2021 and later.

24.29 Sec. 29. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 126C.17, subdivision 5, is amended to read:

24.30 Subd. 5. **Referendum equalization revenue.** (a) A district's referendum equalization  
 24.31 revenue equals the sum of the first tier referendum equalization revenue and the second tier  
 24.32 referendum equalization revenue, ~~and the third tier referendum equalization revenue.~~



25.1 (b) A district's first tier referendum equalization revenue equals the district's first tier  
25.2 referendum equalization allowance times the district's adjusted pupil units for that year.

25.3 (c) A district's first tier referendum equalization allowance equals the lesser of the  
25.4 district's referendum allowance under subdivision 1 or ~~\$300~~ \$460.

25.5 (d) A district's second tier referendum equalization revenue equals the district's second  
25.6 tier referendum equalization allowance times the district's adjusted pupil units for that year.

25.7 (e) A district's second tier referendum equalization allowance equals the lesser of the  
25.8 district's referendum allowance under subdivision 1 or ~~\$760, minus the district's first tier~~  
25.9 ~~referendum equalization allowance.~~

25.10 ~~(f) A district's third tier referendum equalization revenue equals the district's third tier~~  
25.11 ~~referendum equalization allowance times the district's adjusted pupil units for that year.~~

25.12 ~~(g) A district's third tier referendum equalization allowance equals the lesser of the~~  
25.13 ~~district's referendum allowance under subdivision 1 or 25 percent of the formula allowance,~~  
25.14 ~~minus the sum of \$300 and the district's first tier referendum equalization allowance and~~  
25.15 ~~second tier referendum equalization allowance.~~

25.16 ~~(h)~~ (f) Notwithstanding paragraph ~~(g)~~ (e), the ~~third~~ second tier referendum allowance  
25.17 for a district qualifying for secondary sparsity revenue under section 126C.10, subdivision  
25.18 7, or elementary sparsity revenue under section 126C.10, subdivision 8, equals the district's  
25.19 referendum allowance under subdivision 1 minus the ~~sum of the~~ district's first tier referendum  
25.20 equalization allowance ~~and second tier referendum equalization allowance.~~

25.21 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective for revenue for fiscal year 2021 and later.

25.22 Sec. 30. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 126C.17, subdivision 6, is amended to read:

25.23 Subd. 6. **Referendum equalization levy.** (a) A district's referendum equalization levy  
25.24 equals the sum of the first tier referendum equalization levy; and the second tier referendum  
25.25 equalization levy; ~~and the third tier referendum equalization levy.~~

25.26 (b) A district's first tier referendum equalization levy equals the district's first tier  
25.27 referendum equalization revenue times the lesser of one or the ratio of the district's  
25.28 referendum market value per resident pupil unit to ~~\$880,000~~ \$650,000.

25.29 (c) A district's second tier referendum equalization levy equals the district's second tier  
25.30 referendum equalization revenue times the lesser of one or the ratio of the district's  
25.31 referendum market value per resident pupil unit to ~~\$510,000~~ \$290,000.

26.1 ~~(d) A district's third tier referendum equalization levy equals the district's third tier~~  
 26.2 ~~referendum equalization revenue times the lesser of one or the ratio of the district's~~  
 26.3 ~~referendum market value per resident pupil unit to \$290,000.~~

26.4 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective for revenue for fiscal year 2021 and later.

26.5 Sec. 31. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 126C.17, subdivision 7, is amended to read:

26.6 Subd. 7. **Referendum equalization aid.** (a) A district's referendum equalization aid  
 26.7 equals the difference between its referendum equalization revenue and levy.

26.8 (b) If a district's actual levy for first, second, or third tier referendum equalization revenue  
 26.9 is less than its maximum levy limit for that tier, aid shall be proportionately reduced.

26.10 (c) Notwithstanding paragraph (a), the referendum equalization aid for a district, ~~where~~  
 26.11 ~~the referendum equalization aid under paragraph (a) exceeds 90 percent of the referendum~~  
 26.12 ~~revenue~~, must not exceed: (1) 25 percent of the formula allowance minus \$300; times (2)  
 26.13 the district's adjusted pupil units. A district's referendum levy is increased by the amount  
 26.14 of any reduction in referendum aid under this paragraph.

26.15 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective for revenue for fiscal year 2021 and later.

26.16 Sec. 32. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 126C.17, subdivision 7a, is amended to read:

26.17 Subd. 7a. **Referendum tax base replacement aid.** For each school district that had a  
 26.18 referendum allowance for fiscal year 2002 exceeding \$415, for each separately authorized  
 26.19 referendum levy, the commissioner of revenue, in consultation with the commissioner of  
 26.20 education, shall certify the amount of the referendum levy in taxes payable year 2001  
 26.21 attributable to the portion of the referendum allowance exceeding \$415 levied against  
 26.22 property classified as class 2, noncommercial 4c(1), or 4c(4), under section 273.13, excluding  
 26.23 the portion of the tax paid by the portion of class 2a property consisting of the house, garage,  
 26.24 and surrounding one acre of land. The resulting amount must be used to reduce the district's  
 26.25 referendum levy or first tier local optional levy amount otherwise determined, and must be  
 26.26 paid to the district each year that the referendum or first tier local optional authority remains  
 26.27 in effect, is renewed, or new referendum authority is approved. The aid payable under this  
 26.28 subdivision must be subtracted from the district's referendum equalization aid under  
 26.29 subdivision 7. The referendum equalization aid and the first tier local optional aid after the  
 26.30 subtraction must not be less than zero.

26.31 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective for revenue for fiscal year 2021 and later.

27.1 Sec. 33. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 126C.17, subdivision 9, is amended to read:

27.2 Subd. 9. **Referendum revenue.** (a) The revenue authorized by section 126C.10,  
27.3 subdivision 1, may be increased in the amount approved by the voters of the district at a  
27.4 referendum called for the purpose. The referendum may be called by the board. The  
27.5 referendum must be conducted one or two calendar years before the increased levy authority,  
27.6 if approved, first becomes payable. Only one election to approve an increase may be held  
27.7 in a calendar year. Unless the referendum is conducted by mail under subdivision 11,  
27.8 paragraph (a), the referendum must be held on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in  
27.9 November. The ballot must state the maximum amount of the increased revenue per adjusted  
27.10 pupil unit. The ballot may state a schedule, determined by the board, of increased revenue  
27.11 per adjusted pupil unit that differs from year to year over the number of years for which the  
27.12 increased revenue is authorized or may state that the amount shall increase annually by the  
27.13 rate of inflation. For this purpose, the rate of inflation shall be the annual inflationary increase  
27.14 calculated under subdivision 2, paragraph (b). The ballot may state that existing referendum  
27.15 levy authority is expiring. In this case, the ballot may also compare the proposed levy  
27.16 authority to the existing expiring levy authority, and express the proposed increase as the  
27.17 amount, if any, over the expiring referendum levy authority. The ballot must designate the  
27.18 specific number of years, not to exceed ten, for which the referendum authorization applies,  
27.19 and may state that the referendum may be renewed by school board resolution subject to a  
27.20 reverse referendum. The ballot, including a ballot on the question to revoke or reduce the  
27.21 increased revenue amount under paragraph (c), must abbreviate the term "per adjusted pupil  
27.22 unit" as "per pupil." The notice required under section 275.60 may be modified to read, in  
27.23 cases of renewing existing levies at the same amount per pupil as in the previous year:

27.24 "BY VOTING "YES" ON THIS BALLOT QUESTION, YOU ARE VOTING TO  
27.25 EXTEND AN EXISTING PROPERTY TAX REFERENDUM THAT IS SCHEDULED  
27.26 TO EXPIRE."

27.27 The ballot may contain a textual portion with the information required in this subdivision  
27.28 and a question stating substantially the following:

27.29 "Shall the increase in the revenue proposed by (petition to) the board of ....., School  
27.30 District No. ..., be approved?"

27.31 If approved, an amount equal to the approved revenue per adjusted pupil unit times the  
27.32 adjusted pupil units for the school year beginning in the year after the levy is certified shall  
27.33 be authorized for certification for the number of years approved, if applicable, or until  
27.34 revoked or reduced by the voters of the district at a subsequent referendum.

28.1 (b) The board must deliver by mail at least 15 days but no more than 30 days before the  
28.2 day of the referendum or the day of the meeting required under subdivision 9b, paragraph  
28.3 (a), clause (4), to each taxpayer a notice of the referendum and the proposed revenue increase.  
28.4 The board need not mail more than one notice to any taxpayer. For the purpose of giving  
28.5 mailed notice under this subdivision, owners must be those shown to be owners on the  
28.6 records of the county auditor or, in any county where tax statements are mailed by the county  
28.7 treasurer, on the records of the county treasurer. Every property owner whose name does  
28.8 not appear on the records of the county auditor or the county treasurer is deemed to have  
28.9 waived this mailed notice unless the owner has requested in writing that the county auditor  
28.10 or county treasurer, as the case may be, include the name on the records for this purpose.  
28.11 The notice must project the anticipated amount of tax increase in annual dollars for typical  
28.12 residential homesteads, agricultural homesteads, apartments, and commercial-industrial  
28.13 property within the school district.

28.14 The notice for a referendum may state that an existing referendum levy is expiring and  
28.15 project the anticipated amount of increase over the existing referendum levy in the first  
28.16 year, if any, in annual dollars for typical residential homesteads, agricultural homesteads,  
28.17 apartments, and commercial-industrial property within the district.

28.18 The notice must include the following statement: "Passage of this referendum will result  
28.19 in an increase in your property taxes." However, in cases of renewing existing levies, whether  
28.20 by board action or by an election, the notice may include the following statement: "Passage  
28.21 of this referendum extends an existing operating referendum at the same amount per pupil  
28.22 as in the previous year."

28.23 (c) A referendum on the question of revoking or reducing the increased revenue amount  
28.24 authorized pursuant to paragraph (a) may be called by the board. A referendum to revoke  
28.25 or reduce the revenue amount must state the amount per adjusted pupil unit by which the  
28.26 authority is to be reduced. Revenue authority approved by the voters of the district pursuant  
28.27 to paragraph (a) must be available to the school district at least once before it is subject to  
28.28 a referendum on its revocation or reduction for subsequent years. Only one revocation or  
28.29 reduction referendum may be held to revoke or reduce referendum revenue for any specific  
28.30 year and for years thereafter.

28.31 (d) The approval of 50 percent plus one of those voting on the question is required to  
28.32 pass a referendum authorized by this subdivision.

28.33 (e) At least 15 days before the day of the referendum, the district must submit a copy of  
28.34 the notice required under paragraph (b) to the commissioner and to the county auditor of

29.1 each county in which the district is located. Within 15 days after the results of the referendum  
29.2 have been certified by the board, or in the case of a recount, the certification of the results  
29.3 of the recount by the canvassing board, the district must notify the commissioner of the  
29.4 results of the referendum.

29.5 Sec. 34. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 126C.17, is amended by adding a subdivision  
29.6 to read:

29.7 Subd. 9b. **Renewal by school board.** (a) Notwithstanding the election requirements of  
29.8 subdivision 9, a school board may renew an expiring referendum approved by the voters  
29.9 after July 1, 2019, by board action if:

29.10 (1) the ballot for the expiring referendum included a statement that the referendum may  
29.11 be renewed by school board resolution subject to a reverse referendum;

29.12 (2) the per-pupil amount of the referendum is the same as the amount expiring or, for  
29.13 an expiring referendum that was adjusted annually by the rate of inflation, the same as the  
29.14 per-pupil amount of the expiring referendum, adjusted annually for inflation in the same  
29.15 manner as if the expiring referendum had continued;

29.16 (3) the term of the renewed referendum is no longer than the initial term approved by  
29.17 the voters; and

29.18 (4) the school board has adopted a written resolution authorizing the renewal after holding  
29.19 a meeting and allowing public testimony on the proposed renewal.

29.20 (b) The resolution must be adopted by the school board by June 15 and becomes effective  
29.21 60 days after its adoption.

29.22 (c) A referendum expires at the end of the last fiscal year in which the referendum  
29.23 generates revenue for the school district. A school board may renew an expiring referendum  
29.24 under this subdivision not more than two fiscal years before the referendum expires.

29.25 (d) A district renewing an expiring referendum under this subdivision must submit a  
29.26 copy of the adopted resolution to the commissioner and to the county auditor no later than  
29.27 September 1 of the calendar year in which the levy is certified.

29.28 Sec. 35. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 126C.17, is amended by adding a subdivision  
29.29 to read:

29.30 Subd. 14. **Reverse referendum.** (a) For purposes of this subdivision, "board-renewed  
29.31 referendum authority" means referendum authority renewed by the school board.

30.1 (b) A referendum on the question of revoking board-renewed referendum authority under  
30.2 subdivision 9b shall be called by the board upon written petition of qualified voters of the  
30.3 district. A referendum to revoke a district's board-renewed referendum authority must state  
30.4 the authority to be revoked in total and per pupil unit. A revocation referendum may be held  
30.5 to revoke board-renewed referendum authority for the subsequent fiscal year and for years  
30.6 thereafter.

30.7 (c) A petition authorized by this subdivision is effective if:

30.8 (1) signed by more than 25 percent of the registered voters of the district on the day the  
30.9 petition is filed with the board; and

30.10 (2) filed with the board by June 1 of that year.

30.11 A referendum invoked by petition must be held on the date required in subdivision 9.

30.12 (d) The approval of more than 50 percent of those voting on the question is required to  
30.13 revoke board-renewed referendum authority.

30.14 **Sec. 36. [127A.20] EVIDENCE-BASED EDUCATION GRANTS.**

30.15 Subdivision 1. **Purpose and applicability.** The purpose of this section is to create a  
30.16 process to describe, measure, and report on the effectiveness of any prekindergarten through  
30.17 grade 12 grant programs funded in whole or in part through funds appropriated by the  
30.18 legislature to the commissioner of education for grants to organizations. The evidence-based  
30.19 evaluation required by this section applies to all grants awarded by the commissioner of  
30.20 education on or after July 1, 2019.

30.21 Subd. 2. **Goals.** Each applicant for a grant awarded by the commissioner of education  
30.22 must include in the grant application a statement of the goals of the grant. To the extent  
30.23 practicable, the goals must be aligned to the state's world's best workforce and the federally  
30.24 required Every Student Succeeds Act accountability systems.

30.25 Subd. 3. **Strategies and data.** Each applicant must include in the grant application a  
30.26 description of the strategies that will be used to meet the goals specified in the application.  
30.27 The applicant must also include a plan to collect data to measure the effectiveness of the  
30.28 strategies outlined in the grant application.

30.29 Subd. 4. **Reporting.** Within 180 days of the end of the grant period, each grant recipient  
30.30 must compile a report that describes the data that was collected and evaluate the effectiveness  
30.31 of the strategies. The evidence-based report may identify or propose alternative strategies  
30.32 based on the results of the data. The report must be submitted to the commissioner of

31.1 education and to the chairs and ranking minority members of the legislative committees  
 31.2 with jurisdiction over prekindergarten through grade 12 education. The report must be filed  
 31.3 with the Legislative Reference Library according to section 3.195.

31.4 Subd. 5. **Grant defined.** For purposes of this section, a grant means money appropriated  
 31.5 from the state general fund to the commissioner of education for distribution to the grant  
 31.6 recipients.

31.7 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 1, 2019.

31.8 Sec. 37. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 127A.45, subdivision 13, is amended to read:

31.9 Subd. 13. **Aid payment percentage.** (a) Except as provided in subdivisions 11, 12, 12a,  
 31.10 and 14, each fiscal year, all education aids and credits in this chapter and chapters 120A,  
 31.11 120B, 121A, 122A, 123A, 123B, 124D, 124E, 125A, 125B, 126C, 134, and section 273.1392,  
 31.12 shall be paid at the current year aid payment percentage of the estimated entitlement during  
 31.13 the fiscal year of the entitlement.

31.14 (b) For the purposes of this subdivision, a district's estimated entitlement for special  
 31.15 education aid under section 125A.76 ~~for fiscal year 2014 and later~~ equals 97.4 percent of  
 31.16 the district's entitlement for the current fiscal year.

31.17 (c) The final adjustment payment, according to subdivision 9, must be the amount of  
 31.18 the actual entitlement, after adjustment for actual data, minus the payments made during  
 31.19 the fiscal year of the entitlement.

31.20 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 1, 2019.

31.21 Sec. 38. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 127A.49, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

31.22 Subd. 2. **Abatements.** Whenever by virtue of chapter 278, sections 270C.86, 375.192,  
 31.23 or otherwise, the net tax capacity or referendum market value of any district for any taxable  
 31.24 year is changed after the taxes for that year have been spread by the county auditor and the  
 31.25 local tax rate as determined by the county auditor based upon the original net tax capacity  
 31.26 is applied upon the changed net tax capacities, the county auditor ~~shall~~ must, prior to February  
 31.27 1 of each year, certify to the commissioner of education the amount of any resulting net  
 31.28 revenue loss that accrued to the district during the preceding year. Each year, the  
 31.29 commissioner ~~shall~~ must pay an abatement adjustment to the district in an amount calculated  
 31.30 according to the provisions of this subdivision. This amount ~~shall~~ must be deducted from  
 31.31 the amount of the levy authorized by section 126C.46. The amount of the abatement  
 31.32 adjustment must be the product of:

- 32.1 (1) the net revenue loss as certified by the county auditor, times
- 32.2 (2) the ratio of:
- 32.3 (i) the sum of the amounts of the district's certified levy in the third preceding year
- 32.4 according to the following:
- 32.5 (A) section ~~123B.57~~ 123B.595, if the district received ~~health and safety~~ long-term
- 32.6 facilities maintenance aid according to that section for the second preceding year;
- 32.7 (B) section 124D.20, if the district received aid for community education programs
- 32.8 according to that section for the second preceding year;
- 32.9 (C) section 124D.135, subdivision 3, if the district received early childhood family
- 32.10 education aid according to section 124D.135 for the second preceding year;
- 32.11 (D) section 126C.17, subdivision 6, if the district received referendum equalization aid
- 32.12 according to that section for the second preceding year;
- 32.13 (E) section 126C.10, subdivision 13a, if the district received operating capital aid
- 32.14 according to section 126C.10, subdivision 13b, in the second preceding year;
- 32.15 (F) section 126C.10, subdivision 29, if the district received equity aid according to
- 32.16 section 126C.10, subdivision 30, in the second preceding year;
- 32.17 (G) section 126C.10, subdivision 32, if the district received transition aid according to
- 32.18 section 126C.10, subdivision 33, in the second preceding year;
- 32.19 (H) section 123B.53, subdivision 5, if the district received debt service equalization aid
- 32.20 according to section 123B.53, subdivision 6, in the second preceding year;
- 32.21 (I) section 123B.535, subdivision 4, if the district received natural disaster debt service
- 32.22 equalization aid according to section 123B.535, subdivision 5, in the second preceding year;
- 32.23 (J) section 124D.22, subdivision 3, if the district received school-age care aid according
- 32.24 to section 124D.22, subdivision 4, in the second preceding year;
- 32.25 (K) section ~~123B.591, subdivision 3~~ 126C.10, subdivision 2e, paragraph (b), if the district
- 32.26 received ~~deferred maintenance~~ local optional aid according to section ~~123B.591, subdivision~~
- 32.27 4 126C.10, subdivision 2e, paragraph (c), in the second preceding year; and
- 32.28 (L) section 122A.415, subdivision 5, if the district received alternative teacher
- 32.29 compensation equalization aid according to section 122A.415, subdivision 6, paragraph (a),
- 32.30 in the second preceding year; to



33.1 (ii) the total amount of the district's certified levy in the third preceding December, plus  
33.2 or minus auditor's adjustments.

33.3 Sec. 39. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 257.0725, is amended to read:

33.4 **257.0725 ANNUAL REPORT.**

33.5 The commissioner of human services shall publish an annual report on child maltreatment  
33.6 and on children in out-of-home placement. The commissioner shall confer with counties,  
33.7 child welfare organizations, child advocacy organizations, the courts, and other groups on  
33.8 how to improve the content and utility of the department's annual report. In regard to child  
33.9 maltreatment, the report shall include the number and kinds of maltreatment reports received  
33.10 and any other data that the commissioner determines is appropriate to include in a report  
33.11 on child maltreatment. In regard to children in out-of-home placement, the report shall  
33.12 include, by county and statewide, information on legal status, living arrangement, age, sex,  
33.13 race, accumulated length of time in placement, reason for most recent placement, race of  
33.14 family with whom placed, school enrollments within seven days of placement pursuant to  
33.15 section 120A.21, and other information deemed appropriate on all children in out-of-home  
33.16 placement. Out-of-home placement includes placement in any facility by an authorized  
33.17 child-placing agency.

33.18 Sec. 40. **PUPIL TRANSPORTATION WORKING GROUP.**

33.19 Subdivision 1. Duties. (a) A working group on pupil transportation is created to review  
33.20 pupil transportation and transportation efficiencies in Minnesota, to consult with stakeholders,  
33.21 and to submit a written report to the legislature recommending policy and formula changes.  
33.22 The pupil transportation working group must examine and consider:

33.23 (1) how school districts, charter schools, intermediate school districts, special education  
33.24 cooperatives, education districts, and service cooperatives deliver pupil transportation  
33.25 services and the costs associated with each model;

33.26 (2) relevant state laws and rules;

33.27 (3) trends in pupil transportation services;

33.28 (4) strategies or programs that would be effective in funding necessary pupil  
33.29 transportation services; and

33.30 (5) the effect of the elimination of categorical funding for pupil transportation services.

34.1 (b) In making its recommendations, the pupil transportation working group must consider  
34.2 a ten-year strategic plan informed by the policy findings in paragraph (a) to help make pupil  
34.3 transportation funding more fair.

34.4 Subd. 2. **Members.** (a) By June 1, 2019, the executive director of each of the following  
34.5 organizations must appoint one representative of that organization to serve as a member of  
34.6 the working group:

34.7 (1) Minnesota School Boards Association;

34.8 (2) Minnesota Association of Charter Schools;

34.9 (3) Education Minnesota;

34.10 (4) Minnesota Rural Education Association;

34.11 (5) Association of Metropolitan School Districts;

34.12 (6) Minnesota Association for Pupil Transportation;

34.13 (7) Minnesota School Bus Operators Association;

34.14 (8) Minnesota Association of School Administrators;

34.15 (9) Minnesota Association of School Business Officials;

34.16 (10) Schools for Equity in Education;

34.17 (11) Service Employees International Union Local 284;

34.18 (12) Minnesota Association of Secondary School Principals;

34.19 (13) Minnesota Administrators of Special Education; and

34.20 (14) Minnesota Transportation Alliance.

34.21 (b) The commissioner of education must solicit applications for membership in the  
34.22 working group. By June 25, 2019, the commissioner must designate from the applicants  
34.23 the following to serve as members of the working group:

34.24 (1) a representative from an intermediate school district;

34.25 (2) a representative from a special education cooperative, education district, or service  
34.26 cooperative;

34.27 (3) a representative from a school district in a city of the first class;

34.28 (4) a representative from a school district in a first tier suburb;

34.29 (5) a representative from a rural school district; and

35.1 (6) a representative from a statewide nonprofit advocacy organization serving students  
35.2 with disabilities and their parents.

35.3 Subd. 3. **Meetings.** The commissioner of education, or the commissioner's designee,  
35.4 must convene the first meeting of the working group no later than July 15, 2019. The working  
35.5 group must select a chair or cochairs from among its members at the first meeting. The  
35.6 working group must meet periodically. Meetings of the working group are subject to  
35.7 Minnesota Statutes, chapter 13D.

35.8 Subd. 4. **Compensation.** Working group members are not eligible to receive expenses  
35.9 or per diem payments for serving on the working group.

35.10 Subd. 5. **Administrative support.** The commissioner of education must provide technical  
35.11 and administrative assistance to the working group upon request.

35.12 Subd. 6. **Report.** (a) By January 15, 2020, the working group must submit a report  
35.13 providing its findings and recommendations to the chairs and ranking minority members  
35.14 of the legislative committees with jurisdiction over kindergarten through grade 12 education.

35.15 (b) At its 2020 annual session, the legislature is encouraged to convene a legislative  
35.16 study group to review the recommendations and ten-year strategic plan to develop its own  
35.17 recommendations for legislative changes, as necessary.

35.18 Subd. 7. **Expiration.** The working group expires upon submission of the report required  
35.19 in subdivision 6.

35.20 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.

35.21 Sec. 41. **PERMANENT SCHOOL FUND COMPENSATION AID.**

35.22 Subdivision 1. **Transfer.** The commissioner must pay permanent school fund  
35.23 compensation aid to school districts with the money transferred from the state budget surplus  
35.24 under Minnesota Statutes, section 16A.152, subdivision 2, paragraph (a), clause (6).

35.25 Subd. 2. **Student and school safety aid.** (a) Concurrent with the September and March  
35.26 apportionments from the school endowment fund to each school district and charter school  
35.27 under Minnesota Statutes, section 127A.33, the commissioner must distribute student and  
35.28 school safety aid equal to a total of \$57.08 times each district's adjusted average daily  
35.29 membership for fiscal year 2019. This amount may be apportioned over one or more years.

35.30 (b) The state aid received under this section may be used for student and staff safety  
35.31 activities consistent with Minnesota Statutes, section 126C.44, or for any other school-related  
35.32 purpose as deemed appropriate by the board.

36.1 Sec. 42. APPROPRIATIONS.

36.2 Subdivision 1. Department of Education. The sums indicated in this section are  
 36.3 appropriated from the general fund to the Department of Education for the fiscal years  
 36.4 designated.

36.5 Subd. 2. General education aid. For general education aid under Minnesota Statutes,  
 36.6 section 126C.13, subdivision 4:

36.7 \$ 7,446,529,000 ..... 2020

36.8 \$ 7,660,500,000 ..... 2021

36.9 The 2020 appropriation includes \$700,383,000 for 2019 and \$6,746,146,000 for 2020.

36.10 The 2021 appropriation includes \$749,571,000 for 2020 and \$6,910,929,000 for 2021.

36.11 Subd. 3. Enrollment options transportation. For transportation of pupils attending  
 36.12 postsecondary institutions under Minnesota Statutes, section 124D.09, or for transportation  
 36.13 of pupils attending nonresident districts under Minnesota Statutes, section 124D.03:

36.14 \$ 24,000 ..... 2020

36.15 \$ 26,000 ..... 2021

36.16 Subd. 4. Abatement aid. For abatement aid under Minnesota Statutes, section 127A.49:

36.17 \$ 2,897,000 ..... 2020

36.18 \$ 2,971,000 ..... 2021

36.19 The 2020 appropriation includes \$274,000 for 2019 and \$2,623,000 for 2020.

36.20 The 2021 appropriation includes \$291,000 for 2020 and \$2,680,000 for 2021.

36.21 Subd. 5. Consolidation transition aid. For districts consolidating under Minnesota  
 36.22 Statutes, section 123A.485:

36.23 \$ 0 ..... 2020

36.24 \$ 270,000 ..... 2021

36.25 The 2020 appropriation includes \$0 for 2019 and \$0 for 2020.

36.26 The 2021 appropriation includes \$0 for 2020 and \$270,000 for 2021.

36.27 Subd. 6. Nonpublic pupil education aid. For nonpublic pupil education aid under  
 36.28 Minnesota Statutes, sections 123B.40 to 123B.43 and 123B.87:

36.29 \$ 18,135,000 ..... 2020

36.30 \$ 18,728,000 ..... 2021

37.1 The 2020 appropriation includes \$1,806,000 for 2019 and \$16,509,000 for 2020.

37.2 The 2021 appropriation includes \$1,834,000 for 2020 and \$16,894,000 for 2021.

37.3 Subd. 7. **Nonpublic pupil transportation.** For nonpublic pupil transportation aid under  
 37.4 Minnesota Statutes, section 123B.92, subdivision 9:

37.5 \$ 19,649,000 ..... 2020

37.6 \$ 19,920,000 ..... 2021

37.7 The 2020 appropriation includes \$1,961,000 for 2019 and \$17,688,000 for 2020.

37.8 The 2021 appropriation includes \$1,965,000 for 2020 and \$17,955,000 for 2021.

37.9 Subd. 8. **One-room schoolhouse.** For a grant to Independent School District No. 690,  
 37.10 Warroad, to operate the Angle Inlet School:

37.11 \$ 65,000 ..... 2020

37.12 \$ 65,000 ..... 2021

37.13 Subd. 9. **Career and technical aid.** For career and technical aid under Minnesota  
 37.14 Statutes, section 124D.4531, subdivision 1b:

37.15 \$ 3,751,000 ..... 2020

37.16 \$ 15,471,000 ..... 2021

37.17 The 2020 appropriation includes \$422,000 for 2019 and \$3,329,000 for 2020.

37.18 The 2021 appropriation includes \$369,000 for 2020 and \$15,102,000 for 2021.

37.19 Subd. 10. **Pregnant and parenting pupil transportation reimbursement.** (a) To  
 37.20 reimburse districts for transporting pregnant or parenting pupils under Minnesota Statutes,  
 37.21 section 123B.92, subdivision 1, paragraph (b), clause (1), item (vi):

37.22 \$ 56,000 ..... 2020

37.23 \$ 56,000 ..... 2021

37.24 (b) To receive reimbursement, districts must apply using the form and manner of  
 37.25 application prescribed by the commissioner. If the appropriation is insufficient, the  
 37.26 commissioner must prorate the amount paid to districts seeking reimbursement.

37.27 (c) Any balance in the first year does not cancel but is available in the second year.

37.28 Sec. 43. **REPEALER.**

37.29 Minnesota Statutes 2018, sections 126C.17, subdivision 9a; and 127A.14, are repealed.

37.30 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.

**ARTICLE 2****EDUCATION EXCELLENCE**

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 5A.03, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

Subd. 2. **Placing Minnesota students in travel abroad programs.** (a) A school district or charter school with enrolled students who participate in a foreign exchange or study or other travel abroad program or whose enrolled students participate in a foreign exchange or study or other travel abroad program under a written agreement between the district or charter school and the program provider must use a form developed by the Department of Education to annually report to the department by November 1 the following data from the previous school year:

(1) the number of Minnesota student deaths that occurred while Minnesota students were participating in the foreign exchange or study or other travel abroad program and that resulted from Minnesota students participating in the program;

(2) the number of Minnesota students hospitalized due to accidents and the illnesses that occurred while Minnesota students were participating in the foreign exchange or study or other travel abroad program and that resulted from Minnesota students participating in the program; and

(3) the name and type of the foreign exchange or study or other travel abroad program and the city or region where the reported death, hospitalization due to accident, or the illness occurred.

(b) School districts and charter schools must ask but must not require enrolled eligible students and the parents or guardians of other enrolled students who complete a foreign exchange or study or other travel abroad program to disclose the information under paragraph (a).

(c) When reporting the data under paragraph (a), a school district or charter school may supplement the data with a brief explanatory statement. The Department of Education annually must aggregate and publish the reported data on the department website in a format that facilitates public access to the aggregated data and include links to both the United States Department of State's Consular Information Program that informs the public of conditions abroad that may affect students' safety and security and the publicly available reports on sexual assaults and other criminal acts affecting students participating in a foreign exchange or study or other travel abroad program.

39.1 (d) School districts and charter schools with enrolled students who participate in foreign  
39.2 exchange or study or other travel abroad programs under a written agreement between the  
39.3 district or charter school and the program provider are encouraged to adopt policies  
39.4 supporting the programs and to include program standards in their policies to ensure students'  
39.5 health and safety.

39.6 (e) To be eligible under this subdivision to provide a foreign exchange or study or other  
39.7 travel abroad program to Minnesota students enrolled in a school district or charter school,  
39.8 a program provider annually must register with the secretary of state and provide the  
39.9 following information on a form developed by the secretary of state: the name, address, and  
39.10 telephone number of the program provider, its chief executive officer, and the person within  
39.11 the provider's organization who is primarily responsible for supervising programs within  
39.12 the state; the program provider's unified business identification number, if any; whether the  
39.13 program provider is exempt from federal income tax; a list of the program provider's  
39.14 placements in foreign countries for the previous school year including the number of  
39.15 Minnesota students placed, where Minnesota students were placed, and the length of their  
39.16 placement; the terms and limits of the medical and accident insurance available to cover  
39.17 participating students and the process for filing a claim; and the signatures of the program  
39.18 provider's chief executive officer and the person primarily responsible for supervising  
39.19 Minnesota students' placements in foreign countries. If the secretary of state determines the  
39.20 registration is complete, the secretary of state shall file the registration and the program  
39.21 provider is registered. Registration with the secretary of state must not be considered or  
39.22 represented as an endorsement of the program provider by the secretary of state. The secretary  
39.23 of state annually must publish on its website aggregated data under paragraph (c) received  
39.24 from the Department of Education.

39.25 (f) Program providers, annually by August 1, must provide the data required under  
39.26 paragraph (a), clauses (1) to (3), to the districts and charter schools with enrolled students  
39.27 participating in the provider's program.

39.28 (g) The Department of Education must publish the information it has under paragraph  
39.29 (c), but it is not responsible for any errors or omissions in the information provided to it by  
39.30 a school district or charter school. A school district or charter school is not responsible for  
39.31 omissions in the information provided to it by students and programs.

39.32 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 120A.22, subdivision 5, is amended to read:

39.33 Subd. 5. **Ages and terms.** (a) Every child between ~~seven~~ six and 17 years of age must  
39.34 receive instruction unless the child has graduated. Every child under the age of ~~seven~~ six

40.1 who is enrolled in a ~~half-day kindergarten, or a full-day kindergarten program on alternate~~  
40.2 ~~days, or other kindergarten programs shall~~ must receive instruction for the hours established  
40.3 for that program. Except as provided in subdivision 6, a parent may withdraw a child under  
40.4 the age of ~~seven~~ six from enrollment at any time.

40.5 (b) A school district by annual board action may require children subject to this  
40.6 subdivision to receive instruction in summer school. A district that acts to require children  
40.7 to receive instruction in summer school ~~shall~~ must establish at the time of its action the  
40.8 criteria for determining which children must receive instruction.

40.9 (c) A pupil 16 years of age or older who meets the criteria of section 124D.68, subdivision  
40.10 2, and under clause (5) of that subdivision has been excluded or expelled from school or  
40.11 under clause (11) of that subdivision has been chronically truant may be referred to an area  
40.12 learning center. Such referral may be made only after consulting the principal, area learning  
40.13 center director, student, and parent or guardian and only if, in the school administrator's  
40.14 professional judgment, the referral is in the best educational interest of the pupil. Nothing  
40.15 in this paragraph limits a pupil's eligibility to apply to enroll in other eligible programs  
40.16 under section 124D.68.

40.17 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective for the 2020-2021 school year and later.

40.18 Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 120A.22, subdivision 6, is amended to read:

40.19 Subd. 6. **Children under ~~seven~~ age six.** (a) Once a pupil under the age of ~~seven~~ six is  
40.20 enrolled in kindergarten or a higher grade in a public school, the pupil is subject to the  
40.21 compulsory attendance provisions of this chapter and section 120A.34, unless the board of  
40.22 the district in which the pupil is enrolled has a policy that exempts children under ~~seven~~ six  
40.23 from this subdivision.

40.24 (b) In a district in which children under ~~seven~~ the age of six are subject to compulsory  
40.25 attendance under this subdivision, paragraphs (c) to (e) apply.

40.26 (c) A parent or guardian may withdraw the pupil from enrollment in the school for good  
40.27 cause by notifying the district. Good cause includes, but is not limited to, enrollment of the  
40.28 pupil in another school, as defined in subdivision 4, or the immaturity of the child.

40.29 (d) When the pupil enrolls, the enrolling official must provide the parent or guardian  
40.30 who enrolls the pupil with a written explanation of the provisions of this subdivision.

40.31 (e) A pupil under the age of ~~seven~~ six who is withdrawn from enrollment in the public  
40.32 school under paragraph (c) is no longer subject to the compulsory attendance provisions of  
40.33 this chapter.



41.1 (f) In a district that had adopted a policy to exempt children under ~~seven~~ the age of six  
41.2 from this subdivision, the district's chief attendance officer must keep the truancy enforcement  
41.3 authorities supplied with a copy of the board's current policy certified by the clerk of the  
41.4 board.

41.5 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective for the 2020-2021 school year and later.

41.6 Sec. 4. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 120A.22, subdivision 11, is amended to read:

41.7 Subd. 11. **Assessment of performance.** (a) Each year the performance of every child  
41.8 ages ~~seven~~ six through 16 and every child ages 16 through 17 for which an initial report  
41.9 was filed pursuant to section 120A.24, subdivision 1, after the child is 16 and who is not  
41.10 enrolled in a public school must be assessed using a nationally norm-referenced standardized  
41.11 achievement examination. The superintendent of the district in which the child receives  
41.12 instruction and the person in charge of the child's instruction must agree about the specific  
41.13 examination to be used and the administration and location of the examination.

41.14 (b) To the extent the examination in paragraph (a) does not provide assessment in all of  
41.15 the subject areas in subdivision 9, the parent must assess the child's performance in the  
41.16 applicable subject area. This requirement applies only to a parent who provides instruction  
41.17 and does not meet the requirements of subdivision 10, clause (1), (2), or (3).

41.18 (c) If the results of the assessments in paragraphs (a) and (b) indicate that the child's  
41.19 performance on the total battery score is at or below the 30th percentile or one grade level  
41.20 below the performance level for children of the same age, the parent must obtain additional  
41.21 evaluation of the child's abilities and performance for the purpose of determining whether  
41.22 the child has learning problems.

41.23 (d) A child receiving instruction from a nonpublic school, person, or institution that is  
41.24 accredited by an accrediting agency, recognized according to section 123B.445, or recognized  
41.25 by the commissioner, is exempt from the requirements of this subdivision.

41.26 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective for the 2020-2021 school year and later.

41.27 Sec. 5. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 120A.24, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

41.28 Subdivision 1. **Reports to superintendent.** (a) The person or nonpublic school in charge  
41.29 of providing instruction to a child must submit to the superintendent of the district in which  
41.30 the child resides the name, birth date, and address of the child; the annual tests intended to  
41.31 be used under section 120A.22, subdivision 11, if required; the name of each instructor;

42.1 and evidence of compliance with one of the requirements specified in section 120A.22,  
42.2 subdivision 10:

42.3 (1) by October 1 of the first school year the child receives instruction after reaching the  
42.4 age of ~~seven~~ six;

42.5 (2) within 15 days of when a parent withdraws a child from public school after age ~~seven~~  
42.6 six to provide instruction in a nonpublic school that is not accredited by a state-recognized  
42.7 accredited agency;

42.8 (3) within 15 days of moving out of a district; and

42.9 (4) by October 1 after a new resident district is established.

42.10 (b) The person or nonpublic school in charge of providing instruction to a child between  
42.11 the ages of ~~seven~~ six and 16 and every child ages 16 through 17 for which an initial report  
42.12 was filed pursuant to this subdivision after the child is 16 must submit, by October 1 of each  
42.13 school year, a letter of intent to continue to provide instruction under this section for all  
42.14 students under the person's or school's supervision and any changes to the information  
42.15 required in paragraph (a) for each student.

42.16 (c) The superintendent may collect the required information under this section through  
42.17 an electronic or web-based format, but must not require electronic submission of information  
42.18 under this section from the person in charge of reporting under this subdivision.

42.19 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective for the 2020-2021 school year and later.

42.20 Sec. 6. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 120B.11, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

42.21 Subd. 2. **Adopting plans and budgets.** (a) A school board, at a public meeting, ~~shall~~  
42.22 must adopt a comprehensive, long-term strategic plan to support and improve teaching and  
42.23 learning that is aligned with creating the world's best workforce and includes:

42.24 (1) clearly defined district and school site goals and benchmarks for instruction and  
42.25 student achievement for all student subgroups identified in section 120B.35, subdivision 3,  
42.26 paragraph (b), clause (2);

42.27 (2) a process to assess and evaluate each student's progress toward meeting state and  
42.28 local academic standards, assess and identify students to participate in gifted and talented  
42.29 programs and accelerate their instruction, and adopt early-admission procedures consistent  
42.30 with section 120B.15, and identifying the strengths and weaknesses of instruction in pursuit  
42.31 of student and school success and curriculum affecting students' progress and growth toward  
42.32 career and college readiness and leading to the world's best workforce;

43.1 (3) a system to periodically review and evaluate the effectiveness of all instruction and  
 43.2 curriculum, taking into account strategies and best practices, student outcomes, school  
 43.3 principal evaluations under section 123B.147, subdivision 3, students' access to effective  
 43.4 teachers who are members of populations underrepresented among the licensed teachers in  
 43.5 the district or school and who reflect the diversity of enrolled students under section 120B.35,  
 43.6 subdivision 3, paragraph (b), clause (2), and teacher evaluations under section 122A.40,  
 43.7 subdivision 8, or 122A.41, subdivision 5;

43.8 (4) strategies for improving instruction, curriculum, and student achievement, including:  
 43.9 (i) the English and, where practicable, the native language development and the academic  
 43.10 achievement of English learners and (ii) for all learners, access to culturally relevant or  
 43.11 ethnic studies curriculum using culturally responsive methodologies;

43.12 (5) a process to examine the equitable distribution of teachers and strategies to ensure  
 43.13 children from low-income and minority children families, families of color, and American  
 43.14 Indian families are not taught at higher rates than other children by inexperienced, ineffective,  
 43.15 or out-of-field teachers;

43.16 (6) education effectiveness practices that integrate high-quality instruction; rigorous  
 43.17 curriculum; technology; inclusive and respectful learning and work environments for all  
 43.18 students, families, and employees; and a collaborative professional culture that develops  
 43.19 and supports retains qualified, racially, and ethnically diverse staff effective at working  
 43.20 with diverse students while developing and supporting teacher quality, performance, and  
 43.21 effectiveness; and

43.22 (7) an annual budget for continuing to implement the district plan.

43.23 (b) A school board must submit to the commissioner the plan adopted under paragraph  
 43.24 (a). The commissioner must review each plan.

43.25 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective for all strategic plans reviewed and  
 43.26 updated after the day following final enactment.

43.27 Sec. 7. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 120B.11, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

43.28 Subd. 3. **District advisory committee.** (a) Each school board shall must establish an  
 43.29 advisory committee to ensure active community participation in all phases of planning and  
 43.30 improving the instruction and curriculum affecting state and district academic standards,  
 43.31 consistent with subdivision 2. A district advisory committee, to the extent possible, ~~shall~~  
 43.32 must reflect the diversity of the district and its school sites, include teachers, parents, support  
 43.33 staff, students, and other community residents, and provide translation to the extent

44.1 appropriate and practicable. The district advisory committee ~~shall~~ must pursue community  
44.2 support to accelerate the academic and native literacy and achievement of English learners  
44.3 with varied needs, from young children to adults, consistent with section 124D.59,  
44.4 subdivisions 2 and 2a. The district may establish site teams as subcommittees of the district  
44.5 advisory committee under subdivision 4.

44.6 (b) The district advisory committee ~~shall~~ must recommend to the school board:

44.7 (1) rigorous academic standards;

44.8 (2) student achievement goals and measures consistent with subdivision 1a and sections  
44.9 120B.022, subdivisions 1a and 1b, and 120B.35;

44.10 (3) district assessments;

44.11 (4) means to improve students' equitable access to effective and more diverse teachers;

44.12 (5) strategies to ensure the curriculum and learning and work environments are inclusive  
44.13 and respectful toward all racial and ethnic groups; and

44.14 (6) program evaluations.

44.15 (c) School sites may expand upon district evaluations of instruction, curriculum,  
44.16 assessments, or programs. Whenever possible, parents and other community residents ~~shall~~  
44.17 must comprise at least two-thirds of advisory committee members.

44.18 Sec. 8. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 120B.12, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

44.19 Subd. 2. **Identification; report.** (a) Each school district ~~shall~~ must identify before the  
44.20 end of kindergarten, grade 1, and grade 2 all students who are not reading at grade level  
44.21 ~~before the end of the current school year and shall~~. Students identified as not reading at  
44.22 grade level by the end of kindergarten, grade 1, and grade 2 must be screened for  
44.23 characteristics of dyslexia.

44.24 (b) ~~identify~~ Students in grade 3 or higher who demonstrate a reading difficulty to a  
44.25 classroom teacher must be screened for characteristics of dyslexia, unless a different reason  
44.26 for the reading difficulty has been identified.

44.27 (c) Reading assessments in English, and in the predominant languages of district students  
44.28 where practicable, must identify and evaluate students' areas of academic need related to  
44.29 literacy. The district also must monitor the progress and provide reading instruction  
44.30 appropriate to the specific needs of English learners. The district must use a locally adopted,  
44.31 developmentally appropriate, and culturally responsive assessment and annually report  
44.32 summary assessment results to the commissioner by July 1.

45.1 (d) The district also must annually report to the commissioner by July 1 a summary of  
45.2 the district's efforts to screen and identify students with:

45.3 (1) dyslexia, using screening tools such as those recommended by the department's  
45.4 dyslexia specialist; or

45.5 (2) convergence insufficiency disorder.

45.6 ~~(b)~~ (e) A student identified under this subdivision must be provided with alternate  
45.7 instruction under section 125A.56, subdivision 1.

45.8 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 1, 2020.

45.9 Sec. 9. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 120B.30, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

45.10 Subdivision 1. **Statewide testing.** (a) The commissioner, with advice from experts with  
45.11 appropriate technical qualifications and experience and stakeholders, consistent with  
45.12 subdivision 1a, shall include in the comprehensive assessment system, for each grade level  
45.13 to be tested, state-constructed tests developed as computer-adaptive reading and mathematics  
45.14 assessments for students that are aligned with the state's required academic standards under  
45.15 section 120B.021, include multiple choice questions, and are administered annually to all  
45.16 students in grades 3 through 8. Questions on state-constructed tests must be developed by  
45.17 licensed Minnesota teachers. State-developed high school tests aligned with the state's  
45.18 required academic standards under section 120B.021 and administered to all high school  
45.19 students in a subject other than writing must include multiple choice questions. The  
45.20 commissioner shall establish one or more months during which schools shall administer  
45.21 the tests to students each school year.

45.22 (1) Students enrolled in grade 8 through the 2009-2010 school year are eligible to be  
45.23 assessed under (i) the graduation-required assessment for diploma in reading, mathematics,  
45.24 or writing under Minnesota Statutes 2012, section 120B.30, subdivision 1, paragraphs (c),  
45.25 clauses (1) and (2), and (d), (ii) the WorkKeys job skills assessment, (iii) the Compass  
45.26 college placement test, (iv) the ACT assessment for college admission, (v) a nationally  
45.27 recognized armed services vocational aptitude test.

45.28 (2) Students enrolled in grade 8 in the 2010-2011 or 2011-2012 school year are eligible  
45.29 to be assessed under (i) the graduation-required assessment for diploma in reading,  
45.30 mathematics, or writing under Minnesota Statutes 2012, section 120B.30, subdivision 1,  
45.31 paragraph (c), clauses (1) and (2), (ii) the WorkKeys job skills assessment, (iii) the Compass  
45.32 college placement test, (iv) the ACT assessment for college admission, (v) a nationally  
45.33 recognized armed services vocational aptitude test.

46.1 (3) For students under clause (1) or (2), a school district may substitute a score from an  
46.2 alternative, equivalent assessment to satisfy the requirements of this paragraph.

46.3 (b) The state assessment system must be aligned to the most recent revision of academic  
46.4 standards as described in section 120B.023 in the following manner:

46.5 (1) mathematics;

46.6 (i) grades 3 through 8 beginning in the 2010-2011 school year; and

46.7 (ii) high school level beginning in the 2013-2014 school year;

46.8 (2) science; grades 5 and 8 and at the high school level beginning in the 2011-2012  
46.9 school year; and

46.10 (3) language arts and reading; grades 3 through 8 and high school level beginning in the  
46.11 2012-2013 school year.

46.12 (c) For students enrolled in grade 8 in the 2012-2013 school year and later, students'  
46.13 state graduation requirements, based on a longitudinal, systematic approach to student  
46.14 education and career planning, assessment, instructional support, and evaluation, include  
46.15 the following:

46.16 (1) achievement and career and college readiness in mathematics, reading, and writing,  
46.17 consistent with paragraph (k) and to the extent available, to monitor students' continuous  
46.18 development of and growth in requisite knowledge and skills; analyze students' progress  
46.19 and performance levels, identifying students' academic strengths and diagnosing areas where  
46.20 students require curriculum or instructional adjustments, targeted interventions, or  
46.21 remediation; and, based on analysis of students' progress and performance data, determine  
46.22 students' learning and instructional needs and the instructional tools and best practices that  
46.23 support academic rigor for the student; and

46.24 (2) consistent with this paragraph and section 120B.125, age-appropriate exploration  
46.25 and planning activities and career assessments to encourage students to identify personally  
46.26 relevant career interests and aptitudes and help students and their families develop a regularly  
46.27 reexamined transition plan for postsecondary education or employment without need for  
46.28 postsecondary remediation.

46.29 Based on appropriate state guidelines, students with an individualized education program  
46.30 may satisfy state graduation requirements by achieving an individual score on the  
46.31 state-identified alternative assessments.

47.1 (d) Expectations of schools, districts, and the state for career or college readiness under  
47.2 this subdivision must be comparable in rigor, clarity of purpose, and rates of student  
47.3 completion.

47.4 A student under paragraph (c), clause (1), must receive targeted, relevant, academically  
47.5 rigorous, and resourced instruction, which may include a targeted instruction and intervention  
47.6 plan focused on improving the student's knowledge and skills in core subjects so that the  
47.7 student has a reasonable chance to succeed in a career or college without need for  
47.8 postsecondary remediation. Consistent with sections 120B.13, 124D.09, 124D.091, 124D.49,  
47.9 and related sections, an enrolling school or district must actively encourage a student in  
47.10 grade 11 or 12 who is identified as academically ready for a career or college to participate  
47.11 in courses and programs awarding college credit to high school students. Students are not  
47.12 required to achieve a specified score or level of proficiency on an assessment under this  
47.13 subdivision to graduate from high school.

47.14 (e) Though not a high school graduation requirement, students are encouraged to  
47.15 participate in a nationally recognized college entrance exam. To the extent state funding  
47.16 for college entrance exam fees is available, a district must pay the cost, one time, for an  
47.17 interested student in grade 11 or 12 who is eligible for a free or reduced-price meal, to take  
47.18 a nationally recognized college entrance exam before graduating. A student must be able  
47.19 to take the exam under this paragraph at the student's high school during the school day and  
47.20 at any one of the multiple exam administrations available to students in the district. A district  
47.21 may administer the ACT or SAT or both the ACT and SAT to comply with this paragraph.  
47.22 If the district administers only one of these two tests and a free or reduced-price meal eligible  
47.23 student opts not to take that test and chooses instead to take the other of the two tests, the  
47.24 student may take the other test at a different time or location and remains eligible for the  
47.25 examination fee reimbursement. Notwithstanding sections 123B.34 to 123B.39, a school  
47.26 district may require a student that is not eligible for a free or reduced-price meal to pay the  
47.27 cost of taking a nationally recognized college entrance exam. The district must waive the  
47.28 cost for a student unable to pay.

47.29 (f) The commissioner and the chancellor of the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities  
47.30 must collaborate in aligning instruction and assessments for adult basic education students  
47.31 and English learners to provide the students with diagnostic information about any targeted  
47.32 interventions, accommodations, modifications, and supports they need so that assessments  
47.33 and other performance measures are accessible to them and they may seek postsecondary  
47.34 education or employment without need for postsecondary remediation. When administering  
47.35 formative or summative assessments used to measure the academic progress, including the

48.1 oral academic development, of English learners and inform their instruction, schools must  
48.2 ensure that the assessments are accessible to the students and students have the modifications  
48.3 and supports they need to sufficiently understand the assessments.

48.4 (g) Districts and schools, on an annual basis, must use career exploration elements to  
48.5 help students, beginning no later than grade 9, and their families explore and plan for  
48.6 postsecondary education or careers based on the students' interests, aptitudes, and aspirations.  
48.7 Districts and schools must use timely regional labor market information and partnerships,  
48.8 among other resources, to help students and their families successfully develop, pursue,  
48.9 review, and revise an individualized plan for postsecondary education or a career. This  
48.10 process must help increase students' engagement in and connection to school, improve  
48.11 students' knowledge and skills, and deepen students' understanding of career pathways as  
48.12 a sequence of academic and career courses that lead to an industry-recognized credential,  
48.13 an associate's degree, or a bachelor's degree and are available to all students, whatever their  
48.14 interests and career goals.

48.15 (h) A student who demonstrates attainment of required state academic standards, which  
48.16 include career and college readiness benchmarks, on high school assessments under  
48.17 subdivision 1a is academically ready for a career or college and is encouraged to participate  
48.18 in courses awarding college credit to high school students. Such courses and programs may  
48.19 include sequential courses of study within broad career areas and technical skill assessments  
48.20 that extend beyond course grades.

48.21 (i) As appropriate, students through grade 12 must continue to participate in targeted  
48.22 instruction, intervention, or remediation and be encouraged to participate in courses awarding  
48.23 college credit to high school students.

48.24 (j) In developing, supporting, and improving students' academic readiness for a career  
48.25 or college, schools, districts, and the state must have a continuum of empirically derived,  
48.26 clearly defined benchmarks focused on students' attainment of knowledge and skills so that  
48.27 students, their parents, and teachers know how well students must perform to have a  
48.28 reasonable chance to succeed in a career or college without need for postsecondary  
48.29 remediation. The commissioner, in consultation with local school officials and educators,  
48.30 and Minnesota's public postsecondary institutions must ensure that the foundational  
48.31 knowledge and skills for students' successful performance in postsecondary employment  
48.32 or education and an articulated series of possible targeted interventions are clearly identified  
48.33 and satisfy Minnesota's postsecondary admissions requirements.



49.1 (k) For students in grade 8 in the 2012-2013 school year and later, a school, district, or  
49.2 charter school must record on the high school transcript a student's progress toward career  
49.3 and college readiness, and for other students as soon as practicable.

49.4 (l) The school board granting students their diplomas may formally decide to include a  
49.5 notation of high achievement on the high school diplomas of those graduating seniors who,  
49.6 according to established school board criteria, demonstrate exemplary academic achievement  
49.7 during high school.

49.8 (m) The 3rd through 8th grade computer-adaptive assessment results and high school  
49.9 test results shall be available to districts for diagnostic purposes affecting student learning  
49.10 and district instruction and curriculum, and for establishing educational accountability. ~~The~~  
49.11 ~~commissioner must establish empirically derived benchmarks on adaptive assessments in~~  
49.12 ~~grades 3 through 8.~~ The commissioner, in consultation with the chancellor of the Minnesota  
49.13 State Colleges and Universities, must establish empirically derived benchmarks on the high  
49.14 school tests that reveal a trajectory toward career and college readiness consistent with  
49.15 section 136F.302, subdivision 1a. The commissioner must disseminate to the public the  
49.16 ~~computer-adaptive assessments and high school test results upon receiving those results.~~

49.17 (n) The grades 3 through 8 computer-adaptive assessments and high school tests must  
49.18 be aligned with state academic standards. The commissioner shall determine the testing  
49.19 process and the order of administration. The statewide results shall be aggregated at the site  
49.20 and district level, consistent with subdivision 1a.

49.21 (o) The commissioner shall include the following components in the statewide public  
49.22 reporting system:

49.23 (1) uniform statewide computer-adaptive assessments of all students in grades 3 through  
49.24 8 and testing at the high school levels that provides appropriate, technically sound  
49.25 accommodations or alternate assessments;

49.26 (2) educational indicators that can be aggregated and compared across school districts  
49.27 and across time on a statewide basis, including average daily attendance, high school  
49.28 graduation rates, and high school drop-out rates by age and grade level;

49.29 (3) state results on the American College Test; and

49.30 (4) state results from participation in the National Assessment of Educational Progress  
49.31 so that the state can benchmark its performance against the nation and other states, and,  
49.32 where possible, against other countries, and contribute to the national effort to monitor  
49.33 achievement.

50.1 (p) For purposes of statewide accountability, "career and college ready" means a high  
 50.2 school graduate has the knowledge, skills, and competencies to successfully pursue a career  
 50.3 pathway, including postsecondary credit leading to a degree, diploma, certificate, or  
 50.4 industry-recognized credential and employment. Students who are career and college ready  
 50.5 are able to successfully complete credit-bearing coursework at a two- or four-year college  
 50.6 or university or other credit-bearing postsecondary program without need for remediation.

50.7 (q) For purposes of statewide accountability, "cultural competence," "cultural  
 50.8 competency," or "culturally competent" means the ability of families and educators to  
 50.9 interact effectively with people of different cultures, native languages, and socioeconomic  
 50.10 backgrounds.

50.11 (r) For purposes of statewide accountability, an understanding of "civic life" means  
 50.12 student learning experiences that include public engagement activities such as:

50.13 (1) volunteering as an election judge;

50.14 (2) serving as a poll watcher;

50.15 (3) contacting public officials on a matter of public interest;

50.16 (4) writing a letter to the editor;

50.17 (5) registering to vote or participating in a nonpartisan voter registration drive; or

50.18 (6) other public interest activities authorized by the school board, including but not  
 50.19 limited to:

50.20 (i) volunteering on a matter of political interest;

50.21 (ii) participating in a nonprofit organization; or

50.22 (iii) participating in a charity event.

50.23 Sec. 10. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 120B.30, subdivision 1a, is amended to read:

50.24 Subd. 1a. **Statewide and local assessments; results.** ~~(a) For purposes of this section,~~  
 50.25 ~~the following definitions have the meanings given them:~~

50.26 ~~(1) "Computer adaptive assessments" means fully adaptive assessments.~~

50.27 ~~(2) "Fully adaptive assessments" include test items that are on-grade level and items that~~  
 50.28 ~~may be above or below a student's grade level.~~

50.29 ~~(3) "On-grade level" test items contain subject area content that is aligned to state~~  
 50.30 ~~academic standards for the grade level of the student taking the assessment.~~

51.1 ~~(4) "Above-grade level" test items contain subject area content that is above the grade~~  
51.2 ~~level of the student taking the assessment and is considered aligned with state academic~~  
51.3 ~~standards to the extent it is aligned with content represented in state academic standards~~  
51.4 ~~above the grade level of the student taking the assessment. Notwithstanding the student's~~  
51.5 ~~grade level, administering above-grade level test items to a student does not violate the~~  
51.6 ~~requirement that state assessments must be aligned with state standards.~~

51.7 ~~(5) "Below-grade level" test items contain subject area content that is below the grade~~  
51.8 ~~level of the student taking the test and is considered aligned with state academic standards~~  
51.9 ~~to the extent it is aligned with content represented in state academic standards below the~~  
51.10 ~~student's current grade level. Notwithstanding the student's grade level, administering~~  
51.11 ~~below-grade level test items to a student does not violate the requirement that state~~  
51.12 ~~assessments must be aligned with state standards.~~

51.13 ~~(b)~~ (a) The commissioner must use fully adaptive mathematics and reading assessments  
51.14 for grades 3 through 8.

51.15 ~~(e)~~ (b) For purposes of conforming with existing federal educational accountability  
51.16 requirements, the commissioner must develop and implement computer-adaptive reading  
51.17 and mathematics assessments for grades 3 through 8, state-developed high school reading  
51.18 and mathematics tests aligned with state academic standards, a high school writing test  
51.19 aligned with state standards when it becomes available, and science assessments under  
51.20 clause (2) that districts and sites must use to monitor student growth toward achieving those  
51.21 standards. The commissioner must not develop statewide assessments for academic standards  
51.22 in social studies, health and physical education, and the arts. The commissioner must require:

51.23 (1) annual computer-adaptive reading and mathematics assessments in grades 3 through  
51.24 8, and high school reading, writing, and mathematics tests; and

51.25 (2) annual science assessments in one grade in the grades 3 through 5 span, the grades  
51.26 6 through 8 span, and a life sciences assessment in the grades 9 through 12 span, and the  
51.27 commissioner must not require students to achieve a passing score on high school science  
51.28 assessments as a condition of receiving a high school diploma.

51.29 ~~(d)~~ (c) The commissioner must ensure that for annual computer-adaptive assessments:

51.30 (1) individual student performance data and achievement reports are available within  
51.31 three school days of when students take an assessment except in a year when an assessment  
51.32 reflects new performance standards;

52.1 (2) growth information is available for each student from the student's first assessment  
52.2 to each proximate assessment using a constant measurement scale;

52.3 (3) parents, teachers, and school administrators are able to use elementary and middle  
52.4 school student performance data to project students' secondary and postsecondary  
52.5 achievement; and

52.6 (4) useful diagnostic information about areas of students' academic strengths and  
52.7 weaknesses is available to teachers and school administrators for improving student  
52.8 instruction and indicating the specific skills and concepts that should be introduced and  
52.9 developed for students at given performance levels, organized by strands within subject  
52.10 areas, and aligned to state academic standards.

52.11 ~~(e)~~ (d) The commissioner must ensure that all state tests administered to elementary and  
52.12 secondary students measure students' academic knowledge and skills and not students'  
52.13 values, attitudes, and beliefs.

52.14 ~~(f)~~ (e) Reporting of state assessment results must:

52.15 (1) provide timely, useful, and understandable information on the performance of  
52.16 individual students, schools, school districts, and the state;

52.17 (2) include a growth indicator of student achievement; and

52.18 (3) determine whether students have met the state's academic standards.

52.19 ~~(g)~~ (f) Consistent with applicable federal law, the commissioner must include appropriate,  
52.20 technically sound accommodations or alternative assessments for the very few students with  
52.21 disabilities for whom statewide assessments are inappropriate and for English learners.

52.22 ~~(h)~~ (g) A school, school district, and charter school must administer statewide assessments  
52.23 under this section, as the assessments become available, to evaluate student progress toward  
52.24 career and college readiness in the context of the state's academic standards. A school,  
52.25 school district, or charter school may use a student's performance on a statewide assessment  
52.26 as one of multiple criteria to determine grade promotion or retention. A school, school  
52.27 district, or charter school may use a high school student's performance on a statewide  
52.28 assessment as a percentage of the student's final grade in a course, or place a student's  
52.29 assessment score on the student's transcript.

52.30 Sec. 11. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 120B.35, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

52.31 Subd. 3. **State growth target; other state measures.** (a)(1) The state's educational  
52.32 assessment system measuring individual students' educational growth is based on indicators

53.1 of achievement growth that show an individual student's prior achievement. Indicators of  
53.2 achievement and prior achievement must be based on highly reliable statewide or districtwide  
53.3 assessments.

53.4 (2) For purposes of paragraphs (b), (c), and (d), the commissioner must analyze and  
53.5 report separate categories of information using the student categories identified under the  
53.6 federal Elementary and Secondary Education Act, as most recently reauthorized, and, in  
53.7 addition to "other" for each race and ethnicity, and the Karen community, seven of the most  
53.8 populous Asian and Pacific Islander groups, three of the most populous Native groups,  
53.9 seven of the most populous Hispanic/Latino groups, and five of the most populous Black  
53.10 and African Heritage groups as determined by the total Minnesota population based on the  
53.11 most recent American Community Survey; English learners under section 124D.59; home  
53.12 language; free or reduced-price lunch; and all students enrolled in a Minnesota public school  
53.13 who are currently or were previously in foster care, except that such disaggregation and  
53.14 cross tabulation is not required if the number of students in a category is insufficient to yield  
53.15 statistically reliable information or the results would reveal personally identifiable information  
53.16 about an individual student.

53.17 (b) The commissioner, in consultation with a stakeholder group that includes assessment  
53.18 and evaluation directors, district staff, experts in culturally responsive teaching, and  
53.19 researchers, must implement a growth model that uses a value-added growth indicator and  
53.20 that compares the difference in students' achievement scores over time, and includes criteria  
53.21 for identifying schools and school districts that demonstrate medium and high growth under  
53.22 section 120B.299, subdivisions 8 and 9, and may recommend other value-added measures  
53.23 under section 120B.299, subdivision 3 academic progress. The model may be used to advance  
53.24 educators' professional development and replicate programs that succeed in meeting students'  
53.25 diverse learning needs. Data on individual teachers generated under the model are personnel  
53.26 data under section 13.43. The model must allow users to:

53.27 (1) report student growth consistent with this paragraph; and

53.28 (2) for all student categories, report and compare aggregated and disaggregated state  
53.29 student growth and, under section 120B.11, subdivision 2, clause (2), student learning and  
53.30 outcome data using the student categories identified under the federal Elementary and  
53.31 Secondary Education Act, as most recently reauthorized, and other student categories under  
53.32 paragraph (a), clause (2).

53.33 The commissioner must report measures of student growth and, under section 120B.11,  
53.34 subdivision 2, clause (2), student learning and outcome data, consistent with this paragraph,

54.1 including the English language development, academic progress, and oral academic  
54.2 development of English learners and their native language development if the native language  
54.3 is used as a language of instruction, and include data on all pupils enrolled in a Minnesota  
54.4 public school course or program who are currently or were previously counted as an English  
54.5 learner under section 124D.59.

54.6 (c) When reporting student performance under section 120B.36, subdivision 1, the  
54.7 commissioner annually, beginning July 1, 2011, must report two core measures indicating  
54.8 the extent to which current high school graduates are being prepared for postsecondary  
54.9 academic and career opportunities:

54.10 (1) a preparation measure indicating the number and percentage of high school graduates  
54.11 in the most recent school year who completed course work important to preparing them for  
54.12 postsecondary academic and career opportunities, consistent with the core academic subjects  
54.13 required for admission to Minnesota's public colleges and universities as determined by the  
54.14 Office of Higher Education under chapter 136A; and

54.15 (2) a rigorous coursework measure indicating the number and percentage of high school  
54.16 graduates in the most recent school year who successfully completed one or more  
54.17 college-level advanced placement, international baccalaureate, postsecondary enrollment  
54.18 options including concurrent enrollment, other rigorous courses of study under section  
54.19 120B.021, subdivision 1a, or industry certification courses or programs.

54.20 When reporting the core measures under clauses (1) and (2), the commissioner must also  
54.21 analyze and report separate categories of information using the student categories identified  
54.22 under the federal Elementary and Secondary Education Act, as most recently reauthorized,  
54.23 and other student categories under paragraph (a), clause (2).

54.24 (d) When reporting student performance under section 120B.36, subdivision 1, the  
54.25 commissioner annually, beginning July 1, 2014, must report summary data on school safety  
54.26 and students' engagement and connection at school, consistent with the student categories  
54.27 identified under paragraph (a), clause (2). The summary data under this paragraph are  
54.28 separate from and must not be used for any purpose related to measuring or evaluating the  
54.29 performance of classroom teachers. The commissioner, in consultation with qualified experts  
54.30 on student engagement and connection and classroom teachers, must identify highly reliable  
54.31 variables that generate summary data under this paragraph. The summary data may be used  
54.32 at school, district, and state levels only. Any data on individuals received, collected, or  
54.33 created that are used to generate the summary data under this paragraph are nonpublic data  
54.34 under section 13.02, subdivision 9.

55.1 (e) For purposes of statewide educational accountability, the commissioner must identify  
55.2 and report measures that demonstrate the success of learning year program providers under  
55.3 sections 123A.05 and 124D.68, among other such providers, in improving students'  
55.4 graduation outcomes. The commissioner, beginning July 1, 2015, must annually report  
55.5 summary data on:

55.6 (1) the four- and six-year graduation rates of students under this paragraph;

55.7 (2) the percent of students under this paragraph whose progress and performance levels  
55.8 are meeting career and college readiness benchmarks under section 120B.30, subdivision  
55.9 1; and

55.10 (3) the success that learning year program providers experience in:

55.11 (i) identifying at-risk and off-track student populations by grade;

55.12 (ii) providing successful prevention and intervention strategies for at-risk students;

55.13 (iii) providing successful recuperative and recovery or reenrollment strategies for off-track  
55.14 students; and

55.15 (iv) improving the graduation outcomes of at-risk and off-track students.

55.16 The commissioner may include in the annual report summary data on other education  
55.17 providers serving a majority of students eligible to participate in a learning year program.

55.18 (f) The commissioner, in consultation with recognized experts with knowledge and  
55.19 experience in assessing the language proficiency and academic performance of all English  
55.20 learners enrolled in a Minnesota public school course or program who are currently or were  
55.21 previously counted as an English learner under section 124D.59, must identify and report  
55.22 appropriate and effective measures to improve current categories of language difficulty and  
55.23 assessments, and monitor and report data on students' English proficiency levels, program  
55.24 placement, and academic language development, including oral academic language.

55.25 (g) When reporting four- and six-year graduation rates, the commissioner or school  
55.26 district must disaggregate the data by student categories according to paragraph (a), clause  
55.27 (2).

55.28 (h) A school district must inform parents and guardians that volunteering information  
55.29 on student categories not required by the most recent reauthorization of the Elementary and  
55.30 Secondary Education Act is optional and will not violate the privacy of students or their  
55.31 families, parents, or guardians. The notice must state the purpose for collecting the student  
55.32 data.

56.1 Sec. 12. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 120B.36, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

56.2 Subdivision 1. **School performance reports and public reporting.** (a) The commissioner  
56.3 shall report student academic performance data under section 120B.35, subdivisions 2 and  
56.4 3; ~~the percentages of students showing low, medium, and high growth under section 120B.35,~~  
56.5 ~~subdivision 3, paragraph (b) academic progress consistent with federal expectations;~~ school  
56.6 safety and student engagement and connection under section 120B.35, subdivision 3,  
56.7 paragraph (d); rigorous coursework under section 120B.35, subdivision 3, paragraph (c);  
56.8 the percentage of students under section 120B.35, subdivision 3, paragraph (b), clause (2),  
56.9 whose progress and performance levels are meeting career and college readiness benchmarks  
56.10 under sections 120B.30, subdivision 1, and 120B.35, subdivision 3, paragraph (e);  
56.11 longitudinal data on the progress of eligible districts in reducing disparities in students'  
56.12 academic achievement and realizing racial and economic integration under section 124D.861;  
56.13 the acquisition of English, and where practicable, native language academic literacy,  
56.14 including oral academic language, and the academic progress of all English learners enrolled  
56.15 in a Minnesota public school course or program who are currently or were previously counted  
56.16 as English learners under section 124D.59; two separate student-to-teacher ratios that clearly  
56.17 indicate the definition of teacher consistent with sections 122A.06 and 122A.15 for purposes  
56.18 of determining these ratios; staff characteristics excluding salaries; student enrollment  
56.19 demographics; foster care status, including all students enrolled in a Minnesota public school  
56.20 course or program who are currently or were previously in foster care, student homelessness,  
56.21 and district mobility; and extracurricular activities.

56.22 (b) The school performance report for a school site and a school district must include  
56.23 school performance reporting information and calculate proficiency rates as required by the  
56.24 most recently reauthorized Elementary and Secondary Education Act.

56.25 (c) The commissioner shall develop, annually update, and post on the department website  
56.26 school performance reports consistent with paragraph (a) and section 120B.11.

56.27 (d) The commissioner must make available performance reports by the beginning of  
56.28 each school year.

56.29 (e) A school or district may appeal its results in a form and manner determined by the  
56.30 commissioner and consistent with federal law. The commissioner's decision to uphold or  
56.31 deny an appeal is final.

56.32 (f) School performance data are nonpublic data under section 13.02, subdivision 9, until  
56.33 the commissioner publicly releases the data. The commissioner shall annually post school  
56.34 performance reports to the department's public website no later than September 1, except



57.1 that in years when the reports reflect new performance standards, the commissioner shall  
57.2 post the school performance reports no later than October 1.

57.3 Sec. 13. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 121A.41, is amended by adding a subdivision  
57.4 to read:

57.5 Subd. 12. **Nonexclusionary disciplinary policies and practices; alternatives to pupil**  
57.6 **removal and dismissal.** "Nonexclusionary disciplinary policies and practices" means  
57.7 policies and practices that are alternatives to removing a pupil from class or dismissing a  
57.8 pupil from school, including evidence-based positive behavioral interventions and supports,  
57.9 social and emotional services, school-linked mental health services, counseling services,  
57.10 social work services, referrals for special education or 504 evaluations, academic screening  
57.11 for Title I services or reading interventions, and alternative education services.  
57.12 Nonexclusionary disciplinary policies and practices require school officials to intervene in,  
57.13 redirect, and support a pupil's behavior before removing a pupil from class or beginning  
57.14 dismissal proceedings. Nonexclusionary disciplinary policies and practices include but are  
57.15 not limited to the policies and practices under sections 120B.12; 121A.031, subdivision 4,  
57.16 paragraph (a), clause (1); 121A.575, clauses (1) and (2); 121A.61, subdivision 3, paragraph  
57.17 (q); and 122A.627, clause (3).

57.18 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective for the 2019-2020 school year and later.

57.19 Sec. 14. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 121A.41, is amended by adding a subdivision  
57.20 to read:

57.21 Subd. 13. **Pupil withdrawal agreements.** "Pupil withdrawal agreements" means a verbal  
57.22 or written agreement between a school or district administrator and a pupil's parent or  
57.23 guardian to withdraw a student from the school district to avoid expulsion or exclusion  
57.24 dismissal proceedings. The duration of the withdrawal agreement may be no longer than  
57.25 12 months.

57.26 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective for the 2019-2020 school year and later.

57.27 Sec. 15. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 121A.45, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

57.28 Subdivision 1. **Provision of alternative programs.** No school shall dismiss any pupil  
57.29 without attempting to ~~provide alternative educational services~~ use nonexclusionary  
57.30 disciplinary policies and practices before a ~~dismissal proceedings~~ dismissal proceeding or a pupil  
57.31 withdrawal agreement, except where it appears that the pupil will create an immediate and  
57.32 substantial danger to self or to surrounding persons or property.

58.1 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective for the 2019-2020 school year and later.

58.2 Sec. 16. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 121A.46, is amended by adding a subdivision  
58.3 to read:

58.4 Subd. 5. **Suspensions exceeding five consecutive school days.** A school administrator  
58.5 must ensure that when a pupil is suspended for more than five consecutive school days,  
58.6 alternative education services are provided.

58.7 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective for the 2019-2020 school year and later.

58.8 Sec. 17. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 121A.46, is amended by adding a subdivision  
58.9 to read:

58.10 Subd. 6. **Minimum education services.** School officials must give a suspended pupil  
58.11 a reasonable opportunity to complete all school work assigned during the pupil's suspension  
58.12 and to receive full credit for satisfactorily completing the assignments. The school principal  
58.13 or other person having administrative control of the school building or program is encouraged  
58.14 to designate a district or school employee as a liaison to work with the pupil's teachers to  
58.15 allow the suspended pupil to (1) receive timely course materials and other information, and  
58.16 (2) complete daily and weekly assignments and receive teachers' feedback. Nothing in this  
58.17 subdivision limits the teacher's authority to assign alternative work for the completion of  
58.18 assignments during a suspension.

58.19 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective for the 2019-2020 school year and later.

58.20 Sec. 18. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 121A.47, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

58.21 Subd. 2. **Written notice.** Written notice of intent to take action ~~shall~~ must:

58.22 ~~(a)~~ (1) be served upon the pupil and the pupil's parent or guardian personally or by mail;

58.23 ~~(b)~~ (2) contain a complete statement of the facts, a list of the witnesses and a description  
58.24 of their testimony;

58.25 ~~(c)~~ (3) state the date, time, and place of the hearing;

58.26 ~~(d)~~ (4) be accompanied by a copy of sections 121A.40 to 121A.56;

58.27 ~~(e)~~ (5) describe ~~alternative educational services~~ the nonexclusionary disciplinary policies  
58.28 and practices accorded the pupil in an attempt to avoid the expulsion proceedings; and

58.29 ~~(f)~~ (6) inform the pupil and parent or guardian of the right to:

59.1 ~~(1)~~ (i) have a representative of the pupil's own choosing, including legal counsel, at the  
59.2 hearing. The district ~~shall~~ must advise the pupil's parent or guardian that free or low-cost  
59.3 legal assistance may be available and that a legal assistance resource list is available from  
59.4 the Department of Education and is posted on its website;

59.5 ~~(2)~~ (ii) examine the pupil's records before the hearing;

59.6 ~~(3)~~ (iii) present evidence; and

59.7 ~~(4)~~ (iv) confront and cross-examine witnesses.

59.8 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective for the 2019-2020 school year and later.

59.9 Sec. 19. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 121A.47, subdivision 14, is amended to read:

59.10 Subd. 14. **Admission or readmission plan.** (a) A school administrator ~~shall~~ must prepare  
59.11 and enforce an admission or readmission plan for any pupil who is excluded or expelled  
59.12 from school. The plan ~~may include~~ must address measures to improve the pupil's behavior,  
59.13 ~~including~~ and may include completing a character education program, consistent with section  
59.14 120B.232, subdivision 1, ~~and~~ social and emotional learning, counseling, social work services,  
59.15 mental health services, referrals for special education or 504 evaluation, and evidence-based  
59.16 academic interventions. The plan must require parental involvement in the admission or  
59.17 readmission process, and may indicate the consequences to the pupil of not improving the  
59.18 pupil's behavior.

59.19 (b) The definition of suspension under section 121A.41, subdivision 10, does not apply  
59.20 to a student's dismissal from school for one school day or less, except as provided under  
59.21 federal law for a student with a disability. Each suspension action may include a readmission  
59.22 plan. A readmission plan must provide, where appropriate, alternative education services,  
59.23 which must not be used to extend the student's current suspension period. Consistent with  
59.24 section 125A.091, subdivision 5, a readmission plan must not obligate a parent or guardian  
59.25 to provide psychotropic drugs to their student as a condition of readmission. School officials  
59.26 must not use the refusal of a parent or guardian to consent to the administration of  
59.27 psychotropic drugs to their student or to consent to a psychiatric evaluation, screening or  
59.28 examination of the student as a ground, by itself, to prohibit the student from attending class  
59.29 or participating in a school-related activity, or as a basis of a charge of child abuse, child  
59.30 neglect or medical or educational neglect.

59.31 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective for the 2019-2020 school year and later.

60.1 Sec. 20. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 121A.53, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

60.2 Subdivision 1. **Exclusions and expulsions; student withdrawals; physical**  
 60.3 **assaults.** Consistent with subdivision 2, the school board must report through the department  
 60.4 electronic reporting system each exclusion or expulsion ~~and~~<sub>2</sub> each physical assault of a  
 60.5 district employee by a ~~student~~ pupil, and each pupil withdrawal agreement within 30 days  
 60.6 of the effective date of the dismissal action, pupil withdrawal, or assault to the commissioner  
 60.7 of education. This report must include a statement of ~~alternative educational services~~  
 60.8 nonexclusionary disciplinary policies and practices, or other sanction, intervention, or  
 60.9 resolution in response to the assault given the pupil and the reason for, the effective date,  
 60.10 and the duration of the exclusion or expulsion or other sanction, intervention, or resolution.  
 60.11 The report must also include the ~~student's~~ pupil's age, grade, gender, race, and special  
 60.12 education status.

60.13 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective for the 2019-2020 school year and later.

60.14 Sec. 21. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 121A.55, is amended to read:

60.15 **121A.55 POLICIES TO BE ESTABLISHED.**

60.16 (a) The commissioner of education shall promulgate guidelines to assist each school  
 60.17 board. Each school board ~~shall~~ must establish uniform criteria for dismissal and adopt written  
 60.18 policies and rules to effectuate the purposes of sections 121A.40 to 121A.56. The policies  
 60.19 ~~shall~~ must include nonexclusionary disciplinary policies and practices consistent with section  
 60.20 121A.41, subdivision 12, and emphasize preventing dismissals through early detection of  
 60.21 problems and shall. The policies must be designed to address students' inappropriate behavior  
 60.22 from recurring.

60.23 (b) The policies shall recognize the continuing responsibility of the school for the  
 60.24 education of the pupil during the dismissal period. The school is responsible for ensuring  
 60.25 that the alternative educational services, if provided to the pupil wishes to take advantage  
 60.26 of them, must be are adequate to allow the pupil to make progress ~~towards~~ toward meeting  
 60.27 the graduation standards adopted under section 120B.02 ~~and~~<sub>2</sub> help prepare the pupil for  
 60.28 readmission, and are consistent with section 121A.46, subdivision 6.

60.29 (c) For expulsion and exclusion dismissals, as well as pupil withdrawal agreements as  
 60.30 defined in section 121A.41, subdivision 13:

60.31 (1) the school district's continuing responsibility includes reviewing the pupil's school  
 60.32 work and grades on a quarterly basis to ensure the pupil is on track for readmission with  
 60.33 the pupil's peers. School districts must communicate on a regular basis with the pupil's

61.1 parent or guardian to ensure the pupil is completing the work assigned through the alternative  
61.2 educational services;

61.3 (2) if school-linked mental health services are provided in the district under section  
61.4 245.4889, pupils continue to be eligible for those services until they are enrolled in a new  
61.5 district; and

61.6 (3) the school district must provide to the pupil's parent or guardian a list of mental  
61.7 health and counseling services that offer free or sliding fee services. The list must also be  
61.8 posted on the district's website.

61.9 ~~(b)~~ (d) An area learning center under section 123A.05 may not prohibit an expelled or  
61.10 excluded pupil from enrolling solely because a district expelled or excluded the pupil. The  
61.11 board of the area learning center may use the provisions of the Pupil Fair Dismissal Act to  
61.12 exclude a pupil or to require an admission plan.

61.13 ~~(e)~~ (e) Each school district shall develop a policy and report it to the commissioner on  
61.14 the appropriate use of peace officers and crisis teams to remove students who have an  
61.15 individualized education program from school grounds.

61.16 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective for the 2019-2020 school year and later.

61.17 Sec. 22. **[121A.80] STUDENT JOURNALISM; STUDENT EXPRESSION.**

61.18 Subdivision 1. Definitions. (a) For purposes of this section, the terms defined in this  
61.19 subdivision have the meanings given them.

61.20 (b) "School-sponsored media" means material that is:

61.21 (1) prepared, wholly or substantially written, published, broadcast, or otherwise  
61.22 disseminated by a student journalist enrolled in a school district or charter school;

61.23 (2) distributed or generally made available to students in the school; and

61.24 (3) prepared by a student journalist under the supervision of a student media adviser.

61.25 School-sponsored media does not include material prepared solely for distribution or  
61.26 transmission in the classroom in which the material is produced.

61.27 (c) "School official" means a school principal under section 123B.147 or other person  
61.28 having administrative control or supervision of a school.

61.29 (d) "Student journalist" means a school district or charter school student in grades 6  
61.30 through 12 who gathers, compiles, writes, edits, photographs, records, or otherwise prepares  
61.31 information for dissemination in school-sponsored media.

62.1 (e) "Student media adviser" means a qualified teacher, as defined in section 122A.16,  
62.2 that a school district or charter school employs, appoints, or designates to supervise student  
62.3 journalists or provide instruction relating to school-sponsored media.

62.4 Subd. 2. **Student journalists; protected conduct.** (a) Except as provided in subdivision  
62.5 3, a student journalist has the right to exercise freedom of speech and freedom of the press  
62.6 in school-sponsored media regardless of whether the school-sponsored media receives  
62.7 financial support from the school or district, uses school equipment or facilities in its  
62.8 production, or is produced as part of a class or course in which the student journalist is  
62.9 enrolled. Freedom of speech includes freedom to express political viewpoints. Consistent  
62.10 with subdivision 3, a student journalist has the right to determine the news, opinion, feature,  
62.11 and advertising content of school-sponsored media. A school district or charter school must  
62.12 not discipline a student journalist for exercising rights or freedoms under this paragraph or  
62.13 the First Amendment of the United States Constitution.

62.14 (b) A school district or charter school must not retaliate or take adverse employment  
62.15 action against a student media adviser for supporting a student journalist exercising rights  
62.16 or freedoms under paragraph (a) or the First Amendment of the United States Constitution.

62.17 (c) Notwithstanding the rights or freedoms of this subdivision or the First Amendment  
62.18 of the United States Constitution, nothing in this section inhibits a student media adviser  
62.19 from teaching professional standards of English and journalism to student journalists.

62.20 Subd. 3. **Unprotected expression.** (a) This section does not authorize or protect student  
62.21 expression that: (1) is defamatory; (2) is profane, harassing, threatening, or intimidating;  
62.22 (3) constitutes an unwarranted invasion of privacy; (4) violates federal or state law; (5)  
62.23 causes a material and substantial disruption of school activities; or (6) is directed to inciting  
62.24 or producing imminent lawless action on school premises or the violation of lawful school  
62.25 policies or rules, including a policy adopted in accordance with section 121A.03 or 121A.031.

62.26 (b) A school or district must not authorize any prior restraint of school-sponsored media  
62.27 except under paragraph (a).

62.28 Subd. 4. **Student journalist policy.** School districts and charter schools must adopt and  
62.29 post a student journalist policy consistent with this section.

62.30 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective for the 2019-2020 school year and later.

62.31 Sec. 23. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 124D.02, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

62.32 Subdivision 1. **Kindergarten instruction.** (a) The board ~~may establish and maintain~~  
62.33 ~~one or more kindergartens for the instruction of children and after July 1, 1974, shall~~ must

63.1 provide kindergarten instruction ~~for~~ free of charge to all eligible children, ~~either~~ in the  
63.2 district ~~or in another district. All children to be eligible for kindergarten must be~~ A child is  
63.3 eligible for kindergarten if the child is at least five years of age on September 1 of the  
63.4 calendar year in which the school year commences. ~~In addition all children selected,~~ or is  
63.5 admitted under an early admissions policy established by the school board ~~may be admitted.~~

63.6 (b) If established, a board-adopted early admissions policy must describe the process  
63.7 and procedures for comprehensive evaluation in cognitive, social, and emotional  
63.8 developmental domains to help determine the child's ability to meet kindergarten grade  
63.9 expectations and progress to first grade in the subsequent year. The comprehensive evaluation  
63.10 must use valid and reliable instrumentation, be aligned with state kindergarten expectations,  
63.11 and include a parent report and teacher observations of the child's knowledge, skills, and  
63.12 abilities. The early admissions policy must be made available to parents in an accessible  
63.13 format and is subject to review by the commissioner of education. The evaluation is subject  
63.14 to section 127A.41.

63.15 (c) Nothing in this section shall prohibit a school district from establishing Head Start,  
63.16 prekindergarten, or nursery school classes for children below kindergarten age. Any school  
63.17 board with evidence that providing kindergarten will cause an extraordinary hardship on  
63.18 the school district may apply to the commissioner of education for an exception.

63.19 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective for the 2020-2021 school year and later.

63.20 Sec. 24. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 124D.09, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

63.21 Subd. 3. **Definitions.** For purposes of this section, the following terms have the meanings  
63.22 given to them.

63.23 (a) "Eligible institution" means a Minnesota public postsecondary institution, a private,  
63.24 nonprofit two-year trade and technical school granting associate degrees, an opportunities  
63.25 industrialization center accredited by ~~the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools~~  
63.26 a United States Department of Education recognized accrediting agency, or a private,  
63.27 residential, two-year or four-year, liberal arts, degree-granting college or university located  
63.28 in Minnesota.

63.29 (b) "Course" means a course or program.

63.30 (c) "Concurrent enrollment" means nonsectarian courses in which an eligible pupil under  
63.31 subdivision 5 or 5b enrolls to earn both secondary and postsecondary credits, are taught by  
63.32 a secondary teacher or a postsecondary faculty member, and are offered at a high school

64.1 for which the district is eligible to receive concurrent enrollment program aid under section  
64.2 124D.091.

64.3 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.

64.4 Sec. 25. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 124D.09, subdivision 7, is amended to read:

64.5 Subd. 7. **Dissemination of information; notification of intent to enroll.** By the earlier  
64.6 of (1) three weeks prior to the date by which a student must register for district courses for  
64.7 the following school year, or (2) March 1 of each year, a district must provide up-to-date  
64.8 information on the district's website and in materials that are distributed to parents and  
64.9 students about the program, including information about enrollment requirements and the  
64.10 ability to earn postsecondary credit to all pupils in grades 8, 9, 10, and 11. To assist the  
64.11 district in planning, a pupil ~~shall~~ must inform the district by May 30 of each year of the  
64.12 pupil's intent to enroll in postsecondary courses during the following school year. A pupil  
64.13 is bound by notifying or not notifying the district by May 30.

64.14 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 1, 2019.

64.15 Sec. 26. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 124D.09, subdivision 9, is amended to read:

64.16 Subd. 9. **Enrollment priority.** (a) A postsecondary institution ~~shall~~ must give priority  
64.17 to its postsecondary students when enrolling ~~10th, 11th, and 12th grade pupils~~ in grades 10,  
64.18 11, and 12 in its courses. A postsecondary institution may provide information about its  
64.19 programs to a secondary school or to a pupil or parent and it may advertise or otherwise  
64.20 recruit or solicit a secondary pupil to enroll in its programs on educational and programmatic  
64.21 grounds only except, notwithstanding other law to the contrary, and for the 2014-2015  
64.22 through 2019-2020 school years only, an eligible postsecondary institution may advertise  
64.23 or otherwise recruit or solicit a secondary pupil residing in a school district with 700 students  
64.24 or more in grades 10, 11, and 12, to enroll in its programs on educational, programmatic,  
64.25 or financial grounds.

64.26 (b) An institution must not enroll secondary pupils, for postsecondary enrollment options  
64.27 purposes, in remedial, developmental, or other courses that are not college level except  
64.28 when a student eligible to participate and enrolled in the graduation incentives program  
64.29 under section 124D.68 enrolls full time in a middle or early college program. A middle or  
64.30 early college program must be specifically designed to allow the student to earn dual high  
64.31 school and college credit with a well-defined pathway to allow the student to earn a  
64.32 postsecondary degree or credential. In this case, the student ~~shall~~ must receive developmental  
64.33 college credit and not college credit for completing remedial or developmental courses.



65.1 (c) Once a pupil has been enrolled in any postsecondary course under this section, the  
65.2 pupil ~~shall~~ must not be displaced by another student.

65.3 (d) If a postsecondary institution enrolls a secondary school pupil in a course under this  
65.4 section, the postsecondary institution also must enroll in the same course an otherwise  
65.5 enrolled and qualified postsecondary student who qualifies as a veteran under section  
65.6 197.447, and demonstrates to the postsecondary institution's satisfaction that the institution's  
65.7 established enrollment timelines were not practicable for that student.

65.8 (e) A postsecondary institution must allow secondary pupils to enroll in online courses  
65.9 under this section consistent with the institution's policy regarding postsecondary pupil  
65.10 enrollment in online courses.

65.11 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 1, 2019.

65.12 Sec. 27. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 124D.091, is amended to read:

65.13 **124D.091 CONCURRENT ENROLLMENT PROGRAM AID.**

65.14 Subdivision 1. **Accreditation.** To establish a uniform standard by which concurrent  
65.15 enrollment courses and professional development activities may be measured, postsecondary  
65.16 institutions must adopt and implement the National Alliance of Concurrent Enrollment  
65.17 Partnership's program standards and required evidence for accreditation by the 2020-2021  
65.18 school year and later.

65.19 Subd. 2. **Eligibility.** A district that offers a concurrent enrollment course according to  
65.20 an agreement under section 124D.09, subdivision 10, is eligible to receive aid for the costs  
65.21 of providing postsecondary courses at the high school. ~~Beginning in fiscal year 2011, districts~~  
65.22 A district is only are eligible for aid if the college or university concurrent enrollment courses  
65.23 offered by the district are accredited by the National Alliance of Concurrent Enrollment  
65.24 Partnership, in the process of being accredited, or are shown by clear evidence to be of  
65.25 comparable standard to accredited courses, or are technical courses within a recognized  
65.26 career and technical education program of study approved by the commissioner of education  
65.27 and the chancellor of the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities.

65.28 Subd. 3. **Aid.** An eligible ~~district shall receive~~ district's concurrent enrollment aid equals  
65.29 \$150 per pupil times the number of pupils enrolled in a concurrent enrollment course during  
65.30 that school year. ~~The money~~ Concurrent enrollment aid must be used to defray the cost of  
65.31 delivering ~~the course~~ concurrent enrollment courses at the high school. The commissioner  
65.32 shall establish application procedures and deadlines for receipt of aid payments.

66.1 Sec. 28. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 124D.2211, is amended to read:

66.2 **124D.2211 AFTER-SCHOOL COMMUNITY LEARNING PROGRAMS.**

66.3 Subdivision 1. **Establishment.** A competitive statewide after-school community learning  
 66.4 grant program is established to provide grants to ~~community or nonprofit organizations,~~  
 66.5 ~~political subdivisions, for-profit or nonprofit child care centers, or school-based programs~~  
 66.6 ~~that serve youth after school or during nonschool hours~~ organizations that offer academic  
 66.7 and enrichment activities for elementary and secondary school students during nonschool  
 66.8 hours. Grants must be used to offer a broad array of enrichment activities that promote  
 66.9 positive after-school activities, including art, music, community engagement, literacy,  
 66.10 science, technology, engineering, math, health, and recreation programs. The commissioner  
 66.11 ~~shall~~ must develop criteria for after-school community learning programs. The commissioner  
 66.12 may award grants under this section to community or nonprofit organizations, political  
 66.13 subdivisions, public libraries, for-profit or nonprofit child care centers, or school-based  
 66.14 programs that serve youth after school or during nonschool hours.

66.15 Subd. 2. ~~Program outcomes~~ **Objectives.** The ~~expected outcomes~~ objectives of the  
 66.16 after-school community learning programs are to ~~increase~~:

66.17 (1) ~~school connectedness of participants~~ increase access to protective factors that build  
 66.18 young people's capacity to become productive adults, such as through connections to a  
 66.19 caring adult in order to promote healthy behavior, attitudes, and relationships;

66.20 (2) ~~academic achievement of participating students in one or more core academic areas~~  
 66.21 develop skills and behaviors necessary to succeed in postsecondary education or career  
 66.22 opportunities; and

66.23 (3) ~~the capacity of participants to become productive adults; and~~ encourage school  
 66.24 attendance and improve academic performance in accordance with the state's world's best  
 66.25 workforce goals under section 120B.11.

66.26 (4) ~~prevent truancy from school and prevent juvenile crime.~~

66.27 Subd. 3. **Grants.** (a) An applicant ~~shall~~ must submit an after-school community learning  
 66.28 program proposal to the commissioner. The submitted ~~plan~~ proposal must include:

66.29 (1) collaboration with and leverage of existing community resources that have  
 66.30 demonstrated effectiveness;

66.31 (2) outreach to children and youth; ~~and~~

67.1 (3) ~~involvement of local governments, including park and recreation boards or schools,~~  
67.2 ~~unless no government agency is appropriate~~ an explanation of how the proposal will support  
67.3 the objectives identified in subdivision 2; and

67.4 (4) a plan to implement effective after-school practices and provide staff access to  
67.5 professional development opportunities.

67.6 ~~Proposals will be reviewed and approved by the commissioner.~~

67.7 (b) The commissioner must review proposals and award grants to programs that:

67.8 (1) primarily serve students eligible for free or reduced-price meals; and

67.9 (2) provide opportunities for academic enrichment and a broad array of additional services  
67.10 and activities to meet program objectives.

67.11 (c) To the extent practicable, the commissioner must award grants equitably among the  
67.12 geographic areas of Minnesota, including rural, suburban, and urban communities.

67.13 (d) The commissioner must award grants without giving preference to any particular  
67.14 grade of students served by an applicant program.

67.15 Subd. 4. **Technical assistance and continuous improvement.** (a) The commissioner  
67.16 must monitor and evaluate the performance of grant recipients to assess the programs'  
67.17 effectiveness in meeting the objectives identified in subdivision 2.

67.18 (b) The commissioner must provide technical assistance, capacity building, and  
67.19 professional development to grant recipients, including guidance on:

67.20 (1) aligning activities with the state's world's best workforce goals under section 120B.11;  
67.21 and

67.22 (2) effective practices for after-school programs.

67.23 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.

67.24 Sec. 29. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 124D.231, is amended to read:

67.25 **124D.231 FULL-SERVICE COMMUNITY SCHOOLS.**

67.26 Subdivision 1. **Definitions.** For the purposes of this section, the following terms have  
67.27 the meanings given them.

67.28 (a) "Community organization" means a nonprofit organization that has been in existence  
67.29 for three years or more and serves persons within the community surrounding the covered  
67.30 school site on education and other issues.

68.1 (b) "Community school consortium" means a group of schools and community  
68.2 organizations that propose to work together to plan and implement community school  
68.3 programming.

68.4 (c) "Community school programming" means services, activities, and opportunities  
68.5 described under subdivision 2, paragraph ~~(g)~~ (f).

68.6 (d) "Community-wide full-service community school leadership team" means a  
68.7 district-level team that is responsible for guiding the vision, policy, resource alignment,  
68.8 implementation, oversight, and goal setting for community school programs within the  
68.9 district. This team must include representatives from the district; teachers, school leaders,  
68.10 students, and family members from the eligible schools; community members; system-level  
68.11 partners that include representatives from government agencies, relevant unions, and  
68.12 nonprofit and other community-based partners; and, if applicable, the full-service community  
68.13 school initiative director.

68.14 (e) "Full-service community school initiative director" means a director responsible for  
68.15 coordinating districtwide administrative and leadership assistance to community school  
68.16 sites and site coordinators including chairing the district's community-wide full-service  
68.17 community school leadership team, site coordinator support, data gathering and evaluation,  
68.18 administration of partnership and data agreements, contracts and procurement, and grants.

68.19 ~~(d)~~ (f) "High-quality child care or early childhood education programming" means  
68.20 educational programming for preschool-aged children that is grounded in research, consistent  
68.21 with best practices in the field, and provided by licensed teachers.

68.22 ~~(e)~~ (g) "School site" means a school site at which an applicant has proposed or has been  
68.23 funded to provide community school programming.

68.24 ~~(f)~~ (h) "Site coordinator" ~~is an individual~~ means a full-time staff member serving one  
68.25 eligible school who is responsible for ~~aligning~~ the identification, implementation, and  
68.26 coordination of programming with to address the needs of the school community identified  
68.27 in the baseline analysis.

68.28 Subd. 2. **Full-service community school program.** (a) The commissioner ~~shall~~ must  
68.29 provide funding to districts and charter schools with eligible school sites to plan, implement,  
68.30 and improve full-service community schools. Eligible school sites must meet one of the  
68.31 following criteria:

68.32 (1) the school is on a development plan for continuous improvement under section  
68.33 120B.35, subdivision 2; or

69.1 (2) the school is in a district that has an achievement and integration plan approved by  
69.2 the commissioner of education under sections 124D.861 and 124D.862.

69.3 (b) ~~An eligible school site may receive up to \$150,000 annually. Districts and charter~~  
69.4 ~~schools may receive up to:~~

69.5 (1) \$100,000 for each eligible school available for up to one year to fund planning  
69.6 activities including convening a full-service community school leadership team, facilitating  
69.7 family and community stakeholder engagement, conducting a baseline analysis, and creating  
69.8 a full-service community school plan. At the end of this period, the school must submit a  
69.9 full-service community school plan, pursuant to paragraphs (f) and (g); and

69.10 (2) \$150,000 annually for each eligible school for up to three years of implementation  
69.11 of a full-service community school plan, pursuant to paragraphs (f) and (g). School sites  
69.12 receiving funding under this section shall must hire or contract with a partner agency to hire  
69.13 a site coordinator to coordinate services at each covered school site. Districts or charter  
69.14 schools receiving funding under this section for three or more schools must provide or  
69.15 contract with a partner agency to provide a full-service community school initiative director.

69.16 ~~(e) Of grants awarded, implementation funding of up to \$20,000 must be available for~~  
69.17 ~~up to one year for planning for school sites. At the end of this period, the school must submit~~  
69.18 ~~a full-service community school plan, pursuant to paragraph (g). If the site decides not to~~  
69.19 ~~use planning funds, the plan must be submitted with the application.~~

69.20 ~~(d)~~ (c) The commissioner shall must consider additional school factors when dispensing  
69.21 funds including: schools with significant populations of students receiving free or  
69.22 reduced-price lunches; significant homeless and highly mobile rates; ~~and~~ equity among  
69.23 urban, suburban, and greater Minnesota schools; and demonstrated success implementing  
69.24 full-service community school programming.

69.25 ~~(e)~~ (d) A school site must establish a full-service community school leadership team  
69.26 responsible for developing school-specific programming goals, assessing program needs,  
69.27 and overseeing the process of implementing expanded programming ~~at each covered site.~~  
69.28 The school leadership team shall must have ~~between~~ at least 12 to 15 members and shall  
69.29 must meet the following requirements:

69.30 (1) at least 30 percent of the members are parents, guardians, or students and 30 percent  
69.31 of the members are teachers at the school site and must include the school principal and  
69.32 representatives from partner agencies; and

70.1 (2) the full-service community school leadership team must be responsible for overseeing  
70.2 the baseline analyses under paragraph ~~(f)~~ (e) and the creation of a full-service community  
70.3 school plan under paragraphs (f) and (g). A full-service community school leadership team  
70.4 must meet at least quarterly, have ongoing responsibility for monitoring the development  
70.5 and implementation of full-service community school operations and programming at the  
70.6 school site, and ~~shall~~ must issue recommendations to schools on a regular basis and  
70.7 summarized in an annual report. These reports ~~shall~~ must also be made available to the  
70.8 public at the school site and on school and district websites.

70.9 ~~(f)~~ (e) School sites must complete a baseline analysis prior to ~~beginning programming~~  
70.10 ~~as a full-service community school~~ the creation of a full-service community school plan.  
70.11 The analysis ~~shall~~ must include:

70.12 (1) a baseline analysis of needs at the school site, led by the school leadership team,  
70.13 ~~which shall include~~ including the following elements:

70.14 (i) identification of challenges facing the school;

70.15 (ii) analysis of the student body, including:

70.16 (A) number and percentage of students with disabilities and needs of these students;

70.17 (B) number and percentage of students who are English learners and the needs of these  
70.18 students;

70.19 (C) number of students who are homeless or highly mobile; ~~and~~

70.20 (D) number and percentage of students receiving free or reduced-price lunch and the  
70.21 needs of these students; and

70.22 (E) number and percentage of students by race and ethnicity;

70.23 (iii) analysis of enrollment and retention rates for students with disabilities, English  
70.24 learners, homeless and highly mobile students, and students receiving free or reduced-price  
70.25 lunch;

70.26 (iv) analysis of suspension and expulsion data, including the justification for such  
70.27 disciplinary actions and the degree to which particular populations, including, but not limited  
70.28 to, American Indian students and students of color, students with disabilities, students who  
70.29 are English learners, and students receiving free or reduced-price lunch are represented  
70.30 among students subject to such actions;

71.1 (v) analysis of school achievement data disaggregated by major demographic categories,  
71.2 including, but not limited to, race, ethnicity, English learner status, disability status, and  
71.3 free or reduced-price lunch status;

71.4 (vi) analysis of current parent engagement strategies and their success; and

71.5 (vii) evaluation of the need for and availability of ~~wraparound services~~ full-service  
71.6 community school activities, including, but not limited to:

71.7 (A) ~~mechanisms for meeting students' social, emotional, and physical health needs,~~  
71.8 ~~which may include coordination of existing services as well as the development of new~~  
71.9 ~~services based on student needs; and~~ integrated student supports that address out-of-school  
71.10 barriers to learning through partnerships with social and health service agencies and providers  
71.11 to assist with medical, dental, vision care, and mental health services, or counselors to assist  
71.12 with housing, transportation, nutrition, immigration, or criminal justice issues;

71.13 (B) ~~strategies to create a safe and secure school environment and improve school climate~~  
71.14 ~~and discipline, such as implementing a system of positive behavioral supports, and taking~~  
71.15 ~~additional steps to eliminate bullying;~~ expanded and enriched learning time and opportunities,  
71.16 including: before-school, after-school, weekend, and summer programs that provide  
71.17 additional academic instruction, individualized academic support, enrichment activities,  
71.18 and learning opportunities that emphasize real-world learning and community problem  
71.19 solving and may include art, music, drama, creative writing, hands-on experience with  
71.20 engineering or science, tutoring and homework help, or recreational programs that enhance  
71.21 and are consistent with the school's curriculum;

71.22 (C) active family and community engagement that brings students' families and the  
71.23 community into the school as partners in education and makes the school a neighborhood  
71.24 hub, providing adults with educational opportunities that may include adult English as a  
71.25 second language classes, computer skills classes, art classes, or other programs or events;  
71.26 and

71.27 (D) collaborative leadership and practices that build a culture of professional learning,  
71.28 collective trust, and shared responsibility and include a school-based full-service community  
71.29 school leadership team, a full-service community school site coordinator, a full-service  
71.30 community school initiative director, a community-wide leadership team, other leadership  
71.31 or governance teams, teacher learning communities, or other staff to manage the joint work  
71.32 of school and community organizations;

71.33 (2) a baseline analysis of community assets ~~and a strategic plan for utilizing and aligning~~  
71.34 ~~identified assets. This analysis should include, but is not limited to,~~ including a documentation

72.1 of individuals in the community, faith-based organizations, community and neighborhood  
72.2 associations, colleges, hospitals, libraries, businesses, and social service agencies ~~who~~ that  
72.3 may be able to provide support and resources; and

72.4 (3) a baseline analysis of needs in the community surrounding the school, led by the  
72.5 school leadership team, including, ~~but not limited to:~~

72.6 (i) the need for high-quality, full-day child care and early childhood education programs;

72.7 (ii) the need for physical and mental health care services for children and adults; and

72.8 (iii) the need for job training and other adult education programming.

72.9 ~~(g)~~ (f) Each school site receiving funding under this section must ~~establish~~ develop a  
72.10 full-service community school plan that utilizes and aligns district and community assets  
72.11 and establishes services in at least two of the following types of programming:

72.12 (1) early childhood:

72.13 (i) early childhood education; and

72.14 (ii) child care services;

72.15 (2) academic:

72.16 (i) academic support and enrichment activities, including expanded learning time;

72.17 (ii) summer or after-school enrichment and learning experiences;

72.18 (iii) job training, internship opportunities, and career counseling services;

72.19 (iv) programs that provide assistance to students who have been truant, suspended, or  
72.20 expelled; and

72.21 (v) specialized instructional support services;

72.22 (3) parental involvement:

72.23 (i) programs that promote parental involvement and family literacy;

72.24 (ii) parent leadership development activities that empower and strengthen families and  
72.25 communities, provide volunteer opportunities, or promote inclusion in school-based  
72.26 leadership teams; and

72.27 (iii) parenting education activities;

72.28 (4) mental and physical health:



- 73.1 (i) mentoring and other youth development programs, including peer mentoring and  
73.2 conflict mediation;
- 73.3 (ii) juvenile crime prevention and rehabilitation programs;
- 73.4 (iii) home visitation services by teachers and other professionals;
- 73.5 (iv) developmentally appropriate physical education;
- 73.6 (v) nutrition services;
- 73.7 (vi) primary health and dental care; and
- 73.8 (vii) mental health counseling services;
- 73.9 (5) community involvement:
- 73.10 (i) service and service-learning opportunities;
- 73.11 (ii) adult education, including instruction in English as a second language; and
- 73.12 (iii) homeless prevention services;
- 73.13 (6) positive discipline practices; and
- 73.14 (7) other programming designed to meet school and community needs identified in the  
73.15 baseline analysis and reflected in the full-service community school plan.
- 73.16 ~~(h)~~ (g) The full-service community school leadership team at each school site must  
73.17 develop a full-service community school plan detailing the steps the school leadership team  
73.18 will take, including:
- 73.19 (1) timely establishment and consistent operation of the school leadership team;
- 73.20 (2) maintenance of attendance records in all programming components;
- 73.21 (3) maintenance of measurable data showing annual participation and the impact of  
73.22 programming on the participating children and adults;
- 73.23 (4) documentation of meaningful and sustained collaboration between the school and  
73.24 community stakeholders, including local governmental units, civic engagement organizations,  
73.25 businesses, and social service providers;
- 73.26 (5) establishment and maintenance of partnerships with institutions, such as universities,  
73.27 hospitals, museums, or not-for-profit community organizations to further the development  
73.28 and implementation of community school programming;
- 73.29 (6) ensuring compliance with the district nondiscrimination policy; and

74.1 (7) plan for school leadership team development.

74.2 Subd. 3. **Full-service community school review.** (a) ~~Every three years,~~ A full-service  
74.3 community school site must submit to the commissioner, and make available at the school  
74.4 site and online, a report describing efforts to integrate community school programming at  
74.5 each covered school site and the effect of the transition to a full-service community school  
74.6 on participating children and adults. This report ~~shall~~ must include, but is not limited to,  
74.7 the following:

74.8 (1) an assessment of the effectiveness of the school site in development or implementing  
74.9 the community school plan;

74.10 (2) problems encountered in the design and execution of the community school plan,  
74.11 including identification of any federal, state, or local statute or regulation impeding program  
74.12 implementation;

74.13 (3) the operation of the school leadership team and its contribution to successful execution  
74.14 of the community school plan;

74.15 (4) recommendations for improving delivery of community school programming to  
74.16 students and families;

74.17 (5) the number and percentage of students receiving community school programming  
74.18 who had not previously been served;

74.19 (6) the number and percentage of nonstudent community members receiving community  
74.20 school programming who had not previously been served;

74.21 (7) improvement in retention among students who receive community school  
74.22 programming;

74.23 (8) improvement in academic achievement among students who receive community  
74.24 school programming;

74.25 (9) changes in student's readiness to enter school, active involvement in learning and in  
74.26 their community, physical, social and emotional health, and student's relationship with the  
74.27 school and community environment;

74.28 (10) an accounting of anticipated local budget savings, if any, resulting from the  
74.29 implementation of the program;

74.30 (11) improvements to the frequency or depth of families' involvement with their children's  
74.31 education;

74.32 (12) assessment of community stakeholder satisfaction;

75.1 (13) assessment of institutional partner satisfaction;

75.2 (14) the ability, or anticipated ability, of the school site and partners to continue to  
75.3 provide services in the absence of future funding under this section;

75.4 (15) increases in access to services for students and their families; and

75.5 (16) the degree of increased collaboration among participating agencies and private  
75.6 partners.

75.7 (b) Reports submitted under this section ~~shall~~ must be evaluated by the commissioner  
75.8 with respect to the following criteria:

75.9 (1) the effectiveness of the school or the community school consortium in implementing  
75.10 the full-service community school plan, including the degree to which the school site  
75.11 navigated difficulties encountered in the design and operation of the full-service community  
75.12 school plan, including identification of any federal, state, or local statute or regulation  
75.13 impeding program implementation;

75.14 (2) the extent to which the project has produced lessons about ways to improve delivery  
75.15 of community school programming to students;

75.16 (3) the degree to which there has been an increase in the number or percentage of students  
75.17 and nonstudents receiving community school programming;

75.18 (4) the degree to which there has been an improvement in retention of students and  
75.19 improvement in academic achievement among students receiving community school  
75.20 programming;

75.21 (5) local budget savings, if any, resulting from the implementation of the program;

75.22 (6) the degree of community stakeholder and institutional partner engagement;

75.23 (7) the ability, or anticipated ability, of the school site and partners to continue to provide  
75.24 services in the absence of future funding under this section;

75.25 (8) increases in access to services for students and their families; and

75.26 (9) the degree of increased collaboration among participating agencies and private  
75.27 partners.

75.28 Subd. 4. **Community partners.** A community partner, including a nonprofit organization  
75.29 and a for profit organization, may partner with a full-service community school to provide  
75.30 financial and in-kind support for the full-service community school activities under this  
75.31 section. A community partner may pay for the costs of the full-service community school

76.1 initiative director and the site coordinator. Nothing in this subdivision affects the employment  
76.2 relationship between a full service community school initiative director or site coordinator  
76.3 and the school district.

76.4 Sec. 30. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 124D.34, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

76.5 Subd. 2. **Creation of foundation.** There is created the Minnesota Foundation for Student  
76.6 Organizations. The purpose of the foundation is to promote ~~vocational~~ career and technical  
76.7 student organizations and applied leadership opportunities in Minnesota public and nonpublic  
76.8 schools through public-private partnerships. The foundation is a nonprofit organization.  
76.9 The board of directors of the foundation and activities of the foundation are under the  
76.10 direction of the commissioner of education.

76.11 Sec. 31. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 124D.34, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

76.12 Subd. 3. **Board of directors.** The board of directors of the Minnesota Foundation for  
76.13 Student Organizations consists of:

76.14 (1) seven members appointed by the board of directors of the ~~school-to-work~~ career and  
76.15 technical student organizations and chosen so that each represents one of the following  
76.16 career areas: agriculture, family and consumer sciences, service occupations, health  
76.17 occupations, marketing, business, and technical/industrial;

76.18 (2) seven members from business, industry, and labor appointed by the governor to  
76.19 staggered terms and chosen so that each represents one of the following career areas:  
76.20 agriculture, family and consumer sciences, service occupations, health occupations,  
76.21 marketing, business, and technical/industrial;

76.22 (3) five students or alumni of ~~school-to-work~~ career and technical student organizations  
76.23 representing diverse career areas, three from secondary student organizations, and two from  
76.24 postsecondary student organizations. The students or alumni shall be appointed by the  
76.25 criteria and process agreed upon by the executive directors of the ~~student-to-work~~ career  
76.26 and technical organizations; and

76.27 (4) four members from education appointed by the governor to staggered terms and  
76.28 chosen so that each represents one of the following groups: school district level  
76.29 administrators, secondary school administrators, middle school administrators, and  
76.30 postsecondary administrators.

76.31 Executive directors of ~~vocational~~ career and technical education student organizations  
76.32 are ex officio, nonvoting members of the board.

77.1 Sec. 32. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 124D.34, subdivision 4, is amended to read:

77.2 Subd. 4. **Foundation programs.** The foundation shall advance applied leadership and  
77.3 intracurricular ~~vocational~~ career and technical learning experiences for students. These may  
77.4 include, but are not limited to:

77.5 (1) recognition programs and awards for students demonstrating excellence in applied  
77.6 leadership;

77.7 (2) summer programs for student leadership, career development, applied academics,  
77.8 and mentorship programs with business and industry;

77.9 (3) recognition programs for teachers, administrators, and others who make outstanding  
77.10 contributions to ~~school-to-work~~ career and technical programs;

77.11 (4) outreach programs to increase the involvement of urban and suburban students;

77.12 (5) organized challenges requiring cooperation and competition for secondary and  
77.13 postsecondary students;

77.14 (6) assistance and training to community teams to increase career awareness and  
77.15 empowerment of youth as community leaders; and

77.16 (7) assessment and activities in order to plan for and implement continuous improvement.

77.17 To the extent possible, the foundation shall make these programs available to students  
77.18 in all parts of the state.

77.19 Sec. 33. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 124D.34, subdivision 5, is amended to read:

77.20 Subd. 5. **Powers and duties.** The foundation may:

77.21 (1) identify and plan common goals and priorities for the various ~~school-to-work~~ career  
77.22 and technical student organizations in Minnesota;

77.23 (2) publish brochures or booklets relating to the purposes of the foundation and collect  
77.24 reasonable fees for the publications;

77.25 (3) seek and receive public and private money, grants, and in-kind services and goods  
77.26 from nonstate sources for the purposes of the foundation, without complying with section  
77.27 16A.013, subdivision 1;

77.28 (4) contract with consultants on behalf of the ~~school-to-work~~ career and technical student  
77.29 organizations;

78.1 (5) plan, implement, and expend money for awards and other forms of recognition for  
78.2 ~~school-to-work~~ career and technical student programs; and

78.3 (6) identifying an appropriate name for the foundation.

78.4 Sec. 34. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 124D.34, subdivision 8, is amended to read:

78.5 Subd. 8. **Public funding.** The state shall identify and secure appropriate funding for the  
78.6 basic staffing of the foundation and individual student ~~school-to-work~~ career and technical  
78.7 student organizations at the state level.

78.8 Sec. 35. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 124D.34, subdivision 12, is amended to read:

78.9 Subd. 12. **Student organizations.** Individual boards of ~~vocational~~ career and technical  
78.10 education student organizations shall continue their operations in accordance with section  
78.11 124D.355 and applicable federal law.

78.12 Sec. 36. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 124D.59, subdivision 2a, is amended to read:

78.13 Subd. 2a. **English learner; interrupted formal education.** Consistent with subdivision  
78.14 2, an English learner includes an English learner with an interrupted formal education who  
78.15 meets three of the following five requirements:

78.16 (1) comes from a home where the language usually spoken is other than English, or  
78.17 usually speaks a language other than English;

78.18 (2) enters school in the United States after grade 6;

78.19 (3) has at least two years less schooling than the English learner's peers;

78.20 (4) functions at least two years below expected grade level in reading and mathematics;  
78.21 and

78.22 (5) may be preliterate in the English learner's native language.

78.23 Sec. 37. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 124D.68, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

78.24 Subd. 2. **Eligible pupils.** (a) A pupil under the age of 21 or who meets the requirements  
78.25 of section 120A.20, subdivision 1, paragraph (c), is eligible to participate in the graduation  
78.26 incentives program, if the pupil:

78.27 (1) performs substantially below the performance level for pupils of the same age in a  
78.28 locally determined achievement test;

78.29 (2) is behind in satisfactorily completing coursework or obtaining credits for graduation;

- 79.1 (3) is pregnant or is a parent;
- 79.2 (4) has been assessed as chemically dependent;
- 79.3 (5) has been excluded or expelled according to sections 121A.40 to 121A.56;
- 79.4 (6) has been referred by a school district for enrollment in an eligible program or a  
79.5 program pursuant to section 124D.69;
- 79.6 (7) is a victim of physical or sexual abuse;
- 79.7 (8) has experienced mental health problems;
- 79.8 (9) has experienced homelessness sometime within six months before requesting a  
79.9 transfer to an eligible program;
- 79.10 (10) speaks English as a second language or is an English learner;
- 79.11 (11) has withdrawn from school or has been chronically truant; or
- 79.12 (12) is being treated in a hospital in the seven-county metropolitan area for cancer or  
79.13 other life threatening illness or is the sibling of an eligible pupil who is being currently  
79.14 treated, and resides with the pupil's family at least 60 miles beyond the outside boundary  
79.15 of the seven-county metropolitan area.
- 79.16 (b) ~~For fiscal years 2017 and 2018 only,~~ A pupil otherwise qualifying under paragraph  
79.17 (a) who is at least 21 years of age and not yet 22 years of age, and is an English learner with  
79.18 an interrupted formal education according to section 124D.59, subdivision 2a, ~~and was in~~  
79.19 ~~an early middle college program during the previous school year~~ is eligible to participate  
79.20 in the graduation incentives program under section 124D.68 and in concurrent enrollment  
79.21 courses offered under section 124D.09, subdivision 10, and is funded in the same manner  
79.22 as other pupils under this section.

79.23 Sec. 38. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 124D.78, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

79.24 Subd. 2. **Resolution of concurrence.** Prior to March 1, the school board or American  
79.25 Indian school must submit to the department a copy of a resolution adopted by the American  
79.26 Indian education parent advisory committee. The copy must be signed by the chair of the  
79.27 committee and must state whether the committee concurs with the educational programs  
79.28 for American Indian students offered by the school board or American Indian school. If the  
79.29 committee does not concur with the educational programs, the reasons for nonconcurrence  
79.30 and recommendations shall be submitted directly to the school board with the resolution.  
79.31 By resolution, the board must respond in writing within 60 days, in cases of nonconcurrence,

80.1 to each recommendation made by the committee and state its reasons for not implementing  
80.2 the recommendations.

80.3 Sec. 39. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 124D.83, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

80.4 Subd. 2. **Revenue amount.** An American Indian-controlled tribal contract or grant school  
80.5 that is located on a reservation within the state and that complies with the requirements in  
80.6 subdivision 1 is eligible to receive tribal contract or grant school aid. The amount of aid is  
80.7 derived by:

80.8 (1) multiplying the formula allowance under section 126C.10, subdivision 2, less \$170,  
80.9 times the difference between (i) the resident pupil units as defined in section 126C.05,  
80.10 subdivision 6, in average daily membership, excluding section 126C.05, subdivision 13,  
80.11 and (ii) the number of pupils for the current school year, weighted according to section  
80.12 126C.05, subdivision 1, receiving benefits under section 123B.42 or 123B.44 or for which  
80.13 the school is receiving reimbursement under section 124D.69;

80.14 (2) adding to the result in clause (1) an amount equal to the product of the formula  
80.15 allowance under section 126C.10, subdivision 2, less \$300 times the tribal contract  
80.16 compensation revenue pupil units;

80.17 (3) subtracting from the result in clause (2) the amount of money allotted to the school  
80.18 by the federal government through Indian School Equalization Program of the Bureau of  
80.19 Indian Affairs, according to Code of Federal Regulations, title 25, part 39, subparts A to E,  
80.20 for the basic program as defined by section 39.11, paragraph (b), for the base rate as applied  
80.21 to kindergarten through twelfth grade, excluding small school adjustments and additional  
80.22 weighting, but not money allotted through subparts F to L for contingency funds, school  
80.23 board training, student training, interim maintenance and minor repair, interim administration  
80.24 cost, prekindergarten, and operation and maintenance, and the amount of money that is  
80.25 received according to section 124D.69;

80.26 (4) dividing the result in clause (3) by the sum of the resident pupil units in average daily  
80.27 membership, excluding section 126C.05, subdivision 13, plus the tribal contract compensation  
80.28 revenue pupil units; and

80.29 (5) multiplying the sum of the resident pupil units, including section 126C.05, subdivision  
80.30 13, in average daily membership plus the tribal contract compensation revenue pupil units  
80.31 by the lesser of \$3,230 for fiscal ~~years 2016 to~~ year 2019 and ~~\$1,500~~ 51.17 percent of the  
80.32 formula allowance for fiscal year 2020 and later or the result in clause (4).

80.33 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective for revenue for fiscal year 2020 and later.



81.1 Sec. 40. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 124D.862, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

81.2 Subdivision 1. **Initial achievement and integration revenue.** (a) An eligible district's  
81.3 initial achievement and integration revenue equals the lesser of 100.3 percent of the district's  
81.4 expenditures under the budget approved by the commissioner under section 124D.861,  
81.5 subdivision 3, paragraph (c), excluding expenditures used to generate incentive revenue  
81.6 under subdivision 2, or the sum of (1) \$350 times the district's adjusted pupil units for that  
81.7 year times the ratio of the district's enrollment of protected students for the previous school  
81.8 year to total enrollment for the previous school year and (2) the greater of zero or 66 percent  
81.9 of the difference between the district's integration revenue for fiscal year 2013 and the  
81.10 district's integration revenue for fiscal year 2014 under clause (1).

81.11 (b) In each year, an amount equal to 0.3 percent of each district's initial achievement  
81.12 and integration revenue for the second prior fiscal year is transferred to the department for  
81.13 the oversight and accountability activities required under this section and section 124D.861.

81.14 Sec. 41. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 124D.862, subdivision 4, is amended to read:

81.15 Subd. 4. **Achievement and integration aid.** For fiscal year 2015 and later, a district's  
81.16 achievement and integration aid equals the sum of 70 percent of its achievement and  
81.17 integration revenue and its achievement and integration equalization aid under subdivision  
81.18 5a.

81.19 Sec. 42. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 124D.862, subdivision 5, is amended to read:

81.20 Subd. 5. **Achievement and integration levy.** (a) A district's achievement and integration  
81.21 levy revenue equals its achievement and integration revenue times 30 percent.

81.22 (b) A district's achievement and integration levy equals the product of (1) the achievement  
81.23 and integration levy revenue, times (2) the lesser of one or the ratio of the district's adjusted  
81.24 net tax capacity per adjusted pupil unit to 30 percent of the state average adjusted net tax  
81.25 capacity per adjusted pupil unit.

81.26 (c) For Special School District No. 1, Minneapolis; Independent School District No.  
81.27 625, St. Paul; and Independent School District No. 709, Duluth, 100 percent of the levy  
81.28 certified under this subdivision is shifted into the prior calendar year for purposes of sections  
81.29 123B.75, subdivision 5, and 127A.441.

82.1 Sec. 43. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 124D.862, is amended by adding a subdivision  
82.2 to read:

82.3 Subd. 5a. **Achievement and integration equalization aid.** A district's achievement and  
82.4 integration equalization aid equals the district's achievement and integration levy revenue  
82.5 minus the district's achievement and integration levy. If a district does not levy the entire  
82.6 amount permitted, the achievement and integration equalization aid must be reduced in  
82.7 proportion to the actual amount levied.

82.8 Sec. 44. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 124D.957, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

82.9 Subdivision 1. **Establishment and membership.** The Minnesota Youth Council  
82.10 Committee is established within and under the auspices of the Minnesota Alliance With  
82.11 Youth. The committee consists of four members from each congressional district in  
82.12 Minnesota and four members selected at-large. Members must be selected through an  
82.13 application and interview process conducted by the Minnesota Alliance With Youth. In  
82.14 making its appointments, the Minnesota Alliance With Youth should strive to ensure gender  
82.15 and ethnic diversity in the committee's membership. Members must be ~~between the ages of~~  
82.16 ~~13 and 19~~ in grades 8 through 12 and serve two-year terms, except that one-half of the initial  
82.17 members must serve a one-year term. Members may serve a maximum of two terms.

82.18 Sec. 45. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 124D.957, is amended by adding a subdivision  
82.19 to read:

82.20 Subd. 5. **Funding.** The Minnesota Alliance With Youth may receive annual state  
82.21 appropriations to fund the operations for the Minnesota Youth Council.

82.22 Sec. 46. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 124D.98, is amended by adding a subdivision  
82.23 to read:

82.24 Subd. 4. **Medium and high growth.** (a) The definitions in this subdivision apply to this  
82.25 section.

82.26 (b) "Medium growth" is an assessment score within one-half standard deviation above  
82.27 or below the average year-two assessment scores for students with similar year-one  
82.28 assessment scores.

82.29 (c) "High growth" is an assessment score one-half standard deviation or more above the  
82.30 average year-two assessment scores for students with similar year-one assessment scores.

83.1 Sec. 47. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 124E.11, is amended to read:

83.2 **124E.11 ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS AND ENROLLMENT.**

83.3 Subdivision 1. Limits on enrollment. ~~(a)~~ A charter school, including its preschool or  
83.4 prekindergarten program established under section 124E.06, subdivision 3, paragraph (b),  
83.5 may limit admission to:

83.6 (1) pupils within an age group or grade level;

83.7 (2) pupils who are eligible to participate in the graduation incentives program under  
83.8 section 124D.68; or

83.9 (3) residents of a specific geographic area in which the school is located when the  
83.10 majority of students served by the school are members of underserved populations.

83.11 Subd. 2. Timely application; lottery; enrollment preference. ~~(b)~~ A charter school,  
83.12 including its preschool or prekindergarten program established under section 124E.06,  
83.13 subdivision 3, paragraph (b), shall enroll an eligible pupil who submits a timely application,  
83.14 unless the number of applications exceeds the capacity of a program, class, grade level, or  
83.15 building. In this case, pupils must be accepted by lot. The charter school must develop and  
83.16 publish, including on its website, a lottery policy and process that it must use when accepting  
83.17 pupils by lot.

83.18 Subd. 3. Lottery exceptions. ~~(e)~~ (a) A charter school shall give enrollment preference  
83.19 to a sibling of an enrolled pupil and to a foster child of that pupil's parents and may give  
83.20 preference for enrolling children of the school's staff before accepting other pupils by lot.

83.21 (b) A charter school that is located in Duluth township in St. Louis County and admits  
83.22 students in kindergarten through grade 6 must give enrollment preference to students residing  
83.23 within a five-mile radius of the school and to the siblings of enrolled children.

83.24 (c) A charter school may give enrollment preference to children currently enrolled in  
83.25 the school's free preschool or prekindergarten program under section 124E.06, subdivision  
83.26 3, paragraph (b), who are eligible to enroll in kindergarten in the next school year.

83.27 (d) A charter school that is located in Castle Rock Township in Dakota County must  
83.28 give enrollment preference to students residing within a two-mile radius of the school and  
83.29 to the siblings of enrolled children.

83.30 Subd. 4. Age of enrollment. ~~(d)~~ A person shall not be admitted to a charter school (1)  
83.31 as a kindergarten pupil, unless the pupil is at least five years of age on September 1 of the  
83.32 calendar year in which the school year for which the pupil seeks admission commences; or

84.1 (2) as a first grade student, unless the pupil is at least six years of age on September 1 of  
84.2 the calendar year in which the school year for which the pupil seeks admission commences  
84.3 or has completed kindergarten; except that a charter school may establish and publish on  
84.4 its website a policy for admission of selected pupils at an earlier age, consistent with the  
84.5 enrollment process in ~~paragraphs (b) and (e)~~ subdivisions 2 and 3.

84.6 Subd. 5. Admission limits not allowed. ~~(e)~~ Except as permitted in ~~paragraph (d)~~  
84.7 subdivision 4, a charter school, including its preschool or prekindergarten program established  
84.8 under section 124E.06, subdivision 3, paragraph (b), may not limit admission to pupils on  
84.9 the basis of intellectual ability, measures of achievement or aptitude, or athletic ability and  
84.10 may not establish any criteria or requirements for admission that are inconsistent with this  
84.11 section.

84.12 Subd. 6. Enrollment incentives prohibited. ~~(f)~~ The A charter school shall not distribute  
84.13 any services or goods of value to students, parents, or guardians as an inducement, term, or  
84.14 condition of enrolling a student in a charter school.

84.15 Subd. 7. Enrollment continues. ~~(g)~~ Once a student is enrolled in ~~the~~ a charter school,  
84.16 the student is considered enrolled in the school until the student formally withdraws or is  
84.17 expelled under the Pupil Fair Dismissal Act in sections 121A.40 to 121A.56.

84.18 Subd. 8. Prekindergarten pupils. ~~(h)~~ A charter school with at least 90 percent of enrolled  
84.19 students who are eligible for special education services and have a primary disability of  
84.20 deaf or hard-of-hearing may enroll prekindergarten pupils with a disability under section  
84.21 126C.05, subdivision 1, paragraph (a), and must comply with the federal Individuals with  
84.22 Disabilities Education Act under Code of Federal Regulations, title 34, section 300.324,  
84.23 subsection (2), clause (iv).

84.24 EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective for enrollment decisions made on or  
84.25 after July 1, 2019.

84.26 Sec. 48. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 124E.13, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

84.27 Subd. 3. Affiliated nonprofit building corporation. (a) An affiliated nonprofit building  
84.28 corporation may purchase, expand, or renovate an existing facility to serve as a school or  
84.29 may construct a new school facility. An affiliated nonprofit building corporation may only  
84.30 serve one charter school. A charter school may organize an affiliated nonprofit building  
84.31 corporation if the charter school:

84.32 (1) has operated for at least six consecutive years;

85.1 (2) as of June 30, has a net positive unreserved general fund balance in the preceding  
85.2 three fiscal years;

85.3 (3) has long-range strategic and financial plans that include enrollment projections for  
85.4 at least five years;

85.5 (4) completes a feasibility study of facility options that outlines the benefits and costs  
85.6 of each option; and

85.7 (5) has a plan that describes project parameters and budget.

85.8 (b) An affiliated nonprofit building corporation under this subdivision must:

85.9 (1) be incorporated under section 317A;

85.10 (2) comply with applicable Internal Revenue Service regulations, including regulations  
85.11 for "supporting organizations" as defined by the Internal Revenue Service;

85.12 (3) post on the school website the name, mailing address, bylaws, minutes of board  
85.13 meetings, and names of the current board of directors of the affiliated nonprofit building  
85.14 corporation;

85.15 (4) submit to the commissioner a copy of its annual audit by December 31 of each year;  
85.16 and

85.17 (5) comply with government data practices law under chapter 13.

85.18 (c) An affiliated nonprofit building corporation must not serve as the leasing agent for  
85.19 property or facilities it does not own. A charter school that leases a facility from an affiliated  
85.20 nonprofit building corporation that does not own the leased facility is ineligible to receive  
85.21 charter school lease aid. The state is immune from liability resulting from a contract between  
85.22 a charter school and an affiliated nonprofit building corporation.

85.23 (d) The board of directors of the charter school must ensure the affiliated nonprofit  
85.24 building corporation complies with all applicable legal requirements. The charter school's  
85.25 authorizer must oversee the efforts of the board of directors of the charter school to ensure  
85.26 legal compliance of the affiliated building corporation. A school's board of directors that  
85.27 fails to ensure the affiliated nonprofit building corporation's compliance violates its  
85.28 responsibilities and an authorizer must consider that failure when evaluating the charter  
85.29 school.

86.1 Sec. 49. Laws 2016, chapter 189, article 25, section 61, is amended to read:

86.2 Sec. 61. **CERTIFICATION INCENTIVE REVENUE.**

86.3 Subdivision 1. **Qualifying certificates.** As soon as practicable, the commissioner of  
86.4 education, in consultation with the Governor's Workforce Development Council established  
86.5 under Minnesota Statutes, section 116L.665, and the P-20 education partnership operating  
86.6 under Minnesota Statutes, section 127A.70, must establish the list of qualifying career and  
86.7 technical certificates and post the names of those certificates on the Department of  
86.8 Education's Web site. The certificates must be in fields where occupational opportunities  
86.9 exist.

86.10 Subd. 2. **School district participation.** (a) A school board may adopt a policy authorizing  
86.11 its students in grades 9 through 12, including its students enrolled in postsecondary enrollment  
86.12 options courses under Minnesota Statutes, section 124D.09, the opportunity to complete a  
86.13 qualifying certificate. The certificate may be completed as part of a regularly scheduled  
86.14 course.

86.15 (b) A school district may register a student for any assessment necessary to complete a  
86.16 qualifying certificate and pay any associated registration fees for its students.

86.17 Subd. 3. **Incentive funding.** (a) A school district's career and technical certification aid  
86.18 equals \$500 times the district's number of students enrolled during the current fiscal year  
86.19 who have obtained one or more qualifying certificates during the current fiscal year.

86.20 (b) The statewide total certificate revenue must not exceed \$1,000,000. The commissioner  
86.21 must proportionately reduce the initial aid provided under this subdivision so that the  
86.22 statewide aid cap is not exceeded.

86.23 Subd. 4. **Reports to the legislature.** (a) The commissioner of education must report to  
86.24 the committees of the legislature with jurisdiction over kindergarten through grade 12  
86.25 education and higher education by February 1, 2017, on the number and types of certificates  
86.26 authorized for the 2016-2017 school year. The commissioner must also recommend whether  
86.27 the pilot program should be continued.

86.28 (b) By February 1, ~~2018~~ 2021, the commissioner of education must report to the  
86.29 committees of the legislature with jurisdiction over kindergarten through grade 12 education  
86.30 and higher education about the number and types of certificates earned by Minnesota's  
86.31 students during the ~~2016-2017~~ prior school year.

87.1 Sec. 50. Laws 2016, chapter 189, article 25, section 62, subdivision 15, is amended to  
87.2 read:

87.3 Subd. 15. **Certificate incentive funding.** (a) For the certificate incentive program:

87.4                   ~~1,000,000~~  
87.5           \$           140,000       ..... 2017

87.6           (b) This is a onetime appropriation. This appropriation is available until June 30, 2019.  
87.7 \$860,000 of the initial fiscal year 2017 appropriation is canceled to the general fund on June  
87.8 30, 2019.

87.9           **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.

87.10 Sec. 51. **INNOVATION RESEARCH ZONES PILOT PROGRAM.**

87.11           Subdivision 1. **Establishment; requirements for participation; research zone plans.** (a)

87.12 The innovation research zone pilot program is established to improve student and school  
87.13 outcomes consistent with the world's best workforce requirements under Minnesota Statutes,  
87.14 section 120B.11. Innovation zone partnerships allow school districts and charter schools to  
87.15 research and implement innovative education programming models designed to better  
87.16 prepare students for the world.

87.17           (b) One or more school districts or charter schools may join together to form an innovation  
87.18 zone partnership. The partnership may include other nonschool partners, including  
87.19 postsecondary institutions, other units of local government, nonprofit organizations, and  
87.20 for-profit organizations. An innovation zone plan must be collaboratively developed with  
87.21 a school's instructional staff.

87.22           (c) An innovation research zone partnership must research and implement innovative  
87.23 education programs and models that are based on proposed hypotheses. An innovation zone  
87.24 plan may include an emerging practice not yet supported by peer-reviewed research.  
87.25 Examples of innovation zone research include:

87.26           (1) personalized learning allowing students to excel at their own pace and according to  
87.27 their interests, aspirations, and unique needs;

87.28           (2) the use of competency outcomes rather than seat time and course completion to fulfill  
87.29 standards, credits, and other graduation requirements;

87.30           (3) multidisciplinary, real-world, inquiry-based, and student-directed models designed  
87.31 to make learning more engaging and relevant, including documenting and validating learning  
87.32 that takes place beyond the school day and school walls;

88.1 (4) models of instruction designed to close the achievement gap, including new models  
88.2 for age three to grade 3 models, English as a second language models, early identification  
88.3 and prevention of mental health issues, and others;

88.4 (5) partnerships between secondary schools and postsecondary institutions, employers,  
88.5 or career training institutions enabling students to complete industry certifications,  
88.6 postsecondary education credits, and other credentials;

88.7 (6) new methods of collaborative leadership including the expansion of schools where  
88.8 teachers have larger professional roles;

88.9 (7) new ways to enhance parental and community involvement in learning;

88.10 (8) new models of professional development for educators, including embedded  
88.11 professional development; or

88.12 (9) new models in other areas such as whole child instruction, social-emotional skill  
88.13 development, technology-based or blended learning, parent and community involvement,  
88.14 professional development and mentoring, and models that increase return on investment.

88.15 (d) The governing board for each innovation zone partner must approve an innovation  
88.16 zone plan. An innovation zone plan submitted to the commissioner for approval must  
88.17 describe:

88.18 (1) how the plan will improve student and school outcomes consistent with the world's  
88.19 best workforce requirements under Minnesota Statutes, section 120B.11;

88.20 (2) the role of each partner in the innovation zone;

88.21 (3) the research methodology used for each proposed action in the plan;

88.22 (4) the innovation zone partnership's proposed exemptions from statutes and rules under  
88.23 subdivision 2;

88.24 (5) how the proposed planning and implementation process includes teachers and other  
88.25 educational staff from the affected school sites;

88.26 (6) expected outcomes and graduation standards;

88.27 (7) a timeline for implementing the plan and assessing outcomes; and

88.28 (8) how results of the plan will be disseminated.

88.29 (e) Upon unanimous approval by the initial innovation zone partners and approval by  
88.30 the commissioner of education, the innovation zone partnership may extend membership  
88.31 to other partners. A new partner's membership is effective 30 days after the innovation zone



89.1 partnership notifies the commissioner of the proposed change in membership, unless the  
89.2 commissioner disapproves the new partner's membership.

89.3 (f) Notwithstanding any other law to the contrary, a school district or charter school  
89.4 participating in an innovation zone partnership under this section continues to receive all  
89.5 revenue and maintains its taxation authority in the same manner as prior to participation in  
89.6 the innovation zone partnership. The innovation zone school district and charter school  
89.7 partners remain organized and governed by their respective school boards with general  
89.8 powers under Minnesota Statutes, chapter 123B or 124E, and remain subject to any  
89.9 employment agreements under Minnesota Statutes, chapters 122A and 179A. School district  
89.10 and charter school employees participating in an innovation zone partnership remain  
89.11 employees of their respective school district or charter school.

89.12 (g) An innovation zone partnership may submit its plan at any time to the commissioner  
89.13 in the form and manner specified by the commissioner. The commissioner must approve  
89.14 or reject the plan after reviewing the recommendation of the Innovation Research Zone  
89.15 Advisory Panel. An innovation zone partnership may resubmit a previously rejected plan  
89.16 after modifying the plan to meet each individually identified objection.

89.17 Subd. 2. **Exemptions from laws and rules.** (a) Notwithstanding any other law to the  
89.18 contrary, an innovation zone partner with an approved plan is exempt from each of the  
89.19 following state education laws and rules specifically identified in its plan:

89.20 (1) a law or rule from which a district-created, site-governed school under Minnesota  
89.21 Statutes, section 123B.045, is exempt;

89.22 (2) a statute or rule from which the commissioner has exempted another district or charter  
89.23 school, as identified in the list published on the Department of Education's website under  
89.24 subdivision 4, paragraph (b);

89.25 (3) online learning program approval under Minnesota Statutes, section 124D.095,  
89.26 subdivision 7, if the school district or charter school offers a course or program online  
89.27 combined with direct access to a teacher for a portion of that course or program;

89.28 (4) restrictions on extended time revenue under Minnesota Statutes, section 126C.10,  
89.29 subdivision 2a, for a student who meets the criteria of Minnesota Statutes, section 124D.68,  
89.30 subdivision 2; and

89.31 (5) required hours of instruction in a class or subject area for a student who is meeting  
89.32 all competencies consistent with the graduation standards described in the innovation zone  
89.33 plan.

90.1 (b) The exemptions under this subdivision must not be construed as exempting an  
90.2 innovation zone partner from the Minnesota Comprehensive Assessments.

90.3 Subd. 3. **Innovation Research Zone Advisory Panel.** (a) The commissioner must  
90.4 establish and convene an Innovation Research Zone Advisory Panel to review all innovation  
90.5 zone plans submitted for approval.

90.6 (b) The panel must be composed of nine members. The commissioner must appoint one  
90.7 member with expertise in evaluation and research. One member must be appointed by each  
90.8 of the following organizations: Educators for Excellence, Education Minnesota, Minnesota  
90.9 Association of Secondary School Principals, Minnesota Elementary School Principals'  
90.10 Association, Minnesota Association of School Administrators, Minnesota School Boards  
90.11 Association, Minnesota Association of Charter Schools, and the Office of Higher Education.

90.12 Subd. 4. **Commissioner approval.** (a) Upon recommendation of the Innovation Research  
90.13 Zone Advisory Panel, the commissioner may approve up to three innovation zone plans in  
90.14 the seven-county metropolitan area and up to three in greater Minnesota. If an innovation  
90.15 zone partnership fails to implement its innovation zone plan as described in its application  
90.16 and according to the stated timeline, upon recommendation of the Innovation Research  
90.17 Zone Advisory Panel, the commissioner must alert the partnership members and provide  
90.18 the opportunity to remediate. If implementation continues to fail, the commissioner must  
90.19 suspend or terminate the innovation zone plan.

90.20 (b) The commissioner must publish a list of the exemptions granted to a district or charter  
90.21 school on the Department of Education's website by July 1, 2020. The list must be updated  
90.22 annually.

90.23 Subd. 5. **Project evaluation; dissemination; report to legislature.** Each innovation  
90.24 zone partnership must submit project data to the commissioner in the form and manner  
90.25 provided for in the approved application. At least once every two years, the commissioner  
90.26 must analyze each innovation zone's progress in meeting the objectives of the innovation  
90.27 zone plan. The commissioner must summarize and categorize innovation zone plans and  
90.28 submit a report to the legislative committees having jurisdiction over education by February  
90.29 1 of each odd-numbered year in accordance with Minnesota Statutes, section 3.195.

90.30 Sec. 52. **RURAL CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION CONSORTIUM**  
90.31 **GRANTS.**

90.32 Subdivision 1. **Definition.** "Rural career and technical education (CTE) consortium"  
90.33 means a voluntary collaboration of a service cooperative and other regional public and

91.1 private partners, including school districts and higher education institutions, that work  
91.2 together to provide career and technical education opportunities within the service  
91.3 cooperative's multicounty service area.

91.4 Subd. 2. **Establishment.** (a) A rural CTE consortium shall:

91.5 (1) focus on the development of courses and programs that encourage collaboration  
91.6 between two or more school districts;

91.7 (2) develop new career and technical programs that focus on industry sectors that fuel  
91.8 the rural regional economy;

91.9 (3) facilitate the development of highly trained and knowledgeable students who are  
91.10 equipped with technical and workplace skills needed by regional employers;

91.11 (4) improve access to career and technical education programs for students who attend  
91.12 sparsely populated rural school districts by developing public and private partnerships with  
91.13 business and industry leaders and by increasing coordination of high school and  
91.14 postsecondary program options;

91.15 (5) increase family and student awareness of the availability and benefit of career and  
91.16 technical education courses and training opportunities; and

91.17 (6) provide capital start-up costs for items including but not limited to a mobile welding  
91.18 lab, medical equipment and lab, and industrial kitchen equipment.

91.19 (b) In addition to the requirements in paragraph (a), a rural CTE consortium may:

91.20 (1) address the teacher shortage in career and technical education through incentive  
91.21 funding and training programs; and

91.22 (2) provide transportation reimbursement grants to provide equitable opportunities  
91.23 throughout the region for students to participate in career and technical education.

91.24 Subd. 3. **Rural career and technical education advisory committee.** In order to be  
91.25 eligible for a grant under this section, a service cooperative must establish a rural career  
91.26 and technical education advisory committee to advise the cooperative on administering the  
91.27 rural CTE consortium.

91.28 Subd. 4. **Private funding.** A rural CTE consortium may receive other sources of funds  
91.29 to supplement state funding. All funds received shall be administered by a service cooperative  
91.30 that is a member of the consortium.

91.31 Subd. 5. **Reporting requirements.** A rural CTE consortium must submit an annual  
91.32 report on the progress of its activities to the commissioner of education and the legislative

92.1 committees with jurisdiction over secondary and postsecondary education. The annual report  
92.2 must contain a financial report for the preceding fiscal year. The first report is due no later  
92.3 than January 15, 2021.

92.4 Subd. 6. **Grant recipients.** For fiscal years 2020 and 2021, the commissioner shall award  
92.5 a two-year grant to the consortium that is a collaboration of the Southwest/West Central  
92.6 Service Cooperative (SWWC), Southwest Minnesota State University, Minnesota West  
92.7 Community and Technical College, Ridgewater College, and other regional public and  
92.8 private partners. For fiscal years 2020 and 2021, the commissioner shall award a two-year  
92.9 grant to an applicant consortium that includes the South Central Service Cooperative or  
92.10 Southeast Service Cooperative and a two-year grant to an applicant consortium that includes  
92.11 the Northwest Service Cooperative or Northeast Service Cooperative.

92.12 Sec. 53. **VOCATIONAL ENRICHMENT PROGRAM.**

92.13 Subdivision 1. **Vocational enrichment program.** A school district or charter school  
92.14 may establish a vocational enrichment program that operates outside of the regular school  
92.15 day, including over weekends or the summer, to provide instruction in vocational courses  
92.16 focused on construction trades and welding. The district must first offer the program to  
92.17 enrolled secondary students but may broaden registration to others if space permits.

92.18 Subd. 2. **Vocational enrichment grants.** (a) A school district must apply for a vocational  
92.19 enrichment grant in the form and manner specified by the commissioner. The maximum  
92.20 amount of a vocational enrichment grant equals the product of:

92.21 (1) \$5,117;

92.22 (2) 1.2;

92.23 (3) the number of students participating in the program; and

92.24 (4) the ratio of the actual hours of service provided to each student to 1,020.

92.25 (b) If applications for funding exceed the amount appropriated for the program, the  
92.26 commissioner must prioritize grants to welding and construction trades programs.

92.27 Subd. 3. **Reporting.** By February 15 of each year following the receipt of a grant, a  
92.28 school district must report on its website and to the commissioner of education on the courses  
92.29 funded through the grant, the demographics of the participants in the program, and the  
92.30 outcome for course participants.

92.31 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 1, 2019.

93.1 Sec. 54. **BRECKENRIDGE SCHOOL DISTRICT.**

93.2 Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes, section 124D.09, subdivision 3, Independent School  
 93.3 District No. 846, Breckenridge, may enter into an agreement under Minnesota Statutes,  
 93.4 section 124D.09, subdivision 10, with a higher education institution located outside of the  
 93.5 state of Minnesota but within four miles of the high school. The higher education institution  
 93.6 is an eligible institution only for the purposes of providing a postsecondary enrollment  
 93.7 options program under Minnesota Statutes, section 124D.09.

93.8 Sec. 55. **APPROPRIATIONS.**

93.9 Subdivision 1. Department of Education. The sums indicated in this section are  
 93.10 appropriated from the general fund to the Department of Education for the fiscal years  
 93.11 designated.

93.12 Subd. 2. Achievement and integration aid. For achievement and integration aid under  
 93.13 Minnesota Statutes, section 124D.862:

93.14 \$ 80,589,000 ..... 2020

93.15 \$ 83,436,000 ..... 2021

93.16 The 2020 appropriation includes \$7,059,000 for 2019 and \$73,530,000 for 2020.

93.17 The 2021 appropriation includes \$8,170,000 for 2020 and \$75,266,000 for 2021.

93.18 Subd. 3. Interdistrict desegregation or integration transportation grants. For  
 93.19 interdistrict desegregation or integration transportation grants under Minnesota Statutes,  
 93.20 section 124D.87:

93.21 \$ 13,874,000 ..... 2020

93.22 \$ 14,589,000 ..... 2021

93.23 Subd. 4. Literacy incentive aid. For literacy incentive aid under Minnesota Statutes,  
 93.24 section 124D.98:

93.25 \$ 45,304,000 ..... 2020

93.26 \$ 45,442,000 ..... 2021

93.27 The 2020 appropriation includes \$4,582,000 for 2019 and \$40,722,000 for 2020.

93.28 The 2021 appropriation includes \$4,524,000 for 2020 and \$40,918,000 for 2021.

93.29 Subd. 5. Tribal contract school aid. For tribal contract school aid under Minnesota  
 93.30 Statutes, section 124D.83:

94.1           \$       3,321,000   ..... 2020

94.2           \$       3,819,000   ..... 2021

94.3           The 2020 appropriation includes \$299,000 for 2019 and \$3,022,000 for 2020.

94.4           The 2021 appropriation includes \$335,000 for 2020 and \$3,484,000 for 2021.

94.5           Subd. 6. **American Indian education aid.** For American Indian education aid under  
94.6 Minnesota Statutes, section 124D.81, subdivision 2a:

94.7           \$       9,515,000   ..... 2020

94.8           \$       9,673,000   ..... 2021

94.9           The 2020 appropriation includes \$960,000 for 2019 and \$8,555,000 for 2020.

94.10          The 2021 appropriation includes \$950,000 for 2020 and \$8,723,000 for 2021.

94.11          Subd. 7. **Tribal Nations Education Committee.** (a) For a grant to the Tribal Nations  
94.12 Education Committee under Minnesota Statutes, section 124D.79:

94.13          \$       150,000   ..... 2020

94.14          \$       150,000   ..... 2021

94.15          (b) Any balance in the first year does not cancel but is available in the second year.

94.16          Subd. 8. **ServeMinnesota program.** For funding ServeMinnesota programs under  
94.17 Minnesota Statutes, sections 124D.37 to 124D.45:

94.18          \$       900,000   ..... 2020

94.19          \$       900,000   ..... 2021

94.20          A grantee organization may provide health and child care coverage to the dependents  
94.21 of each participant enrolled in a full-time ServeMinnesota program to the extent such  
94.22 coverage is not otherwise available. Any balance in the first year does not cancel but is  
94.23 available in the second year.

94.24          Subd. 9. **Early childhood literacy programs.** (a) For early childhood literacy programs  
94.25 under Minnesota Statutes, section 119A.50, subdivision 3:

94.26          \$       7,950,000   ..... 2020

94.27          \$       7,950,000   ..... 2021

94.28          (b) Up to \$7,950,000 each year is for leveraging federal and private funding to support  
94.29 AmeriCorps members serving in the Minnesota reading corps program established by  
94.30 ServeMinnesota, including costs associated with training and teaching early literacy skills

95.1 to children ages three through grade 3 and evaluating the impact of the program under  
 95.2 Minnesota Statutes, sections 124D.38, subdivision 2, and 124D.42, subdivision 6.

95.3 (c) Any balance in the first year does not cancel but is available in the second year.

95.4 Subd. 10. **Minnesota math corps program.** (a) For the Minnesota math corps program  
 95.5 under Minnesota Statutes, section 124D.42, subdivision 9:

95.6 \$ 1,000,000 ..... 2020

95.7 \$ 1,000,000 ..... 2021

95.8 (b) Any balance in the first year does not cancel but is available in the second year. The  
 95.9 base funding in fiscal year 2022 and later is \$500,000.

95.10 Subd. 11. **ServeMinnesota programs at tribal contract and grant schools.** (a) For  
 95.11 grants to ServeMinnesota to enhance reading and math corps programming at American  
 95.12 Indian-controlled tribal contract and grant schools eligible for aid under Minnesota Statutes,  
 95.13 section 124D.83:

95.14 \$ 416,000 ..... 2020

95.15 \$ 416,000 ..... 2021

95.16 (b) Any balance in the first year does not cancel but is available in the second year.

95.17 Subd. 12. **Student organizations.** (a) For student organizations:

95.18 \$ 768,000 ..... 2020

95.19 \$ 768,000 ..... 2021

95.20 (b) \$46,000 each year is for student organizations serving health occupations (HOSA).

95.21 (c) \$100,000 each year is for student organizations serving trade and industry occupations  
 95.22 (Skills USA, secondary and postsecondary).

95.23 (d) \$95,000 each year is for student organizations serving business occupations (BPA,  
 95.24 secondary and postsecondary).

95.25 (e) \$193,000 each year is for student organizations serving agriculture occupations (FFA,  
 95.26 PAS).

95.27 (f) \$185,000 each year is for student organizations serving family and consumer science  
 95.28 occupations (FCCLA). Notwithstanding Minnesota Rules, part 3505.1000, subparts 28 and  
 95.29 31, the student organizations serving FCCLA shall continue to serve students younger than  
 95.30 grade 9.

96.1 (g) \$109,000 each year is for student organizations serving marketing occupations (DECA  
 96.2 and DECA collegiate).

96.3 (h) \$40,000 each year is for the Minnesota Foundation for Student Organizations.

96.4 (i) Any balance in the first year does not cancel but is available in the second year.

96.5 Subd. 13. **Museums and education centers.** (a) For grants to museums and education  
 96.6 centers:

96.7 \$ 591,000 ..... 2020

96.8 \$ 591,000 ..... 2021

96.9 (b) \$319,000 each year is for the Minnesota Children's Museum. Of the amount in this  
 96.10 paragraph, \$50,000 each year is for the Minnesota Children's Museum, Rochester.

96.11 (c) \$50,000 each year is for the Duluth Children's Museum.

96.12 (d) \$41,000 each year is for the Minnesota Academy of Science.

96.13 (e) \$50,000 each year is for the Headwaters Science Center.

96.14 (f) \$31,000 each year is for the Children's Discovery Museum in Grand Rapids.

96.15 (g) \$50,000 each year is for the Children's Museum of Southern Minnesota.

96.16 (h) \$50,000 each year is for The Works Museum.

96.17 (i) To the extent practicable, grant recipients must prioritize grant proceeds to expand  
 96.18 access to museum and education center programs for low-income families and other  
 96.19 underserved populations.

96.20 (j) Any balance in the first year does not cancel but is available in the second year.

96.21 Subd. 14. **Starbase MN.** (a) For a grant to Starbase MN for a rigorous science,  
 96.22 technology, engineering, and math (STEM) program providing students in grades 4 through  
 96.23 6 with a multisensory learning experience and a hands-on curriculum in an aerospace  
 96.24 environment using state-of-the-art technology:

96.25 \$ 500,000 ..... 2020

96.26 \$ 500,000 ..... 2021

96.27 (b) Any balance in the first year does not cancel but is available in the second year.

96.28 Subd. 15. **Recovery program grants.** (a) For recovery program grants under Minnesota  
 96.29 Statutes, section 124D.695:



97.1           \$        750,000   ..... 2020

97.2           \$        750,000   ..... 2021

97.3           (b) Any balance in the first year does not cancel but is available in the second year.

97.4           Subd. 16. **Minnesota Principals Academy.** (a) For grants to the University of Minnesota  
 97.5 College of Education and Human Development for the operation of the Minnesota Principals  
 97.6 Academy:

97.7           \$        250,000   ..... 2020

97.8           \$        250,000   ..... 2021

97.9           (b) Of these amounts, \$50,000 must be used to pay the costs of attendance for principals  
 97.10 and school leaders from schools identified for intervention under the state's accountability  
 97.11 system as implemented to comply with the federal Every Student Succeeds Act. To the  
 97.12 extent funds are available, the Department of Education is encouraged to use up to \$200,000  
 97.13 of federal Title II funds to support additional participation in the Principals Academy by  
 97.14 principals and school leaders from schools identified for intervention under the state's  
 97.15 accountability system as implemented to comply with the federal Every Student Succeeds  
 97.16 Act.

97.17           (c) Any balance in the first year does not cancel but is available in the second year.

97.18           Subd. 17. **Charter school building lease aid.** For building lease aid under Minnesota  
 97.19 Statutes, section 124E.22:

97.20           \$        85,450,000   ..... 2020

97.21           \$        91,064,000   ..... 2021

97.22           The 2020 appropriation includes \$8,021,000 for 2019 and \$77,429,000 for 2020.

97.23           The 2021 appropriation includes \$8,603,000 for 2020 and \$82,461,000 for 2021.

97.24           Subd. 18. **Statewide testing and reporting system.** (a) For the statewide testing and  
 97.25 reporting system under Minnesota Statutes, section 120B.30:

97.26           \$        10,892,000   ..... 2020

97.27           \$        10,877,000   ..... 2021

97.28           (b) Any balance in the first year does not cancel but is available in the second year. The  
 97.29 base for this appropriation in 2022 is \$10,892,000.

97.30           Subd. 19. **Certificate incentive funding.** (a) For the certificate incentive program under  
 97.31 Laws 2016, chapter 189, article 25, section 61:

97.32           \$        860,000   ..... 2020

98.1 (b) This is a onetime appropriation.

98.2 (c) Any balance in the first year does not cancel but is available in the second year.

98.3 **Subd. 20. Examination fees; teacher training and support programs.** (a) For students'  
 98.4 advanced placement and international baccalaureate examination fees under Minnesota  
 98.5 Statutes, section 120B.13, subdivision 3, and the training and related costs for teachers and  
 98.6 other interested educators under Minnesota Statutes, section 120B.13, subdivision 1:

98.7        \$        4,500,000    ..... 2020

98.8        \$        4,500,000    ..... 2021

98.9        (b) The advanced placement program shall receive 75 percent of the appropriation each  
 98.10 year and the international baccalaureate program shall receive 25 percent of the appropriation  
 98.11 each year. The department, in consultation with representatives of the advanced placement  
 98.12 and international baccalaureate programs selected by the Advanced Placement Advisory  
 98.13 Council and International Baccalaureate Minnesota, respectively, shall determine the amounts  
 98.14 of the expenditures each year for examination fees and training and support programs for  
 98.15 each program.

98.16       (c) Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes, section 120B.13, subdivision 1, at least \$500,000  
 98.17 each year is for teachers to attend subject matter summer training programs and follow-up  
 98.18 support workshops approved by the advanced placement or international baccalaureate  
 98.19 programs. The amount of the subsidy for each teacher attending an advanced placement or  
 98.20 international baccalaureate summer training program or workshop shall be the same. The  
 98.21 commissioner shall determine the payment process and the amount of the subsidy.

98.22       (d) The commissioner shall pay all examination fees for all students of low-income  
 98.23 families under Minnesota Statutes, section 120B.13, subdivision 3, and to the extent of  
 98.24 available appropriations, shall also pay examination fees for students sitting for an advanced  
 98.25 placement examination, international baccalaureate examination, or both.

98.26       (e) Any balance in the first year does not cancel but is available in the second year.

98.27       **Subd. 21. Grants to increase science, technology, engineering, and math course**  
 98.28 **offerings.** (a) For grants to schools to encourage low-income and other underserved students  
 98.29 to participate in advanced placement and international baccalaureate programs according  
 98.30 to Minnesota Statutes, section 120B.132:

98.31        \$        250,000    ..... 2020

98.32        \$        250,000    ..... 2021

98.33       (b) Any balance in the first year does not cancel but is available in the second year.

99.1 Subd. 22. Rural career and technical education consortium. (a) For rural career and  
 99.2 technical education consortium grants:

99.3 \$ 3,000,000 ..... 2020

99.4 \$ 3,000,000 ..... 2021

99.5 (b) Any balance in the first year does not cancel but is available in the second year.

99.6 Subd. 23. Grants to support students experiencing homelessness. (a) To provide  
 99.7 grants to eligible school districts in order to address the needs of students experiencing  
 99.8 homelessness:

99.9 \$ \$500,000 ..... 2020

99.10 \$ \$500,000 ..... 2021

99.11 (b) The department may retain up to five percent of the appropriation to monitor and  
 99.12 administer the grant program. Any balance in the first year does not cancel but is available  
 99.13 in the second year.

99.14 Subd. 24. Minnesota Center for the Book programming. (a) For grants to the entity  
 99.15 designated by the Library of Congress as the Minnesota Center for the Book to provide  
 99.16 statewide programming related to the Minnesota Book Awards and for additional  
 99.17 programming throughout the state related to the Center for the Book designation:

99.18 \$ 125,000 ..... 2020

99.19 \$ 125,000 ..... 2021

99.20 (b) Any balance in the first year does not cancel but is available in the second year.

99.21 Subd. 25. Concurrent enrollment aid. (a) For concurrent enrollment aid under  
 99.22 Minnesota Statutes, section 124D.091:

99.23 \$ 7,000,000 ..... 2020

99.24 \$ 7,000,000 ..... 2021

99.25 (b) If the appropriation is insufficient, the commissioner must proportionately reduce  
 99.26 the aid payment to each school district.

99.27 (c) The base for fiscal year 2022 is \$8,000,000.

99.28 Subd. 26. Full-service community schools. (a) For full-service community schools  
 99.29 under Minnesota Statutes, section 124D.231:

99.30 \$ 7,500,000 ..... 2020

99.31 \$ 7,500,000 ..... 2021

100.1 (b) Up to \$50,000 each year is for administration of this program. Any balance in the  
 100.2 first year does not cancel but is available in the second year.

100.3 (c) The base for fiscal year 2022 is \$12,500,000.

100.4 Subd. 27. **ConnectZ program.** (a) For a grant to Girl Scouts River Valleys as fiscal  
 100.5 agent for Girl Scout councils serving Minnesota residents providing innovative, culturally  
 100.6 responsive programming to underrepresented, underresourced girls in kindergarten through  
 100.7 grade 12, including programming relating to healthy relationships; science, technology,  
 100.8 engineering, and math; financial literacy; career and college readiness; and leadership  
 100.9 development and service learning:

100.10 \$ 1,400,000 ..... 2020

100.11 \$ 1,400,000 ..... 2021

100.12 (b) By February 15 following each fiscal year of the grant, the grantee must submit a  
 100.13 report detailing expenditures and outcomes of the grant-supported programs to the  
 100.14 commissioner of education and the chairs and ranking minority members of the legislative  
 100.15 committees with primary jurisdiction over kindergarten through grade 12 education policy  
 100.16 and finance. The report must, at least:

100.17 (1) provide self-reported free and reduced-price lunch status and self-reported  
 100.18 demographic information for the girls participating in programs funded by this grant;

100.19 (2) report participants' average program contacts in the areas of healthy relationships;  
 100.20 science, technology, engineering, and math; financial literacy; career and college readiness;  
 100.21 and leadership development and service learning;

100.22 (3) identify the number and proportion of high school program participants who report  
 100.23 they are confident they will attend college;

100.24 (4) report the number and proportion of grade 12 participants who apply to a  
 100.25 postsecondary institution; and

100.26 (5) to the extent possible, verify the number and percentage of participants who actually  
 100.27 enroll in a postsecondary institution.

100.28 (c) Any balance in the first year does not cancel but is available in the second year.

100.29 (d) The base for fiscal year 2022 is zero.

100.30 Subd. 28. **Civics education grants.** (a) For grants to the Minnesota Civic Education  
 100.31 Coalition, Minnesota Civic Youth, Learning Law and Democracy Foundation, and YMCA

101.1 Youth in Government to provide civics education programs for Minnesota youth ages 18  
 101.2 and younger:

101.3        \$        125,000    ..... 2020

101.4        \$        125,000    ..... 2021

101.5        (b) Civics education means the study of constitutional principles and the democratic  
 101.6 foundation of our national, state, and local institutions, and the study of political processes  
 101.7 and structures of government, grounded in the understanding of constitutional government  
 101.8 under the rule of law.

101.9        (c) Any balance in the first year does not cancel but is available in the second year.

101.10       Subd. 29. **After-school community learning programs.** (a) For grants for after-school  
 101.11 community learning programs under Minnesota Statutes, section 124D.2211:

101.12        \$        2,000,000    ..... 2020

101.13        \$        2,000,000    ..... 2021

101.14        (b) Any balance in the first year does not cancel but is available in the second year. The  
 101.15 base for fiscal year 2022 is \$2,500,000.

101.16        (c) The commissioner of education may retain up to two percent of the appropriation  
 101.17 amount to administer the grant program.

101.18        (d) The commissioner of education may use up to five percent of the appropriation  
 101.19 amount in each fiscal year to monitor the grant and provide technical assistance to grant  
 101.20 recipients under Minnesota Statutes, section 124D.2211, subdivision 4. The commissioner  
 101.21 must use 2.5 percent of the appropriation amount to contract with Ignite Afterschool to  
 101.22 provide technical assistance to grant recipients under Minnesota Statutes, section 124D.2211,  
 101.23 subdivision 4, paragraph (b).

101.24        Subd. 30. **Vocational enrichment grants.** (a) For vocational enrichment grants to school  
 101.25 districts and charter schools:

101.26        \$        100,000    ..... 2020

101.27        \$        100,000    ..... 2021

101.28        (b) Of the amounts in paragraph (a), \$50,000 in each year is for a grant to Independent  
 101.29 School District No. 2752, Fairmont.

101.30        Subd. 31. **Minnesota Youth Council.** (a) For grants to the Minnesota Alliance With  
 101.31 Youth for the activities of the Minnesota Youth Council:



103.1 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 1, 2019.

103.2 Sec. 2. **[120B.117] INCREASING THE PERCENTAGE OF TEACHERS OF COLOR**  
103.3 **AND AMERICAN INDIAN TEACHERS IN MINNESOTA.**

103.4 Subdivision 1. **Purpose.** This section sets a goal for increasing the percentage of teachers  
103.5 of color and American Indian teachers in Minnesota to increase access to effective teachers  
103.6 who reflect the diversity of students.

103.7 Subd. 2. **Equitable access to diverse teachers.** The percentage of teachers of color or  
103.8 American Indian teachers in Minnesota should increase at least two percentage points per  
103.9 year to have a teaching workforce that more closely reflects the student population and  
103.10 increase access to effective and diverse teachers by 2040.

103.11 Subd. 3. **Rights not created.** The attainment goal in this section is not to the exclusion  
103.12 of any other goals and does not confer a right or create a claim for any person.

103.13 Subd. 4. **Reporting.** (a) By October 1, 2019, and each odd-numbered year thereafter,  
103.14 the Professional Educator Licensing and Standards Board must report on progress toward  
103.15 achieving the goal adopted under this section. The board must submit the report to the chairs  
103.16 and ranking minority members of the legislative committees with jurisdiction over  
103.17 kindergarten through grade 12 education and higher education policy and finance in  
103.18 accordance with section 3.195. The report must be available to the public on the board's  
103.19 website. The board must report on the effectiveness of state-funded programs to increase  
103.20 the recruitment, preparation, licensing, hiring, and retention of racially and ethnically diverse  
103.21 teachers and the state's progress toward meeting or exceeding the goals of this section. The  
103.22 board must consult with the four ethnic councils under sections 3.922 and 15.0145, along  
103.23 with other community and stakeholder groups, including students of color, in developing  
103.24 the report.

103.25 (b) The board must collaborate with the Department of Education and the Office of  
103.26 Higher Education to summarize reports from the programs each agency administers and  
103.27 any other programs receiving state appropriations with an explicit purpose of increasing  
103.28 the racial and ethnic diversity of the state's teacher workforce to more closely reflect the  
103.29 diversity of students. The report must include programs under sections 120B.113, 122A.2451,  
103.30 122A.59, 122A.63, 122A.635, 122A.685, 122A.70, 124D.09, 124D.861, 136A.1275, and  
103.31 136A.1791 along with any other programs or initiatives that receive state appropriations to  
103.32 address the shortage of teachers of color and American Indian teachers.

104.1 (c) The report must include recommendations for state policy and funding needed to  
104.2 achieve the goals of this section, plans for sharing the report and activities of grant recipients,  
104.3 and opportunities among grant recipients of various programs to share effective practices  
104.4 with each other. The 2019 report must include a recommendation on whether a state advisory  
104.5 council should be established to address the shortage of racially and ethnically diverse  
104.6 teachers and the composition and charge of such an advisory council if established.

104.7 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.

104.8 **Sec. 3. [122A.04] CODE OF ETHICS FOR TEACHERS.**

104.9 Subdivision 1. **Scope.** Each teacher, upon entering the teaching profession, assumes a  
104.10 number of obligations, one of which is to adhere to principles that define professional  
104.11 conduct. These principles are reflected in the code of ethics in subdivision 2, which sets  
104.12 forth to the education profession and the public it serves the standards of professional conduct  
104.13 and procedures for implementation. This code applies to all persons licensed according to  
104.14 rules established by the Professional Educator Licensing and Standards Board.

104.15 Subd. 2. **Standards of professional conduct.** (a) A teacher must provide professional  
104.16 education services in a nondiscriminatory manner.

104.17 (b) A teacher must make reasonable effort to protect a student from conditions harmful  
104.18 to health and safety.

104.19 (c) In accordance with state and federal laws, a teacher must disclose confidential  
104.20 information about individuals only when a compelling professional purpose is served or  
104.21 when required by law.

104.22 (d) A teacher must take reasonable disciplinary action in exercising the authority to  
104.23 provide an atmosphere conducive to learning.

104.24 (e) A teacher must not use a professional relationship with a student, parent, or colleague  
104.25 to private advantage.

104.26 (f) A teacher must delegate authority for teaching responsibilities only to licensed  
104.27 personnel.

104.28 (g) A teacher must not deliberately suppress or distort subject matter.

104.29 (h) A teacher must not knowingly falsify or misrepresent records or facts relating to the  
104.30 teacher's own qualifications or other teachers' qualifications.

104.31 (i) A teacher must not knowingly make a false or malicious statement about a student  
104.32 or colleague.



105.1 (j) A teacher must accept a contract for a teaching position that requires licensing only  
105.2 if properly or provisionally licensed for that position.

105.3 (k) A teacher must not engage in any sexual conduct or contact with a student.

105.4 Sec. 4. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 122A.06, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

105.5 Subd. 2. **Teacher.** "Teacher" means a classroom teacher or other similar professional  
105.6 employee required to hold a license or permission from the Professional Educator Licensing  
105.7 and Standards Board.

105.8 Sec. 5. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 122A.06, subdivision 5, is amended to read:

105.9 Subd. 5. **Field.** A "field," "licensure area," or "subject area" means the content area in  
105.10 which a teacher may become licensed to teach.

105.11 Sec. 6. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 122A.06, subdivision 7, is amended to read:

105.12 Subd. 7. **Teacher preparation program.** "Teacher preparation program" means a  
105.13 program approved by the Professional Educator Licensing and Standards Board for the  
105.14 purpose of preparing individuals for a specific teacher licensure field in Minnesota. ~~Teacher~~  
105.15 ~~preparation programs include traditional programs delivered by postsecondary institutions,~~  
105.16 ~~alternative teacher preparation programs, and nonconventional teacher preparation programs.~~

105.17 Sec. 7. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 122A.06, subdivision 8, is amended to read:

105.18 Subd. 8. **Teacher preparation program provider.** "Teacher preparation program  
105.19 provider" or "unit" means an entity that has primary responsibility for overseeing and  
105.20 delivering a teacher preparation program. Teacher preparation program providers include  
105.21 postsecondary institutions and alternative teacher preparation providers aligned to section  
105.22 122A.2451.

105.23 Sec. 8. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 122A.07, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

105.24 Subdivision 1. **Appointment of members.** The Professional Educator Licensing and  
105.25 Standards Board consists of ~~11~~ 13 members appointed by the governor, with the advice and  
105.26 consent of the senate. Membership terms, compensation of members, removal of members,  
105.27 the filling of membership vacancies, and fiscal year and reporting requirements are as  
105.28 provided in sections 214.07 to 214.09. No member may be reappointed for more than one  
105.29 additional term.

106.1 Sec. 9. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 122A.07, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

106.2 Subd. 2. **Eligibility; board composition.** Each nominee, other than a public nominee,  
106.3 must be selected on the basis of professional experience and knowledge of teacher education,  
106.4 accreditation, and licensure. The board must be composed of:

106.5 (1) ~~six~~ seven teachers who are currently teaching in a Minnesota school or who were  
106.6 teaching at the time of the appointment, have at least five years of teaching experience, and  
106.7 were not serving in an administrative function at a school district or school when appointed.

106.8 The ~~six~~ seven teachers must include the following:

106.9 (i) one teacher in a charter school;

106.10 (ii) one teacher from the seven-county metropolitan area, as defined in section 473.121,  
106.11 subdivision 2;

106.12 (iii) one teacher from outside the seven-county metropolitan area;

106.13 (iv) one teacher from a related service category licensed by the board;

106.14 (v) one special education teacher; and

106.15 (vi) two teachers that represent current or emerging trends in education;

106.16 ~~(vi)~~ (2) one teacher from educator currently teaching in a Minnesota-approved teacher  
106.17 preparation program; who has previously taught for at least five years in a birth through  
106.18 grade 12 setting;

106.19 ~~(2)~~ (3) one superintendent that alternates each term between a superintendent from the  
106.20 seven-county metropolitan area, as defined in section 473.121, subdivision 2, and a  
106.21 superintendent from outside the metropolitan area;

106.22 ~~(3)~~ (4) one school district human resources director;

106.23 ~~(4)~~ (5) one administrator of a cooperative unit under section 123A.24, subdivision 2,  
106.24 who oversees a special education program and who has previously taught for at least five  
106.25 years in a birth through grade 12 setting;

106.26 ~~(5)~~ (6) one principal that alternates each term between an elementary and a secondary  
106.27 school principal; and

106.28 ~~(6)~~ (7) one member of the public that may be a current or former school board member.

107.1 Sec. 10. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 122A.07, subdivision 4a, is amended to read:

107.2 Subd. 4a. **Administration.** (a) The executive director of the board ~~shall~~ must be the  
107.3 chief administrative officer for the board but ~~shall~~ must not be a member of the board. The  
107.4 executive director ~~shall~~ must maintain the records of the board, account for all fees received  
107.5 by the board, supervise and direct employees servicing the board, and perform other services  
107.6 as directed by the board.

107.7 (b) The Department of Administration must provide administrative support in accordance  
107.8 with section 16B.371. The commissioner of administration must assess the board for services  
107.9 it provides under this section.

107.10 ~~(c) The Department of Education must provide suitable offices and other space to the~~  
107.11 ~~board at reasonable cost until January 1, 2020. Thereafter, the board may contract with~~  
107.12 ~~either the Department of Education or the Department of Administration for the provision~~  
107.13 ~~of suitable offices and other space, joint conference and hearing facilities, and examination~~  
107.14 ~~rooms.~~

107.15 Sec. 11. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 122A.07, is amended by adding a subdivision  
107.16 to read:

107.17 Subd. 6. **Public employer compensation reduction prohibited.** The public employer  
107.18 of a member must not reduce the member's compensation or benefits for the member's  
107.19 absence from employment when engaging in the business of the board.

107.20 Sec. 12. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 122A.09, subdivision 9, is amended to read:

107.21 Subd. 9. **Professional Educator Licensing and Standards Board must adopt rules.** (a)  
107.22 The Professional Educator Licensing and Standards Board must adopt rules subject to the  
107.23 provisions of chapter 14 to implement sections 120B.363, 122A.05 to 122A.09, 122A.092,  
107.24 122A.16, 122A.17, 122A.18, 122A.181, 122A.182, 122A.183, 122A.184, 122A.185,  
107.25 122A.187, 122A.188, 122A.20, 122A.21, 122A.23, 122A.2451, 122A.26, 122A.28, and  
107.26 122A.29.

107.27 (b) The board must adopt rules relating to fields of licensure, including a process for  
107.28 granting permission to a licensed teacher to teach in a field that is different from the teacher's  
107.29 field of licensure without change to the teacher's license tier level.

107.30 (c) The board must adopt rules relating to the grade levels that a licensed teacher may  
107.31 teach.

108.1 (d) If a rule adopted by the board is in conflict with a session law or statute, the law or  
108.2 statute prevails. Terms adopted in rule must be clearly defined and must not be construed  
108.3 to conflict with terms adopted in statute or session law.

108.4 (e) The board must include a description of a proposed rule's probable effect on teacher  
108.5 supply and demand in the board's statement of need and reasonableness under section 14.131.

108.6 (f) The board must adopt rules only under the specific statutory authority.

108.7 Sec. 13. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 122A.091, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

108.8 Subdivision 1. **Teacher and administrator preparation and performance data;**

108.9 **report.** (a) The Professional Educator Licensing and Standards Board and the Board of

108.10 School Administrators, in cooperation with board-adopted teacher or administrator

108.11 preparation programs, annually must collect and report summary data on teacher and

108.12 administrator preparation and performance outcomes, consistent with this subdivision. The

108.13 Professional Educator Licensing and Standards Board and the Board of School Administrators

108.14 annually by June 1 must update and post the reported summary preparation and performance

108.15 data on teachers and administrators from the preceding school years on a website hosted

108.16 jointly by the boards.

108.17 (b) Publicly reported summary data on teacher preparation programs must include:

108.18 (1) student entrance requirements for each Professional Educator Licensing and Standards

108.19 Board-approved program, including grade point average for enrolling students in the

108.20 preceding year;

108.21 (2) the average board-adopted skills examination or ACT or SAT scores of students

108.22 entering the program in the preceding year;

108.23 (3) summary data on faculty qualifications, including at least the content areas of faculty

108.24 undergraduate and graduate degrees and their years of experience either as kindergarten

108.25 through grade 12 classroom teachers or school administrators;

108.26 (4) the average time resident and nonresident program graduates in the preceding year

108.27 needed to complete the program;

108.28 (5) the current number and percentage of students by program who graduated, received

108.29 a standard Minnesota teaching license, and were hired to teach full time in their licensure

108.30 field in a Minnesota district or school in the preceding year disaggregated by race, except

108.31 when disaggregation would not yield statistically reliable results or would reveal personally

108.32 identifiable information about an individual;

109.1 (6) the number of content area credits and other credits by undergraduate program that  
109.2 students in the preceding school year needed to complete to graduate;

109.3 (7) students' pass rates on skills and subject matter exams required for graduation in  
109.4 each program and licensure area in the preceding school year;

109.5 (8) survey results measuring student and ~~graduate~~ program completer satisfaction with  
109.6 the program in the preceding school year disaggregated by race, except when disaggregation  
109.7 would not yield statistically reliable results or would reveal personally identifiable  
109.8 information about an individual;

109.9 (9) a standard measure of the satisfaction of school principals or supervising teachers  
109.10 with the ~~student teachers~~ program completer assigned to a school or supervising teacher;  
109.11 and

109.12 (10) information under subdivision 3, paragraphs (a) and (b).

109.13 Program reporting must be consistent with subdivision 2.

109.14 (c) Publicly reported summary data on administrator preparation programs approved by  
109.15 the Board of School Administrators must include:

109.16 (1) summary data on faculty qualifications, including at least the content areas of faculty  
109.17 undergraduate and graduate degrees and the years of experience either as kindergarten  
109.18 through grade 12 classroom teachers or school administrators;

109.19 (2) the average time program graduates in the preceding year needed to complete the  
109.20 program;

109.21 (3) the current number and percentage of students who graduated, received a standard  
109.22 Minnesota administrator license, and were employed as an administrator in a Minnesota  
109.23 school district or school in the preceding year disaggregated by race, except when  
109.24 disaggregation would not yield statistically reliable results or would reveal personally  
109.25 identifiable information about an individual;

109.26 (4) the number of credits by graduate program that students in the preceding school year  
109.27 needed to complete to graduate;

109.28 (5) survey results measuring student, graduate, and employer satisfaction with the  
109.29 program in the preceding school year disaggregated by race, except when disaggregation  
109.30 would not yield statistically reliable results or would reveal personally identifiable  
109.31 information about an individual; and

109.32 (6) information under subdivision 3, paragraphs (c) and (d).

110.1 Program reporting must be consistent with section 122A.14, subdivision 10.

110.2 Sec. 14. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 122A.092, subdivision 5, is amended to read:

110.3 Subd. 5. **Reading strategies.** (a) All ~~colleges and universities~~ preparation providers  
110.4 approved by the Professional Educator Licensing and Standards Board to prepare persons  
110.5 for classroom teacher licensure must include in their teacher preparation programs  
110.6 research-based best practices in reading, consistent with section 122A.06, subdivision 4,  
110.7 that enables the licensure candidate to teach reading in the candidate's content areas. Teacher  
110.8 candidates must be instructed in using students' native languages as a resource in creating  
110.9 effective differentiated instructional strategies for English learners developing literacy skills.  
110.10 These colleges and universities also must prepare early childhood and elementary teacher  
110.11 candidates for Tier 3 and Tier 4 teaching licenses under sections 122A.183 and 122A.184,  
110.12 respectively, for the portion of the examination under section 122A.185, subdivision 1,  
110.13 paragraph (c), covering assessment of reading instruction.

110.14 (b) Board-approved teacher preparation programs for teachers of elementary education  
110.15 must require instruction in applying comprehensive, scientifically based, and balanced  
110.16 reading instruction programs that:

110.17 (1) teach students to read using foundational knowledge, practices, and strategies  
110.18 consistent with section 122A.06, subdivision 4, so that all students achieve continuous  
110.19 progress in reading; and

110.20 (2) teach specialized instruction in reading strategies, interventions, and remediations  
110.21 that enable students of all ages and proficiency levels to become proficient readers.

110.22 (c) Nothing in this section limits the authority of a school district to select a school's  
110.23 reading program or curriculum.

110.24 Sec. 15. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 122A.092, subdivision 6, is amended to read:

110.25 Subd. 6. **Technology strategies.** All ~~colleges and universities~~ preparation providers  
110.26 approved by the Professional Educator Licensing and Standards Board to prepare persons  
110.27 for classroom teacher licensure must include in their teacher preparation programs the  
110.28 knowledge and skills teacher candidates need to engage students with technology and deliver  
110.29 digital and blended learning and curriculum.

111.1 Sec. 16. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 122A.17, is amended to read:

111.2 **122A.17 VALIDITY OF CERTIFICATES OR LICENSES.**

111.3 (a) A rule adopted by the Board of Teaching or the Professional Educator Licensing and  
111.4 Standards Board must not affect the validity of certificates or licenses to teach in effect on  
111.5 July 1, 1974, or the rights and privileges of the holders thereof, except that any such  
111.6 certificate or license may be suspended or revoked for any of the causes and by the procedures  
111.7 specified by law.

111.8 (b) ~~All teacher licenses in effect on January 1, 2018, shall remain valid for one additional~~  
111.9 ~~year after the date the license is scheduled to expire.~~

111.10 Sec. 17. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 122A.175, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

111.11 Subd. 2. **Background check account.** An educator licensure background check account  
111.12 is created in the special revenue fund. ~~The Department of Education, the Professional~~  
111.13 ~~Educator Licensing and Standards Board, and the Board of School Administrators must~~  
111.14 ~~deposit all payments submitted by license applicants for criminal background checks~~  
111.15 ~~conducted by the Bureau of Criminal Apprehension in the educator licensure background~~  
111.16 ~~check account. Amounts in the account are annually appropriated to the commissioner of~~  
111.17 ~~education for payment to the superintendent of the Bureau of Criminal Apprehension.~~  
111.18 Professional Educator Licensing and Standards Board for the costs of background checks  
111.19 on applicants for licensure.

111.20 Sec. 18. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 122A.18, subdivision 7c, is amended to read:

111.21 Subd. 7c. **Temporary military license.** The Professional Educator Licensing and  
111.22 Standards Board shall establish a temporary license in accordance with section 197.4552  
111.23 for teaching. The fee for a temporary license under this subdivision shall be ~~\$87.90 for an~~  
111.24 ~~online application or \$86.40 for a paper application~~ \$57. The board must provide candidates  
111.25 for a license under this subdivision with information regarding the tiered licensure system  
111.26 provided in sections 122A.18 to 122A.184.

111.27 Sec. 19. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 122A.18, subdivision 8, is amended to read:

111.28 Subd. 8. **Background checks.** (a) The Professional Educator Licensing and Standards  
111.29 Board and the Board of School Administrators must ~~request~~ obtain a criminal history  
111.30 background check ~~from the superintendent of the Bureau of Criminal Apprehension~~ on all  
111.31 first-time teaching applicants for licenses under their jurisdiction. Applicants must include  
111.32 with their licensure applications:

112.1 (1) an executed criminal history consent form, including fingerprints; and

112.2 (2) ~~a money order or cashier's check payable to the Bureau of Criminal Apprehension~~  
112.3 ~~for the fee for conducting the criminal history~~ payment to conduct the background check.

112.4 (b) ~~The superintendent of~~ background check for all first-time teaching applicants for  
112.5 licenses must include a review of information from the Bureau of Criminal Apprehension  
112.6 ~~shall perform the background check required under paragraph (a) by retrieving, including~~  
112.7 criminal history data as defined in section 13.87<sub>2</sub>, and ~~shall~~ must also ~~conduct a search~~ include  
112.8 a review of the national criminal records repository. The superintendent of the Bureau of  
112.9 Criminal Apprehension is authorized to exchange fingerprints with the Federal Bureau of  
112.10 Investigation for purposes of the criminal history check. The superintendent shall recover  
112.11 the cost to the bureau of a background check through the fee charged to the applicant under  
112.12 paragraph (a).

112.13 ~~(e) The Professional Educator Licensing and Standards Board or the Board of School~~  
112.14 ~~Administrators may issue a license pending completion of a background check under this~~  
112.15 ~~subdivision, but must notify the individual and the school district or charter school employing~~  
112.16 ~~the individual that the individual's license may be revoked based on the result of the~~  
112.17 ~~background check.~~

112.18 (c) The Professional Educator Licensing and Standards Board may contract with the  
112.19 commissioner of human services to conduct background checks and obtain background  
112.20 check data required under this chapter.

112.21 Sec. 20. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 122A.18, subdivision 10, is amended to read:

112.22 Subd. 10. **Licensure via portfolio.** (a) The Professional Educator Licensing and Standards  
112.23 Board must adopt rules establishing a process for an eligible candidate to obtain ~~any teacher~~  
112.24 a Tier 3 license under subdivision 1, or to add a licensure field; via portfolio. The portfolio  
112.25 licensure application process must be consistent with the requirements in this subdivision.

112.26 (b) A candidate for a Tier 3 license via portfolio must submit to the board one portfolio  
112.27 demonstrating pedagogical competence and one portfolio demonstrating content competence.

112.28 (c) A candidate seeking to add a licensure field via portfolio must submit to the board  
112.29 one portfolio demonstrating content competence for each licensure field the candidate seeks  
112.30 to add.

112.31 (d) The board must notify a candidate who submits a portfolio under paragraph (b) or  
112.32 (c) within 90 calendar days after the portfolio is received whether or not the portfolio is  
112.33 approved. If the portfolio is not approved, the board must immediately inform the candidate



113.1 how to revise the portfolio to successfully demonstrate the requisite competence. The  
113.2 candidate may resubmit a revised portfolio at any time and the board must approve or  
113.3 disapprove the revised portfolio within 60 calendar days of receiving it.

113.4 ~~(e) A candidate must pay to the board a \$300 fee for the first portfolio submitted for~~  
113.5 ~~review and a \$200 fee for any portfolio submitted subsequently. The revenue generated~~  
113.6 ~~from the fee must be deposited in an education licensure portfolio account in the special~~  
113.7 ~~revenue fund. The fees are nonrefundable for applicants not qualifying for a license. The~~  
113.8 ~~board may waive or reduce fees for candidates based on financial need. a fee for a portfolio~~  
113.9 ~~in accordance with section 122A.21, subdivision 4.~~

113.10 Sec. 21. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 122A.181, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

113.11 Subd. 3. **Term of license and renewal.** (a) The Professional Educator Licensing and  
113.12 Standards Board must issue an initial Tier 1 license for a term of one year. A Tier 1 license  
113.13 may be renewed subject to paragraphs (b) and (c). The board may submit written comments  
113.14 to the district or charter school that requested the renewal regarding the candidate.

113.15 (b) The Professional Educator Licensing and Standards Board must renew a Tier 1  
113.16 license if:

113.17 (1) the district or charter school requesting the renewal demonstrates that it has posted  
113.18 the teacher position but was unable to hire an acceptable teacher with a Tier 2, 3, or 4 license  
113.19 for the position;

113.20 (2) the teacher holding the Tier 1 license took a content examination in accordance with  
113.21 section 122A.185 and submitted the examination results to the teacher's employing district  
113.22 or charter school within one year of the board approving the request for the initial Tier 1  
113.23 license; and

113.24 (3) the teacher holding the Tier 1 license participated in cultural competency training  
113.25 consistent with section 120B.30, subdivision 1, paragraph (q), within one year of the board  
113.26 approving the request for the initial Tier 1 license.

113.27 The requirement in clause (2) does not apply to a teacher that teaches a class in a career and  
113.28 technical education or career pathways course of study.

113.29 (c) A Tier 1 license must not be renewed more than ~~three times~~ one time, unless the  
113.30 requesting district or charter school can show good cause for additional renewals. ~~A Tier 1~~  
113.31 ~~license issued to teach (1) a class or course in a career and technical education or career~~  
113.32 ~~pathway course of study or (2) in a shortage area, as defined in section 122A.06, subdivision~~  
113.33 ~~6, may be renewed without limitation.~~

114.1 Sec. 22. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 122A.181, subdivision 4, is amended to read:

114.2 Subd. 4. **Application.** (a) The Professional Educator Licensing and Standards Board  
114.3 must accept applications for a Tier 1 teaching license beginning July 1 of the school year  
114.4 for which the license is requested and must issue or deny the Tier 1 teaching license within  
114.5 30 days of receiving the completed application.

114.6 (b) The Professional Educator Licensing and Standards Board may accept applications  
114.7 for a Tier 1 license from applicants requiring a work visa, including applications to renew  
114.8 a Tier 1 license, before July 1.

114.9 Sec. 23. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 122A.181, subdivision 5, is amended to read:

114.10 Subd. 5. **Limitations on license.** (a) A Tier 1 license is limited to the content matter  
114.11 indicated on the application for the initial Tier 1 license under subdivision 1, clause (2), and  
114.12 limited to the district or charter school that requested the initial Tier 1 license.

114.13 (b) A Tier 1 license does not bring an individual within the definition of a teacher for  
114.14 purposes of section 122A.40, subdivision 1, or 122A.41, subdivision 1, clause (a).

114.15 ~~(c) A Tier 1 license does not bring an individual within the definition of a teacher under~~  
114.16 ~~section 179A.03, subdivision 18.~~

114.17 Sec. 24. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 122A.182, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

114.18 Subdivision 1. **Requirements.** (a) The Professional Educator Licensing and Standards  
114.19 Board must approve a request from a district or charter school to issue a Tier 2 license in a  
114.20 specified content area to a candidate if:

114.21 (1) the candidate meets the educational or professional requirements in paragraph (b)  
114.22 or (c);

114.23 (2) the candidate:

114.24 ~~(i) has completed the coursework required under subdivision 2;~~

114.25 ~~(ii)~~ (i) is enrolled in a Minnesota-approved teacher preparation program, including an  
114.26 alternative preparation program under section 122A.2451, or a state-approved teacher  
114.27 preparation program if no licensure program exists in Minnesota; or

114.28 ~~(iii) has a master's degree in the specified content area~~ (ii) has completed a state-approved  
114.29 teacher preparation program but does not meet the requirements for a Tier 3 license; and

115.1 (3) the district or charter school demonstrates that a criminal background check under  
115.2 section 122A.18, subdivision 8, has been completed on the candidate.

115.3 (b) A candidate for a Tier 2 license must have a bachelor's degree to teach a class outside  
115.4 a career and technical education or career pathways course of study.

115.5 (c) A candidate for a Tier 2 license must have one of the following credentials in a  
115.6 relevant content area to teach a class or course in a career and technical education or career  
115.7 pathways course of study:

115.8 (1) an associate's degree;

115.9 (2) a professional certification; or

115.10 (3) five years of relevant work experience.

115.11 Sec. 25. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 122A.182, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

115.12 Subd. 3. **Term of license and renewal.** The Professional Educator Licensing and  
115.13 Standards Board must issue an initial Tier 2 license for a term of two years. A Tier 2 license  
115.14 may be renewed ~~three~~ two times. Before a Tier 2 license is renewed for the first time, a  
115.15 teacher holding a Tier 2 license must participate in cultural competency training consistent  
115.16 with section 120B.30, subdivision 1, paragraph (q). The board must issue rules setting forth  
115.17 the conditions for additional renewals after the initial license has been renewed ~~three~~ two  
115.18 times.

115.19 Sec. 26. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 122A.182, subdivision 4, is amended to read:

115.20 Subd. 4. **Application.** (a) The Professional Educator Licensing and Standards Board  
115.21 must accept applications for a Tier 2 teaching license beginning July 1 of the school year  
115.22 for which the license is requested and must issue or deny the Tier 2 teaching license within  
115.23 30 days of receiving the completed application.

115.24 (b) The Professional Educator Licensing and Standards Board may accept applications  
115.25 for a Tier 2 license from applicants requiring a work visa, including applications to renew  
115.26 a Tier 2 license, before July 1.

115.27 Sec. 27. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 122A.183, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

115.28 Subd. 2. **Coursework.** A candidate for a Tier 3 license must meet the coursework  
115.29 requirement by demonstrating one of the following:

115.30 (1) completion of a Minnesota-approved teacher preparation program;

116.1 (2) completion of a state-approved teacher preparation program that includes field-specific  
116.2 student teaching equivalent to field-specific student teaching in Minnesota-approved teacher  
116.3 preparation programs. The field-specific student teaching requirement does not apply to a  
116.4 candidate that has two years of teaching experience;

116.5 (3) submission of a content-specific licensure portfolio; or

116.6 (4) a professional teaching license from another state, evidence that the candidate's  
116.7 license is in good standing, and two years of teaching experience; ~~or.~~

116.8 ~~(5) three years of teaching experience under a Tier 2 license and evidence of summative~~  
116.9 ~~teacher evaluations that did not result in placing or otherwise keeping the teacher on an~~  
116.10 ~~improvement process pursuant to section 122A.40, subdivision 8, or section 122A.41,~~  
116.11 ~~subdivision 5.~~

116.12 Sec. 28. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 122A.183, subdivision 4, is amended to read:

116.13 Subd. 4. **Mentorship and evaluation.** A teacher holding a Tier 3 license must participate  
116.14 ~~in the employing district or charter school's~~ a mentorship and evaluation program, including  
116.15 an individual growth and development plan. A teacher holding a Tier 3 license may satisfy  
116.16 the mentorship requirement by participating in a mentorship program during the teacher's  
116.17 first year in a new district or charter school, including a school year when the teacher held  
116.18 a Tier 1 or Tier 2 license. No teacher holding a Tier 3 license may be required to serve as  
116.19 a mentor to another teacher in order to fulfill this requirement.

116.20 Sec. 29. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 122A.184, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

116.21 Subdivision 1. **Requirements.** The Professional Educator Licensing and Standards  
116.22 Board must issue a Tier 4 license to a candidate who provides information sufficient to  
116.23 demonstrate all of the following:

116.24 (1) the candidate meets all requirements for a Tier 3 license under section 122A.183,  
116.25 and has completed a teacher preparation program under section 122A.183, subdivision 2,  
116.26 clause (1) or (2);

116.27 (2) the candidate has at least three years of teaching experience in Minnesota; and

116.28 (3) the candidate has obtained a passing score on all required licensure exams under  
116.29 section 122A.185; ~~and.~~

117.1 ~~(4) the candidate's most recent summative teacher evaluation did not result in placing~~  
117.2 ~~or otherwise keeping the teacher in an improvement process pursuant to section 122A.40,~~  
117.3 ~~subdivision 8, or 122A.41, subdivision 5.~~

117.4 Sec. 30. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 122A.184, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

117.5 Subd. 3. **Mentorship and evaluation.** A teacher holding a Tier 4 license must participate  
117.6 ~~in the employing district or charter school's~~ a mentorship and evaluation program, including  
117.7 an individual growth and development plan. A teacher holding a Tier 4 license may satisfy  
117.8 the mentorship requirement by participating in a mentorship program during the teacher's  
117.9 first year in a new district or charter school, including a school year when the teacher held  
117.10 a Tier 1, 2, or 3 license. No teacher holding a Tier 4 license may be required to serve as a  
117.11 mentor to another teacher in order to fulfill this requirement.

117.12 Sec. 31. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 122A.185, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

117.13 Subdivision 1. **Tests.** (a) The Professional Educator Licensing and Standards Board  
117.14 must adopt rules requiring a candidate to demonstrate a passing score on a board-adopted  
117.15 examination of skills in reading, writing, and mathematics before being granted a Tier 4  
117.16 teaching license under section 122A.184 to provide direct instruction to pupils in elementary,  
117.17 secondary, or special education programs. The board must grant a Tier 4 license to a  
117.18 candidate with a Tier 3 license whose employing school district or charter school verifies  
117.19 the candidate's skills in reading, writing, and mathematics for teaching in the licensure field.  
117.20 Candidates may obtain a Tier 1, Tier 2, or Tier 3 license to provide direct instruction to  
117.21 pupils in elementary, secondary, or special education programs if candidates meet the other  
117.22 requirements in section 122A.181, 122A.182, or 122A.183, respectively.

117.23 (b) The board must adopt rules requiring candidates for Tier 3 and Tier 4 licenses to  
117.24 pass an examination of general pedagogical knowledge and examinations of licensure field  
117.25 specific content. The content examination requirement does not apply if no relevant content  
117.26 exam exists.

117.27 (c) Candidates for initial Tier 3 and Tier 4 licenses to teach elementary students must  
117.28 pass test items assessing the candidates' knowledge, skill, and ability in comprehensive,  
117.29 scientifically based reading instruction under section 122A.06, subdivision 4, knowledge  
117.30 and understanding of the foundations of reading development, development of reading  
117.31 comprehension and reading assessment and instruction, and the ability to integrate that  
117.32 knowledge and understanding into instruction strategies under section 122A.06, subdivision  
117.33 4.

118.1 (d) The requirement to pass a board-adopted reading, writing, and mathematics skills  
118.2 examination does not apply to nonnative English speakers, as verified by qualified Minnesota  
118.3 school district personnel or Minnesota higher education faculty, who, after meeting the  
118.4 content and pedagogy requirements under this subdivision, apply for a teaching license to  
118.5 provide direct instruction in their native language or world language instruction under section  
118.6 120B.022, subdivision 1.

118.7 (e) The board must analyze the use of untimed tests and work with the testing vendor  
118.8 to ensure reasonable access to untimed testing sites.

118.9 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective January 1, 2020.

118.10 Sec. 32. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 122A.187, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

118.11 Subd. 3. **Professional growth.** (a) Applicants for license renewal for a Tier 3 or Tier 4  
118.12 license under sections 122A.183 and 122A.184, respectively, who have been employed as  
118.13 a teacher during the renewal period of the expiring license, as a condition of license renewal,  
118.14 must present to their local continuing education and relicensure committee or other local  
118.15 relicensure committee evidence of work that demonstrates professional reflection and growth  
118.16 in best teaching practices, ~~including among other things, cultural competence in accordance~~  
118.17 ~~with section 120B.30, subdivision 1, paragraph (c), and practices in meeting the varied~~  
118.18 ~~needs of English learners, from young children to adults under section 124D.59, subdivisions~~  
118.19 ~~2 and 2a.~~ A teacher may satisfy the requirements of this paragraph by submitting the teacher's  
118.20 most recent summative evaluation or improvement plan under section 122A.40, subdivision  
118.21 8, or 122A.41, subdivision 5.

118.22 (b) The Professional Educator Licensing and Standards Board must ensure that its teacher  
118.23 relicensing requirements include paragraph (a).

118.24 Sec. 33. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 122A.187, is amended by adding a subdivision  
118.25 to read:

118.26 Subd. 7. **Cultural competency training.** The Professional Educator Licensing and  
118.27 Standards Board must adopt rules that require all licensed teachers who are renewing a Tier  
118.28 3 or Tier 4 teaching license under sections 122A.183 and 122A.184, respectively, to include  
118.29 in the renewal requirements cultural competency training and meeting the varied needs of  
118.30 English learners from young children to adults under section 124D.59, subdivisions 2 and  
118.31 2a.

119.1 Sec. 34. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 122A.187, is amended by adding a subdivision  
119.2 to read:

119.3 Subd. 8. **Background check.** The Professional Educator Licensing and Standards Board  
119.4 must obtain a criminal background check on a licensed teacher applying for a renewal  
119.5 license. The background check must include a search of records from the Bureau of Criminal  
119.6 Apprehension.

119.7 Sec. 35. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 122A.19, subdivision 4, is amended to read:

119.8 Subd. 4. **Teacher preparation programs.** (a) For the purpose of licensing bilingual  
119.9 and English as a second language teachers, the board may approve teacher preparation  
119.10 programs at colleges or universities designed for their training.

119.11 (b) Programs that prepare English as a second language teachers must provide instruction  
119.12 in implementing research-based practices designed specifically for English learners. The  
119.13 programs must focus on developing English learners' academic language proficiency in  
119.14 English, including oral academic language, giving English learners meaningful access to  
119.15 the full school curriculum, developing culturally relevant teaching practices appropriate for  
119.16 immigrant students, and providing more intensive instruction and resources to English  
119.17 learners with lower levels of academic English proficiency and varied needs, consistent  
119.18 with section 124D.59, subdivisions 2 and 2a.

119.19 Sec. 36. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 122A.20, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

119.20 Subdivision 1. **Grounds for revocation, suspension, or denial.** (a) The Professional  
119.21 Educator Licensing and Standards Board or Board of School Administrators, whichever  
119.22 has jurisdiction over a teacher's licensure, may, on the written complaint of the school board  
119.23 employing a teacher, a teacher organization, or any other interested person, refuse to issue,  
119.24 refuse to renew, suspend, or revoke a teacher's license to teach for any of the following  
119.25 causes:

119.26 (1) immoral character or conduct;

119.27 (2) failure, without justifiable cause, to teach for the term of the teacher's contract;

119.28 (3) gross inefficiency or willful neglect of duty;

119.29 (4) failure to meet licensure requirements; ~~or~~

119.30 (5) fraud or misrepresentation in obtaining a license; or

119.31 (6) engagement in any sexual conduct or contact with a student.

120.1 The written complaint must specify the nature and character of the charges. The board  
120.2 may issue nondisciplinary action for violations related to the teacher's mental health, chemical  
120.3 dependency, contract violations, or other offenses that do not meet the criteria for suspension  
120.4 or revocation of the license.

120.5 (b) The Professional Educator Licensing and Standards Board or Board of School  
120.6 Administrators, whichever has jurisdiction over a teacher's licensure, shall refuse to issue,  
120.7 refuse to renew, or automatically revoke a teacher's license to teach without the right to a  
120.8 hearing upon receiving a certified copy of a conviction showing that the teacher has been  
120.9 convicted of:

120.10 (1) child abuse, as defined in section 609.185, provided that a conviction for a violation  
120.11 of section 609.224, subdivisions 1 and 2, assault in the fifth degree, or 609.2242, subdivisions  
120.12 1 and 2, domestic assault, must not result in the automatic revocation of a teacher's license;

120.13 (2) sex trafficking in the first degree under section 609.322, subdivision 1;

120.14 (3) sex trafficking in the second degree under section 609.322, subdivision 1a;

120.15 (4) engaging in hiring, or agreeing to hire a minor to engage in prostitution, or housing  
120.16 an unrelated minor engaged in prostitution under section 609.324, ~~subdivision~~ subdivisions  
120.17 1, and 1a;

120.18 (5) criminal sexual abuse conduct under section 609.342, 609.343, 609.344, 609.345,  
120.19 or 609.3451, subdivision 3, ~~or~~;

120.20 (6) indecent exposure under section 617.23, ~~subdivision~~ subdivisions 2 and 3;

120.21 (7) solicitation of children to engage in sexual conduct or communication of sexually  
120.22 explicit materials to children under section 609.352;

120.23 (8) interference with privacy under section 609.746 or stalking under section 609.749  
120.24 and the victim was a minor;

120.25 (9) using minors in a sexual performance under section 617.246;

120.26 (10) possessing pornographic works involving a minor under section 617.247; or

120.27 (11) any other offense not listed in this paragraph that requires the person to register as  
120.28 a predatory offender under section 243.166, or a crime under a similar law of another state  
120.29 or the United States. The board shall send notice of this licensing action to the district in  
120.30 which the teacher is currently employed.

120.31 (c) A person whose license to teach has been revoked, not issued, or not renewed under  
120.32 paragraph (b), may petition the board to reconsider the licensing action if the person's



121.1 conviction for child abuse or sexual abuse is reversed by a final decision of the court of  
121.2 appeals or the supreme court or if the person has received a pardon for the offense. The  
121.3 petitioner shall attach a certified copy of the appellate court's final decision or the pardon  
121.4 to the petition. Upon receiving the petition and its attachment, the board shall schedule and  
121.5 hold a disciplinary hearing on the matter under section 214.10, subdivision 2, unless the  
121.6 petitioner waives the right to a hearing. If the board finds that, notwithstanding the reversal  
121.7 of the petitioner's criminal conviction or the issuance of a pardon, the petitioner is disqualified  
121.8 from teaching under paragraph (a), clause (1), the board shall affirm its previous licensing  
121.9 action. If the board finds that the petitioner is not disqualified from teaching under paragraph  
121.10 (a), clause (1), it shall reverse its previous licensing action.

121.11 (d) The Professional Educator Licensing and Standards Board or Board of School  
121.12 Administrators, whichever has jurisdiction over a teacher's licensure, must review and may  
121.13 refuse to issue, refuse to renew, or revoke a teacher's license to teach, upon receiving a  
121.14 certified copy of a conviction showing that the teacher has been convicted of:

121.15 (1) a qualified, domestic violence-related offense as defined in section 609.02, subdivision  
121.16 16; or

121.17 (2) embezzlement of public funds under section 609.54, clause (1) or (2).

121.18 If an offense included in clause (1) or (2) is already included in paragraph (b), the provisions  
121.19 of paragraph (b) apply to the conduct.

121.20 (e) The Professional Educator Licensing and Standards Board or Board of School  
121.21 Administrators, whichever has jurisdiction over a teacher's licensure, may suspend a teacher's  
121.22 license pending an investigation into a report of conduct that would be grounds for revocation  
121.23 under paragraph (b). The teacher's license is suspended until the licensing board completes  
121.24 its disciplinary investigation and determines whether disciplinary action is necessary.

121.25 (f) For purposes of this subdivision, The Professional Educator Licensing and Standards  
121.26 Board is delegated the authority to suspend or revoke coaching licenses.

121.27 Sec. 37. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 122A.20, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

121.28 **Subd. 2. Mandatory reporting.** (a) A school board, a superintendent, a charter school  
121.29 board, a charter school executive director, or a charter school authorizer must report to the  
121.30 Professional Educator Licensing and Standards Board, the Board of School Administrators,  
121.31 or the Board of Trustees of the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities, whichever has  
121.32 jurisdiction over the teacher's or administrator's license, when its teacher or administrator  
121.33 is discharged or resigns from employment after a charge is filed with the school board under

122.1 section 122A.41, subdivisions 6, clauses (1), (2), and (3), and 7, or after charges are filed  
122.2 that are grounds for discharge under section 122A.40, subdivision 13, paragraph (a), clauses  
122.3 (1) to (5), or when a teacher or administrator is suspended or resigns while an investigation  
122.4 is pending under section 122A.40, subdivision 13, paragraph (a), clauses (1) to (5); 122A.41,  
122.5 subdivisions 6, clauses (1), (2), and (3), and 7; or 626.556, or when a teacher or administrator  
122.6 is suspended without an investigation under section 122A.41, subdivisions 6, paragraph (a),  
122.7 clauses (1), (2), and (3), and 7; or 626.556. The report must be made to the appropriate  
122.8 licensing board within ten days after the discharge, suspension, or resignation has occurred.  
122.9 The licensing board to which the report is made must investigate the report for violation of  
122.10 subdivision 1 and the reporting board, administrator, or authorizer must cooperate in the  
122.11 investigation. Notwithstanding any provision in chapter 13 or any law to the contrary, upon  
122.12 written request from the licensing board having jurisdiction over the license, a board, charter  
122.13 school, authorizer, charter school executive director, or school superintendent shall provide  
122.14 the licensing board with information about the teacher or administrator from the district's  
122.15 files, any termination or disciplinary proceeding, any settlement or compromise, or any  
122.16 investigative file. Upon written request from the appropriate licensing board, a board or  
122.17 school superintendent may, at the discretion of the board or school superintendent, solicit  
122.18 the written consent of a student and the student's parent to provide the licensing board with  
122.19 information that may aid the licensing board in its investigation and license proceedings.  
122.20 The licensing board's request need not identify a student or parent by name. The consent  
122.21 of the student and the student's parent must meet the requirements of chapter 13 and Code  
122.22 of Federal Regulations, title 34, section 99.30. The licensing board may provide a consent  
122.23 form to the district. Any data transmitted to any board under this section is private data  
122.24 under section 13.02, subdivision 12, notwithstanding any other classification of the data  
122.25 when it was in the possession of any other agency.

122.26 (b) The licensing board to which a report is made must transmit to the Attorney General's  
122.27 Office any record or data it receives under this subdivision for the sole purpose of having  
122.28 the Attorney General's Office assist that board in its investigation. When the Attorney  
122.29 General's Office has informed an employee of the appropriate licensing board in writing  
122.30 that grounds exist to suspend or revoke a teacher's license to teach, that licensing board  
122.31 must consider suspending or revoking or decline to suspend or revoke the teacher's or  
122.32 administrator's license within 45 days of receiving a stipulation executed by the teacher or  
122.33 administrator under investigation or a recommendation from an administrative law judge  
122.34 that disciplinary action be taken.

123.1 (c) The Professional Educator Licensing and Standards Board and Board of School  
123.2 Administrators must report to the appropriate law enforcement authorities a revocation,  
123.3 suspension, or agreement involving a loss of license, relating to a teacher or administrator's  
123.4 inappropriate sexual conduct with a minor. For purposes of this section, "law enforcement  
123.5 authority" means a police department, county sheriff, or tribal police department. A report  
123.6 by the Professional Educator Licensing and Standards Board to appropriate law enforcement  
123.7 authorities does not diminish, modify, or otherwise affect the responsibilities of a school  
123.8 board or any person mandated to report abuse under section 626.556.

123.9 Sec. 38. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 122A.21, is amended to read:

123.10 **122A.21 TEACHERS' AND ADMINISTRATORS' LICENSES; FEES.**

123.11 Subdivision 1. **Licensure applications.** Each applicant submitting an application to the  
123.12 Professional Educator Licensing and Standards Board to issue, renew, or extend a teaching  
123.13 license, including applications for licensure via portfolio under subdivision ~~2~~ 4, must include  
123.14 a processing fee of \$57. The processing fee for a teacher's license and for the licenses of  
123.15 supervisory personnel must be paid to the executive secretary of the appropriate board and  
123.16 deposited in the educator licensure account in the special revenue fund. The fees as set by  
123.17 the board are nonrefundable for applicants not qualifying for a license. However, the  
123.18 commissioner of management and budget must refund a fee in any case in which the applicant  
123.19 already holds a valid unexpired license. The board may waive or reduce fees for applicants  
123.20 who apply at the same time for more than one license.

123.21 Subd. 3. **Annual appropriations.** (a) The amounts collected under subdivision ~~2~~ 4 and  
123.22 deposited in the educator licensure account in the special revenue fund are annually  
123.23 appropriated to the Professional Educator Licensing and Standards Board.

123.24 (b) The appropriations in paragraph (a) must be reduced by the amount of any money  
123.25 specifically appropriated for the same purposes in any year from any state fund.

123.26 Subd. 4. **Licensure via portfolio.** A candidate must pay to the Professional Educator  
123.27 Licensing and Standards Board a \$300 fee for the first portfolio submitted for review and  
123.28 a \$200 fee for any portfolio submitted subsequently. The Professional Educator Licensing  
123.29 and Standards Board executive secretary must deposit the fee in the educator licensure  
123.30 account in the special revenue fund. The fees are nonrefundable for applicants not qualifying  
123.31 for a license. The Professional Educator Licensing and Standards Board may waive or  
123.32 reduce fees for candidates based on financial need.

123.33 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.

124.1 Sec. 39. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 122A.22, is amended to read:

124.2 **122A.22 DISTRICT VERIFICATION AND REPORTING OF TEACHER**  
124.3 **LICENSES AND PERFORMANCE.**

124.4 Subdivision 1. Verification. No person shall be accounted a qualified teacher until the  
124.5 school district or charter school contracting with the person for teaching services verifies  
124.6 through the Minnesota education licensing system available on the Professional Educator  
124.7 Licensing and Standards Board website that the person is a qualified teacher, consistent  
124.8 with sections 122A.16 and 122A.44, subdivision 1.

124.9 Subd. 2. Reporting. No later than October 1 of each school year, the superintendent or  
124.10 charter school must provide the school board with the number of teachers in each school  
124.11 building who: (1) hold Tier 1, 2, 3, and 4 licenses; and (2) do not meet professional teaching  
124.12 standards or have been placed on a teacher improvement process in accordance with section  
124.13 122A.40, subdivision 8, or 122A.41, subdivision 5. The school board and the Professional  
124.14 Educator Licensing and Standards Board must publish this data on their respective websites  
124.15 no later than January of each school year.

124.16 Sec. 40. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 122A.26, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

124.17 Subd. 2. **Exceptions.** (a) A person who teaches in a community education program  
124.18 ~~which that~~ qualifies for aid pursuant to section 124D.52 shall continue to meet licensure  
124.19 requirements as a teacher. A person who teaches in an early childhood and family education  
124.20 program ~~which that~~ is offered through a community education program and ~~which that~~  
124.21 qualifies for community education aid pursuant to section 124D.20 or early childhood and  
124.22 family education aid pursuant to section 124D.135 shall continue to meet licensure  
124.23 requirements as a teacher. A person who teaches in a community education course ~~which~~  
124.24 that is offered for credit for graduation to persons under 18 years of age shall continue to  
124.25 meet licensure requirements as a teacher.

124.26 (b) A person who teaches a driver training course ~~which that~~ is offered through a  
124.27 community education program to persons under 18 years of age shall be licensed by the  
124.28 Professional Educator Licensing and Standards Board or be subject to section 171.35. A  
124.29 license ~~which that~~ is required for an instructor in a community education program pursuant  
124.30 to this ~~subdivision~~ paragraph shall not be construed to bring an individual within the  
124.31 definition of a teacher for purposes of section 122A.40, subdivision 1, or 122A.41,  
124.32 subdivision 1, ~~clause~~ paragraph (a).

124.33 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective for the 2020-2021 school year and later.

125.1 Sec. 41. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 122A.26, is amended by adding a subdivision  
125.2 to read:

125.3 Subd. 4. **Wages.** A school district must provide adult basic education and early childhood  
125.4 and family education teachers salaries comparable to the salaries of local kindergarten  
125.5 through grade 12 teachers.

125.6 Sec. 42. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 122A.40, subdivision 8, is amended to read:

125.7 **Subd. 8. Development, evaluation, and peer coaching for continuing contract**  
125.8 **teachers.** (a) To improve student learning and success, a school board and an exclusive  
125.9 representative of the teachers in the district, consistent with paragraph (b), may develop a  
125.10 teacher evaluation and peer review process for probationary and continuing contract teachers  
125.11 through joint agreement. If a school board and the exclusive representative of the teachers  
125.12 do not agree to an annual teacher evaluation and peer review process, then the school board  
125.13 and the exclusive representative of the teachers must implement the state teacher evaluation  
125.14 plan under paragraph (c). The process must include having trained observers serve as peer  
125.15 coaches or having teachers participate in professional learning communities, consistent with  
125.16 paragraph (b).

125.17 (b) To develop, improve, and support qualified teachers and effective teaching practices,  
125.18 improve student learning and success, and provide all enrolled students in a district or school  
125.19 with improved and equitable access to more effective and diverse teachers, the annual  
125.20 evaluation process for teachers:

125.21 (1) must, for probationary teachers, provide for all evaluations required under subdivision  
125.22 5;

125.23 (2) must establish a three-year professional review cycle for each teacher that includes  
125.24 an individual growth and development plan, a peer review process, and at least one  
125.25 summative evaluation performed by a qualified and trained evaluator such as a school  
125.26 administrator. For the years when a tenured teacher is not evaluated by a qualified and  
125.27 trained evaluator, the teacher must be evaluated by a peer review;

125.28 (3) must be based on professional teaching standards established in rule;

125.29 (4) must coordinate staff development activities under sections 122A.60 and 122A.61  
125.30 with this evaluation process and teachers' evaluation outcomes;

125.31 (5) may provide time during the school day and school year for peer coaching and teacher  
125.32 collaboration;

126.1 (6) may include job-embedded learning opportunities such as professional learning  
126.2 communities;

126.3 (7) may include mentoring and induction programs for teachers, including teachers who  
126.4 are members of populations underrepresented among the licensed teachers in the district or  
126.5 school and who reflect the diversity of students under section 120B.35, subdivision 3,  
126.6 paragraph (b), clause (2), who are enrolled in the district or school;

126.7 (8) must include an option for teachers to develop and present a portfolio demonstrating  
126.8 evidence of reflection and professional growth, consistent with section 122A.187, subdivision  
126.9 3, and include teachers' own performance assessment based on student work samples and  
126.10 examples of teachers' work, which may include video among other activities for the  
126.11 summative evaluation;

126.12 (9) must use data from valid and reliable assessments aligned to state and local academic  
126.13 standards and must use state and local measures of student growth and literacy that may  
126.14 include value-added models or student learning goals to determine 35 percent of teacher  
126.15 evaluation results;

126.16 (10) must use longitudinal data on student engagement and connection, and other student  
126.17 outcome measures explicitly aligned with the elements of curriculum for which teachers  
126.18 are responsible, including academic literacy, oral academic language, and achievement of  
126.19 content areas of English learners;

126.20 (11) must require qualified and trained evaluators such as school administrators to  
126.21 perform summative evaluations and ensure school districts and charter schools provide for  
126.22 effective evaluator training specific to teacher development and evaluation;

126.23 (12) must give teachers not meeting professional teaching standards under clauses (3)  
126.24 through (11) support to improve through a teacher improvement process that includes  
126.25 established goals and timelines; and

126.26 (13) must discipline a teacher for not making adequate progress in the teacher  
126.27 improvement process under clause (12) that may include a last chance warning, termination,  
126.28 discharge, nonrenewal, transfer to a different position, a leave of absence, or other discipline  
126.29 a school administrator determines is appropriate.

126.30 Data on individual teachers generated under this subdivision are personnel data under  
126.31 section 13.43. The observation and interview notes of peer coaches may only be disclosed  
126.32 to other school officials with the consent of the teacher being coached.

127.1 (c) The department, in consultation with parents who may represent parent organizations  
127.2 and teacher and administrator representatives appointed by their respective organizations,  
127.3 representing the Professional Educator Licensing and Standards Board, the Minnesota  
127.4 Association of School Administrators, the Minnesota School Boards Association, the  
127.5 Minnesota Elementary and Secondary Principals Associations, Education Minnesota, and  
127.6 representatives of the Minnesota Assessment Group, the Minnesota Business Partnership,  
127.7 the Minnesota Chamber of Commerce, and Minnesota postsecondary institutions with  
127.8 research expertise in teacher evaluation, must create and publish a teacher evaluation process  
127.9 that complies with the requirements in paragraph (b) and applies to all teachers under this  
127.10 section and section 122A.41 for whom no agreement exists under paragraph (a) for an annual  
127.11 teacher evaluation and peer review process. The teacher evaluation process created under  
127.12 this subdivision does not create additional due process rights for probationary teachers under  
127.13 subdivision 5.

127.14 (d) Consistent with the measures of teacher effectiveness under this subdivision:

127.15 (1) for students in kindergarten through grade 4, a school administrator must not place  
127.16 or approve the placement of a student in the classroom of a teacher who holds a Tier 1 or  
127.17 Tier 2 license, is in the improvement process referenced in paragraph (b), clause (12), or  
127.18 has not had a summative evaluation if, in the prior year, that student was in the classroom  
127.19 of a teacher who received discipline pursuant to paragraph (b), clause (13), unless no other  
127.20 teacher at the school teaches that grade; and

127.21 (2) for students in grades 5 through 12, a school administrator must not place or approve  
127.22 the placement of a student in the classroom of a teacher who holds a Tier 1 or Tier 2 license,  
127.23 is in the improvement process referenced in paragraph (b), clause (12), or has not had a  
127.24 summative evaluation if, in the prior year, that student was in the classroom of a teacher  
127.25 who held a Tier 1 or Tier 2 license or received discipline pursuant to paragraph (b), clause  
127.26 (13), unless no other teacher at the school teaches that subject area and grade.

127.27 All data created and used under this paragraph retains its classification under chapter 13.

127.28 Sec. 43. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 122A.41, subdivision 5, is amended to read:

127.29 Subd. 5. **Development, evaluation, and peer coaching for continuing contract**  
127.30 **teachers.** (a) To improve student learning and success, a school board and an exclusive  
127.31 representative of the teachers in the district, consistent with paragraph (b), may develop an  
127.32 annual teacher evaluation and peer review process for probationary and nonprobationary  
127.33 teachers through joint agreement. If a school board and the exclusive representative of the  
127.34 teachers in the district do not agree to an annual teacher evaluation and peer review process,

128.1 then the school board and the exclusive representative of the teachers must implement the  
128.2 state teacher evaluation plan developed under paragraph (c). The process must include  
128.3 having trained observers serve as peer coaches or having teachers participate in professional  
128.4 learning communities, consistent with paragraph (b).

128.5 (b) To develop, improve, and support qualified teachers and effective teaching practices  
128.6 and improve student learning and success, and provide all enrolled students in a district or  
128.7 school with improved and equitable access to more effective and diverse teachers, the annual  
128.8 evaluation process for teachers:

128.9 (1) must, for probationary teachers, provide for all evaluations required under subdivision  
128.10 2;

128.11 (2) must establish a three-year professional review cycle for each teacher that includes  
128.12 an individual growth and development plan, a peer review process, and at least one  
128.13 summative evaluation performed by a qualified and trained evaluator such as a school  
128.14 administrator;

128.15 (3) must be based on professional teaching standards established in rule;

128.16 (4) must coordinate staff development activities under sections 122A.60 and 122A.61  
128.17 with this evaluation process and teachers' evaluation outcomes;

128.18 (5) may provide time during the school day and school year for peer coaching and teacher  
128.19 collaboration;

128.20 (6) may include job-embedded learning opportunities such as professional learning  
128.21 communities;

128.22 (7) may include mentoring and induction programs for teachers, including teachers who  
128.23 are members of populations underrepresented among the licensed teachers in the district or  
128.24 school and who reflect the diversity of students under section 120B.35, subdivision 3,  
128.25 paragraph (b), clause (2), who are enrolled in the district or school;

128.26 (8) must include an option for teachers to develop and present a portfolio demonstrating  
128.27 evidence of reflection and professional growth, consistent with section 122A.187, subdivision  
128.28 3, and include teachers' own performance assessment based on student work samples and  
128.29 examples of teachers' work, which may include video among other activities for the  
128.30 summative evaluation;

128.31 (9) must use data from valid and reliable assessments aligned to state and local academic  
128.32 standards and must use state and local measures of student growth and literacy that may



129.1 include value-added models or student learning goals to determine 35 percent of teacher  
129.2 evaluation results;

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129.4 outcome measures explicitly aligned with the elements of curriculum for which teachers  
129.5 are responsible, including academic literacy, oral academic language, and achievement of  
129.6 English learners;

129.7 (11) must require qualified and trained evaluators such as school administrators to  
129.8 perform summative evaluations and ensure school districts and charter schools provide for  
129.9 effective evaluator training specific to teacher development and evaluation;

129.10 (12) must give teachers not meeting professional teaching standards under clauses (3)  
129.11 through (11) support to improve through a teacher improvement process that includes  
129.12 established goals and timelines; and

129.13 (13) must discipline a teacher for not making adequate progress in the teacher  
129.14 improvement process under clause (12) that may include a last chance warning, termination,  
129.15 discharge, nonrenewal, transfer to a different position, a leave of absence, or other discipline  
129.16 a school administrator determines is appropriate.

129.17 Data on individual teachers generated under this subdivision are personnel data under  
129.18 section 13.43. The observation and interview notes of peer coaches may only be disclosed  
129.19 to other school officials with the consent of the teacher being coached.

129.20 (c) The department, in consultation with parents who may represent parent organizations  
129.21 and teacher and administrator representatives appointed by their respective organizations,  
129.22 representing the Professional Educator Licensing and Standards Board, the Minnesota  
129.23 Association of School Administrators, the Minnesota School Boards Association, the  
129.24 Minnesota Elementary and Secondary Principals Associations, Education Minnesota, and  
129.25 representatives of the Minnesota Assessment Group, the Minnesota Business Partnership,  
129.26 the Minnesota Chamber of Commerce, and Minnesota postsecondary institutions with  
129.27 research expertise in teacher evaluation, must create and publish a teacher evaluation process  
129.28 that complies with the requirements in paragraph (b) and applies to all teachers under this  
129.29 section and section 122A.40 for whom no agreement exists under paragraph (a) for an annual  
129.30 teacher evaluation and peer review process. The teacher evaluation process created under  
129.31 this subdivision does not create additional due process rights for probationary teachers under  
129.32 subdivision 2.

129.33 (d) Consistent with the measures of teacher effectiveness under this subdivision:

130.1 (1) for students in kindergarten through grade 4, a school administrator must not place  
130.2 or approve the placement of a student in the classroom of a teacher who holds a Tier 1 or  
130.3 Tier 2 license, is in the improvement process referenced in paragraph (b), clause (12), or  
130.4 has not had a summative evaluation if, in the prior year, that student was in the classroom  
130.5 of a teacher who received discipline pursuant to paragraph (b), clause (13), unless no other  
130.6 teacher at the school teaches that grade; and

130.7 (2) for students in grades 5 through 12, a school administrator must not place or approve  
130.8 the placement of a student in the classroom of a teacher who holds a Tier 1 or Tier 2 license,  
130.9 is in the improvement process referenced in paragraph (b), clause (12), or has not had a  
130.10 summative evaluation if, in the prior year, that student was in the classroom of a teacher  
130.11 who held a Tier 1 or Tier 2 license or received discipline pursuant to paragraph (b), clause  
130.12 (13), unless no other teacher at the school teaches that subject area and grade.

130.13 All data created and used under this paragraph retains its classification under chapter 13.

130.14 Sec. 44. **122A.59] COME TEACH IN MINNESOTA HIRING BONUSES.**

130.15 Subdivision 1. **Establishment.** The commissioner of education must establish a program  
130.16 to reimburse school districts for hiring bonuses paid to licensed teachers from other states  
130.17 in order to meet staffing needs in shortage areas.

130.18 Subd. 2. **Teacher eligibility.** (a) The commissioner must require a school district applying  
130.19 for reimbursement for a hiring bonus of up to \$5,000 under this section to demonstrate that  
130.20 a teacher that received the hiring bonus:

130.21 (1) was issued a Tier 3 teaching license under section 122A.183;

130.22 (2) moved to the economic development region in Minnesota where the school district  
130.23 is located, notwithstanding section 122A.40, subdivision 3; and

130.24 (3) belongs to a racial or ethnic group that is underrepresented among teachers compared  
130.25 to students in the district or school based on the categories listed in section 120B.35,  
130.26 subdivision 3, paragraph (a), clause (2).

130.27 (b) The commissioner must require a school district applying for reimbursement for a  
130.28 hiring bonus of up to \$8,000 under this section to demonstrate that a teacher that received  
130.29 the hiring bonus met the eligibility criteria in paragraph (a) and has a field license in a  
130.30 licensure field reported by the Professional Educator Licensing and Standards Board as  
130.31 experiencing a teacher shortage.

131.1 Subd. 3. **Bonus payment.** A school district must pay a teacher eligible for a bonus under  
131.2 subdivision 2 half of the bonus at the time the teacher begins employment and the other  
131.3 half after the teacher has completed four years of service in the hiring district. A teacher  
131.4 who does not complete one school year of employment with the hiring school district must  
131.5 repay the district the hiring bonus.

131.6 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective for collective bargaining agreements  
131.7 contracts effective July 1, 2019, and thereafter.

131.8 Sec. 45. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 122A.63, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

131.9 Subdivision 1. **Establishment.** (a) A grant program is established to assist American  
131.10 Indian people to become teachers and to provide additional education for American Indian  
131.11 teachers. The commissioner may award a joint grant to each of the following:

131.12 (1) the Duluth campus of the University of Minnesota and Independent School District  
131.13 No. 709, Duluth;

131.14 (2) Bemidji State University and Independent School District No. 38, Red Lake;

131.15 (3) Moorhead State University and one of the school districts located within the White  
131.16 Earth Reservation; and

131.17 (4) Augsburg College, Independent School District No. 625, St. Paul, and Special School  
131.18 District No. 1, Minneapolis.

131.19 (b) If additional funds are available, the commissioner may award additional joint grants  
131.20 to other postsecondary institutions and school districts.

131.21 (c) Grantees may enter into contracts with tribal, technical, and community colleges and  
131.22 four-year postsecondary institutions to identify and provide grants to students at those  
131.23 institutions interested in the field of education. A grantee may contract with partner  
131.24 institutions to provide professional development and supplemental services to a tribal,  
131.25 technical, or community college or four-year postsecondary institution, including identifying  
131.26 prospective students, providing instructional supplies and materials, and providing grant  
131.27 money to students. A contract with a tribal, technical, or community college or four-year  
131.28 postsecondary institution includes coordination of student identification, professional  
131.29 development, and mentorship services.

132.1 Sec. 46. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 122A.63, subdivision 4, is amended to read:

132.2 Subd. 4. **Grant amount.** The commissioner may award a joint grant in the amount it  
132.3 determines to be appropriate. The grant shall include money for the postsecondary institution,  
132.4 school district, and student scholarships, and student loans grants.

132.5 Sec. 47. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 122A.63, subdivision 5, is amended to read:

132.6 Subd. 5. **Information to student applicants.** At the time a student applies for a  
132.7 scholarship ~~and loan~~, the student ~~shall~~ must be provided information about the fields of  
132.8 licensure needed by school districts in the part of the state within which the district receiving  
132.9 the joint grant is located. The information ~~shall~~ must be acquired and periodically updated  
132.10 by the recipients of the joint grant and their contracted partner institutions. Information  
132.11 provided to students ~~shall~~ must clearly state that scholarship ~~and loan~~ decisions are not  
132.12 based upon the field of licensure selected by the student.

132.13 Sec. 48. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 122A.63, subdivision 6, is amended to read:

132.14 Subd. 6. **Eligibility for scholarships ~~and loans.~~** (a) The following American Indian  
132.15 people are eligible for scholarships:

132.16 (1) a student having origins in any of the original peoples of North America and  
132.17 maintaining cultural identification through tribal affiliation or community recognition;

132.18 ~~(+)~~ (2) a student, including a teacher aide employed by a district receiving a joint grant  
132.19 or their contracted partner school, who intends to become a teacher or who is interested in  
132.20 the field of education and who is enrolled in a postsecondary institution or their contracted  
132.21 partner institutions receiving a joint grant;

132.22 ~~(2)~~ (3) a licensed employee of a district receiving a joint grant or a contracted partner  
132.23 institution, who is enrolled in a master of education program; and

132.24 ~~(3)~~ (4) a student who, after applying for federal and state financial aid and an American  
132.25 Indian scholarship according to section 136A.126, has financial needs that remain unmet.  
132.26 Financial need shall must be determined according to the congressional methodology for  
132.27 needs determination or as otherwise set in federal law.

132.28 ~~A person who has actual living expenses in addition to those addressed by the~~  
132.29 ~~congressional methodology for needs determination, or as otherwise set in federal law, may~~  
132.30 ~~receive a loan according to criteria established by the commissioner. A contract shall be~~  
132.31 ~~executed between the state and the student for the amount and terms of the loan.~~

133.1 (b) Priority must be given to a student who is tribally enrolled and then to first- and  
133.2 second-generation descendants.

133.3 Sec. 49. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 122A.63, is amended by adding a subdivision  
133.4 to read:

133.5 Subd. 9. **Eligible programming.** (a) The grantee institutions and their contracted partner  
133.6 institutions may provide scholarships to students progressing toward educational goals in  
133.7 any area of teacher licensure, including an associate's, bachelor's, master's, or doctoral degree  
133.8 in the following:

133.9 (1) any educational certification necessary for employment;

133.10 (2) early childhood family education or prekindergarten licensure;

133.11 (3) elementary and secondary education;

133.12 (4) school administration; or

133.13 (5) any educational program that provides services to American Indian students in  
133.14 prekindergarten through grade 12.

133.15 (b) For purposes of recruitment, the grantees or their contracted partner institutions must  
133.16 agree to work with their respective organizations to hire an American Indian work-study  
133.17 student or other American Indian staff to conduct initial information queries and to contact  
133.18 persons working in schools to provide programming regarding education professions to  
133.19 high school students who may be interested in education as a profession.

133.20 (c) At least 80 percent of the grants awarded under this section must be used for student  
133.21 scholarships. No more than 20 percent of the grants awarded under this section may be used  
133.22 for recruitment or administration of the student scholarships.

133.23 Sec. 50. [122A.635] COLLABORATIVE URBAN AND GREATER MINNESOTA  
133.24 EDUCATORS OF COLOR GRANT PROGRAM.

133.25 Subdivision 1. **Establishment.** The Professional Educator Licensing and Standards  
133.26 Board must award competitive grants to increase the number of teacher candidates of color  
133.27 or who are American Indian, and meet the requirements for a Tier 3 license under section  
133.28 122A.183. Eligibility for a grant under this section is limited to public or private higher  
133.29 education institutions that offer a teacher preparation program approved by the Professional  
133.30 Educator Licensing and Standards Board.

134.1 Subd. 2. **Competitive grants.** (a) The Professional Educator Licensing and Standards  
134.2 Board must award competitive grants under this section based on the following criteria:

134.3 (1) the number of teacher candidates being supported in the program who are of color  
134.4 or who are American Indian;

134.5 (2) program outcomes, including graduation or program completion rates, licensure  
134.6 rates, and placement rates and, for each outcome measure, the number of those teacher  
134.7 candidates of color or who are American Indian; and

134.8 (3) the percent of racially and ethnically diverse teacher candidates enrolled in the  
134.9 institution compared to:

134.10 (i) the total percent of students of color and American Indian students enrolled at the  
134.11 institution, regardless of major; and

134.12 (ii) the percent of underrepresented racially and ethnically diverse teachers in the  
134.13 economic development region of the state where the institution is located and where a  
134.14 shortage of diverse teachers exists, as reported under section 127A.05, subdivision 6, or  
134.15 122A.091, subdivision 5.

134.16 (b) The board must give priority in awarding grants under this section to institutions that  
134.17 received grants under Laws 2017, First Special Session chapter 5, article 2, section 57,  
134.18 subdivision 27, and have demonstrated continuing success at recruiting, retaining, graduating,  
134.19 and inducting teacher candidates of color or who are American Indian. If the board awards  
134.20 a competitive grant based on the criteria in paragraph (a) to a program that has not previously  
134.21 received funding, the board must thereafter give priority to the program equivalent to other  
134.22 programs given priority under this paragraph.

134.23 (c) The board must determine award amounts for maintenance and expansion of programs  
134.24 based on the number of candidates supported by an applicant program, sustaining support  
134.25 for those candidates, and funds available.

134.26 Subd. 3. **Grant program administration.** The Professional Educator Licensing and  
134.27 Standards Board may enter into an interagency agreement with the Office of Higher  
134.28 Education. The agreement may include a transfer of funds to the Office of Higher Education  
134.29 to help establish and administer the competitive grant process. The board must award grants  
134.30 to institutions located in various economic development regions throughout the state, but  
134.31 must not predetermine the number of institutions to be awarded grants under this section  
134.32 or set a limit for the amount that any one institution may receive as part of the competitive  
134.33 grant application process. All grants must be awarded by August 15 of the fiscal year in

135.1 which the grants are to be used except that, for initial competitive grants awarded for fiscal  
135.2 year 2020, grants must be awarded by September 15. An institution that receives a grant  
135.3 under this section may use the grant funds over a two- to four-year period to support teacher  
135.4 candidates.

135.5 Subd. 4. **Account established.** A collaborative urban and greater Minnesota educator  
135.6 of color account is created in the special revenue fund for depositing money appropriated  
135.7 to or received by the board for the program. Money deposited in the account is appropriated  
135.8 to the board, does not cancel, and is continuously available for grants under this section.

135.9 Subd. 5. **Report.** (a) By January 15 of each year, an institution awarded a grant under  
135.10 this section must prepare for the legislature and the board a detailed report regarding the  
135.11 expenditure of grant funds, including the amounts used to recruit, retain, and induct teacher  
135.12 candidates of color or who are American Indian. The report must include the total number  
135.13 of teacher candidates of color, disaggregated by race or ethnic group, who are recruited to  
135.14 the institution, are newly admitted to the licensure program, are enrolled in the licensure  
135.15 program, have completed student teaching, have graduated, are licensed, and are newly  
135.16 employed as Minnesota teachers in their licensure field. A grant recipient must report the  
135.17 total number of teacher candidates of color or who are American Indian at each stage from  
135.18 recruitment to licensed teaching as a percentage of total candidates seeking the same licensure  
135.19 at the institution.

135.20 (b) The board must post a report on its website summarizing the activities and outcomes  
135.21 of grant recipients and results that promote sharing of effective practices among grant  
135.22 recipients.

135.23 Sec. 51. **[122A.685] GROW YOUR OWN PATHWAYS TO TEACHER LICENSURE**  
135.24 **GRANTS.**

135.25 Subdivision 1. **Establishment.** The commissioner of education must award grants under  
135.26 this section to school districts and charter schools throughout Minnesota to develop or  
135.27 expand Grow Your Own programs.

135.28 Subd. 2. **Definition.** For purposes of this section, "Grow Your Own programs" means  
135.29 programs within schools or districts in partnership with Professional Educator Licensing  
135.30 and Standards Board-approved teacher preparation programs designed to provide a pathway  
135.31 to teaching at any level from early childhood to secondary school for paraprofessionals,  
135.32 cultural liaisons, or other nonlicensed employees.

136.1 Subd. 3. **Nonconventional teacher residency programs.** (a) A school district, charter  
136.2 school, or cooperative unit as defined in section 123A.24 may apply for a grant under this  
136.3 section to fund an established and effective Professional Educator Licensing and Standards  
136.4 Board-approved nonconventional teacher residency program. The program must provide  
136.5 tuition scholarships or stipends to enable school district and charter school employees  
136.6 seeking a teaching license who are of color or who are American Indian to participate in a  
136.7 nonconventional teacher preparation program. If extra awarded grant funds are available,  
136.8 programs may use remaining grant funds to provide tuition scholarships to employees who  
136.9 are not persons of color or American Indian, who are seeking to teach in a licensure area  
136.10 that is identified by the board as experiencing a shortage within the economic development  
136.11 region where the program is located.

136.12 (b) School districts and charter schools that receive funds under this subdivision must  
136.13 have a program to recruit and retain candidates of color or who are American Indian and  
136.14 have demonstrated that at least 50 percent of past participants in the residency programs  
136.15 are persons of color or American Indian. The commissioner must give priority in awarding  
136.16 grants to programs with the highest total numbers and percentages of participants of color  
136.17 or who are American Indian and those that have a percentage of participants of color or  
136.18 who are American Indian that meets or exceeds the overall percentage of students of color  
136.19 or American Indian students in the district, school, or cooperative.

136.20 (c) School districts and charter schools providing financial support to new teacher  
136.21 candidates under this subdivision may require a commitment from the candidates, as  
136.22 determined by each district or school, to teach in the district or school for a reasonable  
136.23 amount of time not to exceed five years.

136.24 Subd. 4. **Expanded Grow Your Own programs.** (a) School districts, charter schools,  
136.25 or cooperatives as defined in section 123A.24, community-based organizations led by and  
136.26 for communities of color or American Indian communities, and Head Start programs under  
136.27 section 119A.50 may apply for grants under this subdivision to provide financial assistance,  
136.28 mentoring, and other assistance to enable persons of color or who are American Indian to  
136.29 become teachers.

136.30 (b) Grants awarded under this subdivision must be used for:

136.31 (1) tuition scholarships or stipends to eligible teaching assistants, cultural liaisons, or  
136.32 other nonlicensed employees of color or who are American Indian and are enrolled in a  
136.33 Professional Educator Licensing and Standards Board-approved teacher preparation program;



137.1 (2) developing and implementing innovative school-based residency programs or other  
137.2 programs emphasizing clinical experiences in a district, cooperative, or charter school for  
137.3 nonlicensed employees of color or who are American Indian, and who seek a teaching  
137.4 license in collaboration with a conventional or nonconventional Professional Educator  
137.5 Licensing and Standards Board-approved program;

137.6 (3) developing pathway programs that provide stipends and tuition scholarships to parents  
137.7 and community members of color or who are American Indian to change careers and obtain  
137.8 a Tier 3 license to teach in schools or other credential needed to teach in a Head Start  
137.9 program; or

137.10 (4) developing innovative programs that encourage secondary school students to pursue  
137.11 teaching, including developing and offering dual-credit postsecondary course options in  
137.12 schools for "Introduction to Teaching" or "Introduction to Education" courses consistent  
137.13 with section 124D.09, subdivision 10, and supporting future teacher clubs involving middle  
137.14 and high school students of color or who are American Indian to have experiential learning  
137.15 supporting the success of younger students or peers and to increase their interest in pursuing  
137.16 a teaching career.

137.17 (c) School districts, charter schools, and Head Start programs providing financial  
137.18 assistance to individuals under this subdivision may require a commitment from the  
137.19 individuals, as determined by each district or school, to teach in the district or school for a  
137.20 reasonable amount of time not to exceed five years.

137.21 Subd. 5. **Grant procedure.** (a) A school district, charter school, cooperative, or Head  
137.22 Start program must apply for a grant under this section in the form and manner specified  
137.23 by the commissioner of education. To be eligible, grant recipients must ensure that the  
137.24 percentage of participants of color or who are American Indian is at least equivalent to the  
137.25 percentage of students enrolled in the district, school, cooperative, or program who are of  
137.26 color or American Indian. If a majority of students are of color or American Indian, then a  
137.27 majority of participants in the program must be persons of color or American Indian. Priority  
137.28 for awarding grants must be given to programs with the highest total numbers and percentages  
137.29 of participants of color or American Indian.

137.30 (b) For the 2019-2020 school year only, the commissioner must review all applications  
137.31 for continuing grants from programs that received funding under Laws 2017, First Special  
137.32 Session chapter 5, article 2, section 57, subdivision 23, by August 1, 2019, and must notify  
137.33 grant recipients of the amount of the grants awarded by August 15, 2019.

138.1 (c) For the 2020-2021 school year and later, grant applications for new and existing  
138.2 programs must be received by the commissioner no later than December 1 of the year prior  
138.3 to the school year in which the grant will be used. The commissioner must review all  
138.4 applications and notify grant recipients by February 1 of the amount awarded.

138.5 (d) Grant recipients must spend any amounts received under this section within 18  
138.6 months of receiving the grant money.

138.7 Subd. 6. **Report.** Grant recipients must annually report to the commissioner of education  
138.8 by the date determined by the commissioner on their activities under this section, including  
138.9 the number of participants, the percentage of participants of color or who are American  
138.10 Indian, and an assessment of program effectiveness, including participant feedback, areas  
138.11 for improvement, the percentage of participants continuing to pursue teacher licensure, and  
138.12 the number of participants hired in the school or district as teachers after completing  
138.13 preparation programs. The commissioner must post on the department's website a report  
138.14 that summarizes the activities and outcomes of grant recipients and what was done to promote  
138.15 sharing of effective practices among grant recipients.

138.16 Sec. 52. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 122A.70, is amended to read:

138.17 **122A.70 TEACHER MENTORSHIP AND RETENTION OF EFFECTIVE**  
138.18 **TEACHERS.**

138.19 Subdivision 1. **Teacher mentoring, induction, and retention programs.** (a) School  
138.20 districts are encouraged to develop teacher mentoring programs for teachers new to the  
138.21 profession or district, including teaching residents, teachers of color, teachers who are  
138.22 American Indian, teachers in license shortage areas, teachers with special needs, or  
138.23 experienced teachers in need of peer coaching.

138.24 (b) Teacher mentoring programs must be included in or aligned with districts' teacher  
138.25 evaluation and peer review processes under sections 122A.40, subdivision 8, and 122A.41,  
138.26 subdivision 5. A district may use staff development revenue under section 122A.61, special  
138.27 grant programs established by the legislature, or another funding source to pay a stipend to  
138.28 a mentor who may be a current or former teacher who has taught at least three years and is  
138.29 not on an improvement plan. Other initiatives using such funds or funds available under  
138.30 sections 124D.861 and 124D.862 may include:

138.31 (1) additional stipends as incentives to mentors of color or who are American Indian;

138.32 (2) financial supports for professional learning community affinity groups across schools  
138.33 within and between districts for teachers from underrepresented racial and ethnic groups to

139.1 come together throughout the school year. For purposes of this section, "affinity groups"  
139.2 are groups of educators who share a common racial or ethnic identity in society as persons  
139.3 of color or who are American Indian;

139.4 (3) programs for induction aligned with the district or school mentorship program during  
139.5 the first three years of teaching, especially for teachers from underrepresented racial and  
139.6 ethnic groups; or

139.7 (4) grants supporting licensed and nonlicensed educator participation in professional  
139.8 development, such as workshops and graduate courses, related to increasing student  
139.9 achievement for students of color and American Indian students in order to close opportunity  
139.10 and achievement gaps.

139.11 (c) Schools or districts that receive a grant must negotiate additional retention strategies  
139.12 or protection from unrequested leave of absences in the beginning years of employment for  
139.13 teachers of color and teachers who are American Indian. Retention strategies may include  
139.14 providing financial incentives for teachers of color and teachers who are American Indian  
139.15 to work in the school or district for at least five years and placing American Indian educators  
139.16 at sites with other American Indian educators and educators of color at sites with other  
139.17 educators of color to reduce isolation and increase opportunity for collegial support.

139.18 Subd. 2. **Applications.** The Professional Educator Licensing and Standards Board must  
139.19 make application forms available to sites interested in developing or expanding a mentorship  
139.20 program. A school district; a group of school districts; ~~or~~ a coalition of districts, teachers,  
139.21 and teacher education institutions; or a coalition of schools, teachers, or nonlicensed educators  
139.22 may apply for a ~~teacher mentorship~~ program grant. The Professional Educator Licensing  
139.23 and Standards Board, in consultation with the teacher mentoring task force, must approve  
139.24 or disapprove the applications. To the extent possible, the approved applications must reflect  
139.25 effective mentoring, professional development, and retention components, ~~include a variety~~  
139.26 ~~of coalitions~~ and be geographically distributed throughout the state. The Professional  
139.27 Educator Licensing and Standards Board must encourage the selected sites to consider the  
139.28 use of its assessment procedures.

139.29 Subd. 3. **Criteria for selection.** At a minimum, applicants must express commitment  
139.30 to:

139.31 (1) allow staff participation;

139.32 (2) assess skills of both beginning and mentor teachers;

139.33 (3) provide appropriate in-service to needs identified in the assessment;

140.1 (4) provide leadership to the effort;

140.2 (5) cooperate with higher education institutions;

140.3 (6) provide facilities and other resources;

140.4 (7) share findings, materials, and techniques with other school districts; and

140.5 (8) retain teachers of color and teachers who are American Indian.

140.6 Subd. 4. **Additional funding.** Applicants are required to seek additional funding and  
140.7 assistance from sources such as school districts, postsecondary institutions, foundations,  
140.8 and the private sector.

140.9 Subd. 5. **Program implementation.** New and expanding mentorship sites that are funded  
140.10 to design, develop, implement, and evaluate their program must participate in activities that  
140.11 support program development and implementation. The Professional Educator Licensing  
140.12 and Standards Board must provide resources and assistance to support new sites in their  
140.13 program efforts. These activities and services may include, but are not limited to: planning,  
140.14 planning guides, media, training, conferences, institutes, and regional and statewide  
140.15 networking meetings. Nonfunded schools or districts interested in getting started may  
140.16 participate. Fees may be charged for meals, materials, and the like.

140.17 Subd. 6. **Report.** By June 30 of each year after receiving a grant, recipients must submit  
140.18 a report to the Professional Educator Licensing and Standards Board on program efforts  
140.19 that describes mentoring and induction activities and assesses the impact of these programs  
140.20 on teacher effectiveness and retention.

140.21 Sec. 53. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 124D.09, subdivision 10, is amended to read:

140.22 Subd. 10. **Courses according to agreements.** (a) An eligible pupil, according to  
140.23 subdivision 5, may enroll in a nonsectarian course taught by a secondary teacher or a  
140.24 postsecondary faculty member and offered at a secondary school, or another location,  
140.25 according to an agreement between a public school board and the governing body of an  
140.26 eligible public postsecondary system or an eligible private postsecondary institution, as  
140.27 defined in subdivision 3. All provisions of this section ~~shall~~ apply to a pupil, public school  
140.28 board, district, and the governing body of a postsecondary institution, except as otherwise  
140.29 provided.

140.30 (b) To encourage students, especially American Indian students and students of color,  
140.31 to consider teaching as a profession, participating schools, school districts, and postsecondary  
140.32 institutions are encouraged to develop and offer an "Introduction to Teaching" or

141.1 "Introduction to Education" course under this subdivision. ~~An institution that receives a~~ For  
141.2 the purpose of applying for grants under this paragraph, "eligible institution" includes schools  
141.3 and districts that partner with an accredited college or university in addition to postsecondary  
141.4 institutions identified in subdivision 3, paragraph (a). Grant to develop a course recipients  
141.5 under this paragraph must annually report to the commissioner in a form and manner  
141.6 determined by the commissioner on the participation rates of students in courses under this  
141.7 paragraph, including the number of students who apply for admission to colleges or  
141.8 universities with teacher preparation programs and the number of students of color and  
141.9 American Indian students who earned postsecondary credit. Grant recipients must also  
141.10 describe recruiting efforts intended to ensure that the percentage of participants of color or  
141.11 who are American Indian meets or exceeds the overall percentage of students of color or  
141.12 American Indian students in the school.

141.13 Sec. 54. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 124D.861, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

141.14 Subd. 2. **Plan implementation; components.** (a) The school board of each eligible  
141.15 district must formally develop and implement a long-term plan under this section. The plan  
141.16 must be incorporated into the district's comprehensive strategic plan under section 120B.11.  
141.17 Plan components may include:

141.18 (1) innovative and integrated prekindergarten through grade 12 learning environments  
141.19 that offer students school enrollment choices;

141.20 (2) family engagement initiatives that involve families in their students' academic life  
141.21 and success;

141.22 (3) professional development opportunities for teachers and administrators focused on  
141.23 improving the academic achievement of all students, including teachers and administrators  
141.24 who are members of populations underrepresented among the licensed teachers or  
141.25 administrators in the district or school and who reflect the diversity of students under section  
141.26 120B.35, subdivision 3, paragraph (b), clause (2), who are enrolled in the district or school;

141.27 (4) increased programmatic opportunities and effective and more diverse instructors  
141.28 focused on rigor and college and career readiness for underserved students, including students  
141.29 enrolled in alternative learning centers under section 123A.05, public alternative programs  
141.30 under section 126C.05, subdivision 15, and contract alternative programs under section  
141.31 124D.69, among other underserved students; or

142.1 (5) recruitment and retention of teachers and administrators with diverse, cultural and  
142.2 family liaisons, paraprofessionals, and other nonlicensed staff from racial and ethnic  
142.3 backgrounds represented in the student population.

142.4 (b) The plan must contain goals for:

142.5 (1) reducing the disparities in academic achievement and in equitable access to effective  
142.6 and more diverse teachers among all students and specific categories of students under  
142.7 section 120B.35, subdivision 3, paragraph (b), excluding the student categories of gender,  
142.8 disability, and English learners; and

142.9 (2) increasing racial and economic diversity and integration in schools and districts.

142.10 (c) The plan must include strategies to make schools' curricula and learning and work  
142.11 environments more inclusive and respectful of students' racial and ethnic diversity and to  
142.12 address issues of structural inequities in schools that create opportunity gaps and achievement  
142.13 gaps for students, families, and staff who are of color or who are American Indian, and  
142.14 program revenues may be used to implement such strategies. Examples of possible structural  
142.15 inequities include but are not limited to policies and practices that unintentionally result in  
142.16 disparate referrals and suspension, inequitable access to advanced coursework,  
142.17 overrepresentation in lower level coursework, participation in cocurricular activities, parent  
142.18 involvement, and lack of access to diverse teachers. Plans may include but are not limited  
142.19 to the following activities that may involve collaboration with or support from regional  
142.20 centers of excellence:

142.21 (1) creating opportunities for students, families, staff, and community members of color  
142.22 or who are American Indian to share their experiences in the school setting with school staff  
142.23 and administration to develop specific proposals for improving school environments to be  
142.24 more inclusive and respectful toward all students, families, and staff;

142.25 (2) implementing creative programs for increased parent engagement and improving  
142.26 relations between home and school;

142.27 (3) developing or expanding ethnic studies course offerings to provide all students with  
142.28 in-depth opportunities to learn about their own and others' cultures and historical experiences;

142.29 (4) examining and revising curricula in various subjects to be culturally relevant and  
142.30 inclusive of various racial and ethnic groups;

142.31 (5) examining academic and discipline data, reexamining institutional policies and  
142.32 practices that result in opportunity and achievement disparities between racial and ethnic  
142.33 groups, and making necessary changes that increase access, meaningful participation,

143.1 representation, and positive outcomes for students of color, American Indian students, and  
143.2 students who qualify for free or reduced-price lunch;

143.3 (6) providing professional development opportunities to learn more about various racial  
143.4 and ethnic groups' experiences, assets, and issues and developing cross-cultural competence  
143.5 with knowledge, collaborations, and relationships needed to serve students effectively who  
143.6 are from diverse racial and ethnic backgrounds; and

143.7 (7) hiring more cultural liaisons to strengthen relationships with students, families, and  
143.8 other members of the community.

143.9 ~~(b)~~ (d) Among other requirements, an eligible district must implement effective,  
143.10 research-based interventions that include formative assessment practices to reduce the  
143.11 disparities in student academic performance among the specific categories of students as  
143.12 measured by student progress and growth on state reading and math assessments and as  
143.13 aligned with section 120B.11.

143.14 ~~(e)~~ (e) Eligible districts must create efficiencies and eliminate duplicative programs and  
143.15 services under this section, which may include forming collaborations or a single,  
143.16 seven-county metropolitan areawide partnership of eligible districts for this purpose.

143.17 Sec. 55. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 214.01, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

143.18 Subd. 3. **Non-health-related licensing board.** "Non-health-related licensing board"  
143.19 means the Professional Educator Licensing and Standards Board established pursuant to  
143.20 section 122A.07, the Board of School Administrators established pursuant to section 122A.14,  
143.21 the Board of Barber Examiners established pursuant to section 154.001, the Board of  
143.22 Cosmetologist Examiners established pursuant to section 155A.20, the Board of Assessors  
143.23 established pursuant to section 270.41, the Board of Architecture, Engineering, Land  
143.24 Surveying, Landscape Architecture, Geoscience, and Interior Design established pursuant  
143.25 to section 326.04, the Private Detective and Protective Agent Licensing Board established  
143.26 pursuant to section 326.33, the Board of Accountancy established pursuant to section  
143.27 326A.02, and the Peace Officer Standards and Training Board established pursuant to section  
143.28 626.841.

143.29 Sec. 56. **[245C.125] BACKGROUND STUDY; PROFESSIONAL EDUCATOR**  
143.30 **LICENSING AND STANDARDS BOARD.**

143.31 The commissioner may contract with the Professional Educator Licensing and Standards  
143.32 Board to conduct background studies and obtain background study data as required under

144.1 this chapter and chapter 122A. When required in chapter 122A, the commissioner must  
144.2 conduct a national criminal history record check.

144.3 Sec. 57. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 626.556, subdivision 10, is amended to read:

144.4 Subd. 10. **Duties of local welfare agency and local law enforcement agency upon**  
144.5 **receipt of report; mandatory notification between police or sheriff and agency.** (a) The  
144.6 police department or the county sheriff shall immediately notify the local welfare agency  
144.7 or agency responsible for child protection reports under this section orally and in writing  
144.8 when a report is received. The local welfare agency or agency responsible for child protection  
144.9 reports shall immediately notify the local police department or the county sheriff orally and  
144.10 in writing when a report is received. The county sheriff and the head of every local welfare  
144.11 agency, agency responsible for child protection reports, and police department shall each  
144.12 designate a person within their agency, department, or office who is responsible for ensuring  
144.13 that the notification duties of this paragraph are carried out. When the alleged maltreatment  
144.14 occurred on tribal land, the local welfare agency or agency responsible for child protection  
144.15 reports and the local police department or the county sheriff shall immediately notify the  
144.16 tribe's social services agency and tribal law enforcement orally and in writing when a report  
144.17 is received. When a police department or county sheriff determines that a child has been  
144.18 the subject of physical abuse, sexual abuse, or neglect by a person licensed by the  
144.19 Professional Educator Licensing and Standards Board or Board of School Administrators,  
144.20 it shall, in addition to its other duties under this section, immediately inform the licensing  
144.21 board. Law enforcement must work collaboratively with the board that has jurisdiction over  
144.22 the matter, including sharing documents and evidence to continue the investigation.

144.23 (b) Upon receipt of a report, the local welfare agency shall determine whether to conduct  
144.24 a family assessment or an investigation as appropriate to prevent or provide a remedy for  
144.25 child maltreatment. The local welfare agency:

144.26 (1) shall conduct an investigation on reports involving sexual abuse or substantial child  
144.27 endangerment;

144.28 (2) shall begin an immediate investigation if, at any time when it is using a family  
144.29 assessment response, it determines that there is reason to believe that sexual abuse or  
144.30 substantial child endangerment or a serious threat to the child's safety exists;

144.31 (3) may conduct a family assessment for reports that do not allege sexual abuse or  
144.32 substantial child endangerment. In determining that a family assessment is appropriate, the  
144.33 local welfare agency may consider issues of child safety, parental cooperation, and the need  
144.34 for an immediate response;



145.1 (4) may conduct a family assessment on a report that was initially screened and assigned  
145.2 for an investigation. In determining that a complete investigation is not required, the local  
145.3 welfare agency must document the reason for terminating the investigation and notify the  
145.4 local law enforcement agency if the local law enforcement agency is conducting a joint  
145.5 investigation; and

145.6 (5) shall provide immediate notice, according to section 260.761, subdivision 2, to an  
145.7 Indian child's tribe when the agency has reason to believe the family assessment or  
145.8 investigation may involve an Indian child. For purposes of this clause, "immediate notice"  
145.9 means notice provided within 24 hours.

145.10 If the report alleges neglect, physical abuse, or sexual abuse by a parent, guardian, or  
145.11 individual functioning within the family unit as a person responsible for the child's care, or  
145.12 sexual abuse by a person with a significant relationship to the child when that person resides  
145.13 in the child's household or by a sibling, the local welfare agency shall immediately conduct  
145.14 a family assessment or investigation as identified in clauses (1) to (4). In conducting a family  
145.15 assessment or investigation, the local welfare agency shall gather information on the existence  
145.16 of substance abuse and domestic violence and offer services for purposes of preventing  
145.17 future child maltreatment, safeguarding and enhancing the welfare of the abused or neglected  
145.18 minor, and supporting and preserving family life whenever possible. If the report alleges a  
145.19 violation of a criminal statute involving sexual abuse, physical abuse, or neglect or  
145.20 endangerment, under section 609.378, the local law enforcement agency and local welfare  
145.21 agency shall coordinate the planning and execution of their respective investigation and  
145.22 assessment efforts to avoid a duplication of fact-finding efforts and multiple interviews.  
145.23 Each agency shall prepare a separate report of the results of its investigation or assessment.  
145.24 In cases of alleged child maltreatment resulting in death, the local agency may rely on the  
145.25 fact-finding efforts of a law enforcement investigation to make a determination of whether  
145.26 or not maltreatment occurred. When necessary the local welfare agency shall seek authority  
145.27 to remove the child from the custody of a parent, guardian, or adult with whom the child is  
145.28 living. In performing any of these duties, the local welfare agency shall maintain appropriate  
145.29 records.

145.30 If the family assessment or investigation indicates there is a potential for abuse of alcohol  
145.31 or other drugs by the parent, guardian, or person responsible for the child's care, the local  
145.32 welfare agency shall conduct a chemical use assessment pursuant to Minnesota Rules, part  
145.33 9530.6615.

145.34 (c) When a local agency receives a report or otherwise has information indicating that  
145.35 a child who is a client, as defined in section 245.91, has been the subject of physical abuse,

146.1 sexual abuse, or neglect at an agency, facility, or program as defined in section 245.91, it  
146.2 shall, in addition to its other duties under this section, immediately inform the ombudsman  
146.3 established under sections 245.91 to 245.97. The commissioner of education shall inform  
146.4 the ombudsman established under sections 245.91 to 245.97 of reports regarding a child  
146.5 defined as a client in section 245.91 that maltreatment occurred at a school as defined in  
146.6 section 120A.05, subdivisions 9, 11, and 13, and chapter 124E.

146.7 (d) Authority of the local welfare agency responsible for assessing or investigating the  
146.8 child abuse or neglect report, the agency responsible for assessing or investigating the report,  
146.9 and of the local law enforcement agency for investigating the alleged abuse or neglect  
146.10 includes, but is not limited to, authority to interview, without parental consent, the alleged  
146.11 victim and any other minors who currently reside with or who have resided with the alleged  
146.12 offender. The interview may take place at school or at any facility or other place where the  
146.13 alleged victim or other minors might be found or the child may be transported to, and the  
146.14 interview conducted at, a place appropriate for the interview of a child designated by the  
146.15 local welfare agency or law enforcement agency. The interview may take place outside the  
146.16 presence of the alleged offender or parent, legal custodian, guardian, or school official. For  
146.17 family assessments, it is the preferred practice to request a parent or guardian's permission  
146.18 to interview the child prior to conducting the child interview, unless doing so would  
146.19 compromise the safety assessment. Except as provided in this paragraph, the parent, legal  
146.20 custodian, or guardian shall be notified by the responsible local welfare or law enforcement  
146.21 agency no later than the conclusion of the investigation or assessment that this interview  
146.22 has occurred. Notwithstanding rule 32 of the Minnesota Rules of Procedure for Juvenile  
146.23 Courts, the juvenile court may, after hearing on an ex parte motion by the local welfare  
146.24 agency, order that, where reasonable cause exists, the agency withhold notification of this  
146.25 interview from the parent, legal custodian, or guardian. If the interview took place or is to  
146.26 take place on school property, the order shall specify that school officials may not disclose  
146.27 to the parent, legal custodian, or guardian the contents of the notification of intent to interview  
146.28 the child on school property, as provided under this paragraph, and any other related  
146.29 information regarding the interview that may be a part of the child's school record. A copy  
146.30 of the order shall be sent by the local welfare or law enforcement agency to the appropriate  
146.31 school official.

146.32 (e) When the local welfare, local law enforcement agency, or the agency responsible  
146.33 for assessing or investigating a report of maltreatment determines that an interview should  
146.34 take place on school property, written notification of intent to interview the child on school  
146.35 property must be received by school officials prior to the interview. The notification shall

147.1 include the name of the child to be interviewed, the purpose of the interview, and a reference  
147.2 to the statutory authority to conduct an interview on school property. For interviews  
147.3 conducted by the local welfare agency, the notification shall be signed by the chair of the  
147.4 local social services agency or the chair's designee. The notification shall be private data  
147.5 on individuals subject to the provisions of this paragraph. School officials may not disclose  
147.6 to the parent, legal custodian, or guardian the contents of the notification or any other related  
147.7 information regarding the interview until notified in writing by the local welfare or law  
147.8 enforcement agency that the investigation or assessment has been concluded, unless a school  
147.9 employee or agent is alleged to have maltreated the child. Until that time, the local welfare  
147.10 or law enforcement agency or the agency responsible for assessing or investigating a report  
147.11 of maltreatment shall be solely responsible for any disclosures regarding the nature of the  
147.12 assessment or investigation.

147.13 Except where the alleged offender is believed to be a school official or employee, the  
147.14 time and place, and manner of the interview on school premises shall be within the discretion  
147.15 of school officials, but the local welfare or law enforcement agency shall have the exclusive  
147.16 authority to determine who may attend the interview. The conditions as to time, place, and  
147.17 manner of the interview set by the school officials shall be reasonable and the interview  
147.18 shall be conducted not more than 24 hours after the receipt of the notification unless another  
147.19 time is considered necessary by agreement between the school officials and the local welfare  
147.20 or law enforcement agency. Where the school fails to comply with the provisions of this  
147.21 paragraph, the juvenile court may order the school to comply. Every effort must be made  
147.22 to reduce the disruption of the educational program of the child, other students, or school  
147.23 staff when an interview is conducted on school premises.

147.24 (f) Where the alleged offender or a person responsible for the care of the alleged victim  
147.25 or other minor prevents access to the victim or other minor by the local welfare agency, the  
147.26 juvenile court may order the parents, legal custodian, or guardian to produce the alleged  
147.27 victim or other minor for questioning by the local welfare agency or the local law  
147.28 enforcement agency outside the presence of the alleged offender or any person responsible  
147.29 for the child's care at reasonable places and times as specified by court order.

147.30 (g) Before making an order under paragraph (f), the court shall issue an order to show  
147.31 cause, either upon its own motion or upon a verified petition, specifying the basis for the  
147.32 requested interviews and fixing the time and place of the hearing. The order to show cause  
147.33 shall be served personally and shall be heard in the same manner as provided in other cases  
147.34 in the juvenile court. The court shall consider the need for appointment of a guardian ad

148.1 litem to protect the best interests of the child. If appointed, the guardian ad litem shall be  
148.2 present at the hearing on the order to show cause.

148.3 (h) The commissioner of human services, the ombudsman for mental health and  
148.4 developmental disabilities, the local welfare agencies responsible for investigating reports,  
148.5 the commissioner of education, and the local law enforcement agencies have the right to  
148.6 enter facilities as defined in subdivision 2 and to inspect and copy the facility's records,  
148.7 including medical records, as part of the investigation. Notwithstanding the provisions of  
148.8 chapter 13, they also have the right to inform the facility under investigation that they are  
148.9 conducting an investigation, to disclose to the facility the names of the individuals under  
148.10 investigation for abusing or neglecting a child, and to provide the facility with a copy of  
148.11 the report and the investigative findings.

148.12 (i) The local welfare agency responsible for conducting a family assessment or  
148.13 investigation shall collect available and relevant information to determine child safety, risk  
148.14 of subsequent child maltreatment, and family strengths and needs and share not public  
148.15 information with an Indian's tribal social services agency without violating any law of the  
148.16 state that may otherwise impose duties of confidentiality on the local welfare agency in  
148.17 order to implement the tribal state agreement. The local welfare agency or the agency  
148.18 responsible for investigating the report shall collect available and relevant information to  
148.19 ascertain whether maltreatment occurred and whether protective services are needed.  
148.20 Information collected includes, when relevant, information with regard to the person reporting  
148.21 the alleged maltreatment, including the nature of the reporter's relationship to the child and  
148.22 to the alleged offender, and the basis of the reporter's knowledge for the report; the child  
148.23 allegedly being maltreated; the alleged offender; the child's caretaker; and other collateral  
148.24 sources having relevant information related to the alleged maltreatment. The local welfare  
148.25 agency or the agency responsible for investigating the report may make a determination of  
148.26 no maltreatment early in an investigation, and close the case and retain immunity, if the  
148.27 collected information shows no basis for a full investigation.

148.28 Information relevant to the assessment or investigation must be asked for, and may  
148.29 include:

148.30 (1) the child's sex and age; prior reports of maltreatment, including any maltreatment  
148.31 reports that were screened out and not accepted for assessment or investigation; information  
148.32 relating to developmental functioning; credibility of the child's statement; and whether the  
148.33 information provided under this clause is consistent with other information collected during  
148.34 the course of the assessment or investigation;

149.1 (2) the alleged offender's age, a record check for prior reports of maltreatment, and  
149.2 criminal charges and convictions. The local welfare agency or the agency responsible for  
149.3 assessing or investigating the report must provide the alleged offender with an opportunity  
149.4 to make a statement. The alleged offender may submit supporting documentation relevant  
149.5 to the assessment or investigation;

149.6 (3) collateral source information regarding the alleged maltreatment and care of the  
149.7 child. Collateral information includes, when relevant: (i) a medical examination of the child;  
149.8 (ii) prior medical records relating to the alleged maltreatment or the care of the child  
149.9 maintained by any facility, clinic, or health care professional and an interview with the  
149.10 treating professionals; and (iii) interviews with the child's caretakers, including the child's  
149.11 parent, guardian, foster parent, child care provider, teachers, counselors, family members,  
149.12 relatives, and other persons who may have knowledge regarding the alleged maltreatment  
149.13 and the care of the child; and

149.14 (4) information on the existence of domestic abuse and violence in the home of the child,  
149.15 and substance abuse.

149.16 Nothing in this paragraph precludes the local welfare agency, the local law enforcement  
149.17 agency, or the agency responsible for assessing or investigating the report from collecting  
149.18 other relevant information necessary to conduct the assessment or investigation.  
149.19 Notwithstanding sections 13.384 or 144.291 to 144.298, the local welfare agency has access  
149.20 to medical data and records for purposes of clause (3). Notwithstanding the data's  
149.21 classification in the possession of any other agency, data acquired by the local welfare  
149.22 agency or the agency responsible for assessing or investigating the report during the course  
149.23 of the assessment or investigation are private data on individuals and must be maintained  
149.24 in accordance with subdivision 11. Data of the commissioner of education collected or  
149.25 maintained during and for the purpose of an investigation of alleged maltreatment in a school  
149.26 are governed by this section, notwithstanding the data's classification as educational,  
149.27 licensing, or personnel data under chapter 13.

149.28 In conducting an assessment or investigation involving a school facility as defined in  
149.29 subdivision 2, paragraph (c), the commissioner of education shall collect investigative  
149.30 reports and data that are relevant to a report of maltreatment and are from local law  
149.31 enforcement and the school facility.

149.32 (j) Upon receipt of a report, the local welfare agency shall conduct a face-to-face contact  
149.33 with the child reported to be maltreated and with the child's primary caregiver sufficient to  
149.34 complete a safety assessment and ensure the immediate safety of the child. The face-to-face

150.1 contact with the child and primary caregiver shall occur immediately if sexual abuse or  
150.2 substantial child endangerment is alleged and within five calendar days for all other reports.  
150.3 If the alleged offender was not already interviewed as the primary caregiver, the local welfare  
150.4 agency shall also conduct a face-to-face interview with the alleged offender in the early  
150.5 stages of the assessment or investigation. At the initial contact, the local child welfare agency  
150.6 or the agency responsible for assessing or investigating the report must inform the alleged  
150.7 offender of the complaints or allegations made against the individual in a manner consistent  
150.8 with laws protecting the rights of the person who made the report. The interview with the  
150.9 alleged offender may be postponed if it would jeopardize an active law enforcement  
150.10 investigation.

150.11 (k) When conducting an investigation, the local welfare agency shall use a question and  
150.12 answer interviewing format with questioning as nondirective as possible to elicit spontaneous  
150.13 responses. For investigations only, the following interviewing methods and procedures must  
150.14 be used whenever possible when collecting information:

150.15 (1) audio recordings of all interviews with witnesses and collateral sources; and

150.16 (2) in cases of alleged sexual abuse, audio-video recordings of each interview with the  
150.17 alleged victim and child witnesses.

150.18 (l) In conducting an assessment or investigation involving a school facility as defined  
150.19 in subdivision 2, paragraph (c), the commissioner of education shall collect available and  
150.20 relevant information and use the procedures in paragraphs (j) and (k), and subdivision 3d,  
150.21 except that the requirement for face-to-face observation of the child and face-to-face interview  
150.22 of the alleged offender is to occur in the initial stages of the assessment or investigation  
150.23 provided that the commissioner may also base the assessment or investigation on investigative  
150.24 reports and data received from the school facility and local law enforcement, to the extent  
150.25 those investigations satisfy the requirements of paragraphs (j) and (k), and subdivision 3d.

150.26 Sec. 58. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 626.556, subdivision 11, is amended to read:

150.27 Subd. 11. **Records.** (a) Except as provided in paragraph (b) and subdivisions 10b, 10d,  
150.28 10g, and 11b, all records concerning individuals maintained by a local welfare agency or  
150.29 agency responsible for assessing or investigating the report under this section, including  
150.30 any written reports filed under subdivision 7, shall be private data on individuals, except  
150.31 insofar as copies of reports are required by subdivision 7 to be sent to the local police  
150.32 department or the county sheriff. All records concerning determinations of maltreatment  
150.33 by a facility are nonpublic data as maintained by the Department of Education, except insofar  
150.34 as copies of reports are required by subdivision 7 to be sent to the local police department

151.1 or the county sheriff. Reports maintained by any police department or the county sheriff  
151.2 shall be private data on individuals except the reports shall be made available to the  
151.3 investigating, petitioning, or prosecuting authority, including county medical examiners or  
151.4 county coroners. Section 13.82, subdivisions 8, 9, and 14, apply to law enforcement data  
151.5 other than the reports. The local social services agency or agency responsible for assessing  
151.6 or investigating the report shall make available to the investigating, petitioning, or prosecuting  
151.7 authority, including county medical examiners or county coroners or their professional  
151.8 delegates, any records which contain information relating to a specific incident of neglect  
151.9 or abuse which is under investigation, petition, or prosecution and information relating to  
151.10 any prior incidents of neglect or abuse involving any of the same persons. The records shall  
151.11 be collected and maintained in accordance with the provisions of chapter 13. In conducting  
151.12 investigations and assessments pursuant to this section, the notice required by section 13.04,  
151.13 subdivision 2, need not be provided to a minor under the age of ten who is the alleged victim  
151.14 of abuse or neglect. An individual subject of a record shall have access to the record in  
151.15 accordance with those sections, except that the name of the reporter shall be confidential  
151.16 while the report is under assessment or investigation except as otherwise permitted by this  
151.17 subdivision. Any person conducting an investigation or assessment under this section who  
151.18 intentionally discloses the identity of a reporter prior to the completion of the investigation  
151.19 or assessment is guilty of a misdemeanor. After the assessment or investigation is completed,  
151.20 the name of the reporter shall be confidential. The subject of the report may compel disclosure  
151.21 of the name of the reporter only with the consent of the reporter or upon a written finding  
151.22 by the court that the report was false and that there is evidence that the report was made in  
151.23 bad faith. This subdivision does not alter disclosure responsibilities or obligations under  
151.24 the Rules of Criminal Procedure.

151.25 (b) Upon request of the legislative auditor, data on individuals maintained under this  
151.26 section must be released to the legislative auditor in order for the auditor to fulfill the auditor's  
151.27 duties under section 3.971. The auditor shall maintain the data in accordance with chapter  
151.28 13.

151.29 (c) The commissioner of education must be provided with all requested data that are  
151.30 relevant to a report of maltreatment and are in possession of a school facility as defined in  
151.31 subdivision 2, paragraph (c), when the data is requested pursuant to an assessment or  
151.32 investigation of a maltreatment report of a student in a school. If the commissioner of  
151.33 education makes a determination of maltreatment involving an individual performing work  
151.34 within a school facility who is licensed by a board or other agency, the commissioner shall  
151.35 provide ~~necessary and relevant information~~ a copy of its offender maltreatment determination

152.1 report to the licensing entity to enable the entity to fulfill its statutory duties, with all student  
 152.2 identifying information removed. The offender maltreatment determination report shall  
 152.3 include but is not limited to the following sections: report of alleged maltreatment; legal  
 152.4 standard; investigation; summary of findings; determination; corrective action by a school;  
 152.5 reconsideration process; and a listing of records related to the investigation. Notwithstanding  
 152.6 section 13.03, subdivision 4, data received by a licensing entity under this paragraph are  
 152.7 governed by section 13.41 or other applicable law governing data of the receiving entity,  
 152.8 except that this section applies to the classification of and access to data on the reporter of  
 152.9 the maltreatment.

152.10 Sec. 59. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 631.40, subdivision 4, is amended to read:

152.11 Subd. 4. **Licensed teachers.** When a person is convicted of child abuse, as defined in  
 152.12 section 609.185, or sexual abuse under section 609.342, 609.343, 609.344, 609.345,  
 152.13 609.3451, subdivision 3, or 617.23, subdivision 3; sex trafficking in the first degree under  
 152.14 section 609.322, subdivision 1; sex trafficking in the second degree under section 609.322,  
 152.15 subdivision 1a; engaging in hiring, or agreeing to hire a minor to engage in prostitution  
 152.16 under section 609.324, subdivisions 1 and 1a; exposure under section 617.23, subdivisions  
 152.17 2 and 3; solicitation of children to engage in sexual conduct or communication of sexually  
 152.18 explicit materials to children under section 609.352; interference with privacy under section  
 152.19 609.746; stalking under section 609.749, and the victim was a minor; using minors in a  
 152.20 sexual performance under section 617.246; possessing pornographic works involving a  
 152.21 minor under section 617.247; or any other offense not listed in this subdivision that requires  
 152.22 the person to register as a predatory offender under section 243.166; the court shall determine  
 152.23 whether the person is licensed to teach under chapter 122A. If the offender is a licensed  
 152.24 teacher, the court administrator shall send a certified copy of the conviction to the  
 152.25 Professional Educator Licensing and Standards Board or the Board of School Administrators,  
 152.26 whichever has jurisdiction over the teacher's license, within ten days after the conviction.

152.27 Sec. 60. Laws 2016, chapter 189, article 25, section 62, subdivision 4, is amended to read:

152.28 Subd. 4. **Northwest Regional Partnership concurrent enrollment program.** (a) For  
 152.29 a grant to the Lakes Country Service Cooperative to operate a continuing education program:

152.30 \$ ~~3,000,000~~  
 152.31 \$ 2,000,000 ..... 2017

152.32 (b) This is a onetime appropriation. This appropriation is available until June 30, 2019.



153.1 (c) \$1,000,000 of the initial appropriation in fiscal year 2017 is canceled to the state  
 153.2 general fund.

153.3 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.

153.4 Sec. 61. Laws 2017, First Special Session chapter 5, article 2, section 57, subdivision 37,  
 153.5 is amended to read:

153.6 Subd. 37. **Statewide concurrent enrollment teacher training program.** (a) For the  
 153.7 statewide concurrent enrollment teacher training program under Laws 2016, chapter 189,  
 153.8 article 25, section 58, as amended:

153.9                    375,000  
 153.10         \$         350,000         ..... 2018

153.11                    375,000  
 153.12         \$                 0         ..... 2019

153.13 (b) Any balance in ~~the first~~ fiscal year 2018 does not cancel but is available in ~~the second~~  
 153.14 fiscal year 2019. \$400,000 of the initial appropriations in fiscal years 2018 and 2019 is  
 153.15 canceled to the state general fund on June 30, 2019.

153.16 (c) The base for this program is \$375,000 per year.

153.17 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.

153.18 Sec. 62. **AGRICULTURAL EDUCATOR GRANTS.**

153.19 Subdivision 1. **Grant program established.** A grant program is established to support  
 153.20 school districts in paying agricultural education teachers for work over the summer with  
 153.21 high school students in extended programs.

153.22 Subd. 2. **Application.** The commissioner of education shall develop the form and method  
 153.23 for applying for the grants. The commissioner shall develop criteria for determining the  
 153.24 allocation of the grants, including appropriate goals for the use of the grants.

153.25 Subd. 3. **Grant awards.** Grant funding under this section must be matched by funding  
 153.26 from the school district for the agricultural education teacher's summer employment. Grant  
 153.27 funding for each teacher is limited to the one-half share of 40 working days.

153.28 Subd. 4. **Reports.** School districts that receive grant funds shall report to the  
 153.29 commissioner of education no later than December 31 of each year regarding the number  
 153.30 of teachers funded by the grant program and the outcomes compared to the goals established  
 153.31 in the grant application. The commissioner of education shall develop the criteria necessary  
 153.32 for the reports.

154.1 Sec. 63. **APPROPRIATIONS.**

154.2 Subdivision 1. **Professional Educator and Licensing Standards Board.** The sums  
 154.3 indicated in this section are appropriated from the general fund to the Professional Educator  
 154.4 and Licensing Standards Board for the fiscal years designated.

154.5 Subd. 2. **Collaborative urban and greater Minnesota educators of color grants.** (a)  
 154.6 For transfer to the collaborative urban and greater Minnesota educators of color competitive  
 154.7 account under Minnesota Statutes, section 122A.635, subdivision 4:

154.8       \$        3,000,000   ..... 2020

154.9       \$        3,000,000   ..... 2021

154.10 (b) The board may retain up to three percent of the appropriation amount to monitor and  
 154.11 administer the grant program and a portion of these funds may be transferred to the Office  
 154.12 of Higher Education as determined by the executive director of the board and commissioner  
 154.13 to support the administration of the program.

154.14 (c) The base for fiscal years 2022 and 2023 is \$6,000,000.

154.15 Subd. 3. **Mentoring, induction, and retention incentive program grants for teachers**  
 154.16 **of color.** (a) For transfer to the Professional Educator Licensing and Standards Board for  
 154.17 the development and expansion of mentoring, induction, and retention programs for teachers  
 154.18 of color or American Indian teachers under Minnesota Statutes, section 122A.70:

154.19       \$        1,500,000   ..... 2020

154.20       \$        1,500,000   ..... 2021

154.21 (b) The board may retain up to five percent of the appropriation amount for monitoring  
 154.22 and administering the grant program and may have an interagency agreement with the  
 154.23 Department of Education including transfer of funds to help administer the program.

154.24 (c) Any balance in the first year does not cancel but is available in the second year.

154.25 (d) The base for fiscal year 2022 and later is \$2,000,000.

154.26 Sec. 64. **APPROPRIATIONS.**

154.27 Subdivision 1. **Department of Education.** The sums indicated in this section are  
 154.28 appropriated from the general fund to the Department of Education for the fiscal years  
 154.29 designated.

155.1 Subd. 2. **Expanded concurrent enrollment grants.** (a) For grants to institutions offering  
 155.2 "Introduction to Teaching" or "Introduction to Education" college in the schools courses  
 155.3 under Minnesota Statutes, section 124D.09, subdivision 10, paragraph (b):

155.4        \$            375,000    ..... 2020

155.5        \$            375,000    ..... 2021

155.6        (b) The department may retain up to five percent of the appropriation amount to monitor  
 155.7 and administer the grant program.

155.8        (c) Any balance in the first year does not cancel but is available in the second year.

155.9        Subd. 3. **Alternative teacher compensation aid.** (a) For alternative teacher compensation  
 155.10 aid under Minnesota Statutes, section 122A.415, subdivision 4:

155.11       \$            89,211,000    ..... 2020

155.12       \$            88,853,000    ..... 2021

155.13       (b) The 2020 appropriation includes \$8,974,000 for 2019 and \$80,237,000 for 2020.

155.14       (c) The 2021 appropriation includes \$8,915,000 for 2020 and \$79,938,000 for 2021.

155.15       Subd. 4. **Agricultural educator grants.** (a) For agricultural educator grants under Laws  
 155.16 2017, First Special Session chapter 5, article 2, section 51:

155.17       \$            250,000    ..... 2020

155.18       \$            250,000    ..... 2021

155.19       (b) Any balance in the first year does not cancel but is available in the second year.

155.20       Subd. 5. **Statewide concurrent enrollment teacher training program.** (a) For the  
 155.21 statewide concurrent enrollment teacher training program under Laws 2016, chapter 189,  
 155.22 article 25, section 58, as amended:

155.23       \$            375,000    ..... 2020

155.24       \$            375,000    ..... 2021

155.25       (b) Any balance in the first year does not cancel but is available in the second year.

155.26       Subd. 6. **Inclusive school enhancement grants.** (a) To support schools in their efforts  
 155.27 to close opportunity and achievement gaps under Minnesota Statutes, section 120B.113:

155.28       \$            2,500,000    ..... 2020

155.29       \$            2,500,000    ..... 2021

155.30       (b) The department may use up to five percent of the appropriation amount to administer  
 155.31 the grant program.

156.1 (c) Any balance in the first year does not cancel but is available in the second year.

156.2 (d) The base for fiscal year 2022 and later is \$3,000,000.

156.3 Subd. 7. **Come Teach in Minnesota hiring bonuses.** (a) For the Come Teach in  
 156.4 Minnesota hiring bonuses program under Minnesota Statutes, section 122A.59:

156.5       \$       1,050,000   ..... 2020

156.6       \$       1,050,000   ..... 2021

156.7 (b) The department may use up to five percent of the appropriation amount to administer  
 156.8 the program under this subdivision.

156.9 (c) Any balance in the first year does not cancel but is available in the second year.

156.10 Subd. 8. **American Indian teacher preparation grants.** (a) For joint grants to assist  
 156.11 American Indian people to become teachers under Minnesota Statutes, section 122A.63:

156.12       \$       1,060,000   ..... 2020

156.13       \$       1,060,000   ..... 2021

156.14 (b) The department may use up to five percent of the appropriation amount to administer  
 156.15 the grant program.

156.16 (c) Any balance in the first year does not cancel but is available in the second year.

156.17 Subd. 9. **Grow Your Own pathways to teacher licensure grants.** (a) For grants to  
 156.18 develop or expand Grow Your Own programs under Minnesota Statutes, section 122A.685:

156.19       \$       5,000,000   ..... 2020

156.20       \$       5,000,000   ..... 2021

156.21 (b) Of this amount in each fiscal year, \$2,000,000 is for nonconventional teacher  
 156.22 residency programs under Minnesota Statutes, section 122A.685, subdivision 3.

156.23 (c) Of this amount in each fiscal year, \$3,000,000 is for expanded Grow Your Own  
 156.24 programs under Minnesota Statutes, section 122A.685, subdivision 4.

156.25 (d) The department may retain up to three percent of the appropriation amount to monitor  
 156.26 and administer the grant program.

156.27 (e) Any balance in the first year does not cancel but is available in the second year.

156.28 Subd. 10. **Reports on increasing percentage of teachers of color and American**  
 156.29 **Indian teachers.** (a) For transfer to the Professional Educator Licensing and Standards  
 156.30 Board for annual reports regarding efforts to increase the percentage of teachers of color

157.1 and American Indian teachers in Minnesota schools pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, section  
157.2 120B.117, subdivision 4:

157.3       \$           15,000    ..... 2020

157.4       (b) The base for fiscal year 2022 and each even-numbered fiscal year thereafter is  
157.5 \$15,000.

157.6       Subd. 11. **Minnesota Council on Economic Education.** (a) For a grant to the Minnesota  
157.7 Council on Economic Education:

157.8       \$           500,000    ..... 2020

157.9       \$           500,000    ..... 2021

157.10      (b) The grant must be used to:

157.11      (1) provide professional development to Minnesota's kindergarten through grade 12  
157.12 teachers implementing state graduation standards in learning areas related to economic  
157.13 education; and

157.14      (2) support the direct-to-student ancillary economic and personal finance programs that  
157.15 Minnesota teachers supervise and coach.

157.16      (c) By February 15 of each year following the receipt of a grant, the Minnesota Council  
157.17 on Economic Education must report to the commissioner of education on the number and  
157.18 type of in-person and online teacher professional development opportunities provided by  
157.19 the Minnesota Council on Economic Education or its affiliated state centers. The report  
157.20 must include a description of the content, length, and location of the programs; the number  
157.21 of preservice and licensed teachers receiving professional development through each of  
157.22 these opportunities; and summaries of evaluations of teacher professional opportunities.

157.23      (d) The Department of Education must pay the full amount of the grant to the Minnesota  
157.24 Council on Economic Education by August 15 of each year. The Minnesota Council on  
157.25 Economic Education must submit its fiscal reporting in the form and manner specified by  
157.26 the commissioner. The commissioner may request additional information as necessary.

157.27      (e) Any balance in the first year does not cancel but is available in the second year.

157.28      Subd. 12. **Statewide concurrent enrollment training program.** (a) For the Northwest  
157.29 Regional Partnership concurrent enrollment program and the statewide concurrent enrollment  
157.30 teacher training program under Laws 2016, chapter 189, article 25, section 58, as amended  
157.31 by Laws 2017, First Special Session chapter 5, article 2, section 48:



159.1 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 125A.08, is amended to read:

159.2 **125A.08 INDIVIDUALIZED EDUCATION PROGRAMS.**

159.3 (a) At the beginning of each school year, each school district shall have in effect, for  
159.4 each child with a disability, an individualized education program.

159.5 (b) As defined in this section, every district must ensure the following:

159.6 (1) all students with disabilities are provided the special instruction and services which  
159.7 are appropriate to their needs. Where the individualized education program team has  
159.8 determined appropriate goals and objectives based on the student's needs, including the  
159.9 extent to which the student can be included in the least restrictive environment, and where  
159.10 there are essentially equivalent and effective instruction, related services, or assistive  
159.11 technology devices available to meet the student's needs, cost to the district may be among  
159.12 the factors considered by the team in choosing how to provide the appropriate services,  
159.13 instruction, or devices that are to be made part of the student's individualized education  
159.14 program. The individualized education program team shall consider and may authorize  
159.15 services covered by medical assistance according to section 256B.0625, subdivision 26.  
159.16 Before a school district evaluation team makes a determination of other health disability  
159.17 under Minnesota Rules, part 3525.1335, subparts 1 and 2, item A, subitem (1), the evaluation  
159.18 team must seek written documentation of the student's medically diagnosed chronic or acute  
159.19 health condition signed by a licensed physician or a licensed health care provider acting  
159.20 within the scope of the provider's practice. The student's needs and the special education  
159.21 instruction and services to be provided must be agreed upon through the development of  
159.22 an individualized education program. The program must address the student's need to develop  
159.23 skills to live and work as independently as possible within the community. The individualized  
159.24 education program team must consider positive behavioral interventions, strategies, and  
159.25 supports that address behavior needs for children. During grade 9, the program must address  
159.26 the student's needs for transition from secondary services to postsecondary education and  
159.27 training, employment, community participation, recreation, and leisure and home living. In  
159.28 developing the program, districts must inform parents of the full range of transitional goals  
159.29 and related services that should be considered. The program must include a statement of  
159.30 the needed transition services, including a statement of the interagency responsibilities or  
159.31 linkages or both before secondary services are concluded. If the individualized education  
159.32 program meets the plan components in section 120B.125, the individualized education  
159.33 program satisfies the requirement and no additional transition plan is needed; An  
159.34 individualized education program team, after affirmative approval of the parent, may  
159.35 eliminate benchmarks or short-term objectives, except for students who take alternative

160.1 assessments. The individualized education program may report the student's performance  
160.2 on general state or districtwide assessments related to the student's educational needs;

160.3 (2) children with a disability under age five and their families are provided special  
160.4 instruction and services appropriate to the child's level of functioning and needs;

160.5 (3) children with a disability and their parents or guardians are guaranteed procedural  
160.6 safeguards and the right to participate in decisions involving identification, assessment  
160.7 including assistive technology assessment, and educational placement of children with a  
160.8 disability;

160.9 (4) eligibility and needs of children with a disability are determined by an initial  
160.10 evaluation or reevaluation, which may be completed using existing data under United States  
160.11 Code, title 20, section 33, et seq.;

160.12 (5) to the maximum extent appropriate, children with a disability, including those in  
160.13 public or private institutions or other care facilities, are educated with children who are not  
160.14 disabled, and that special classes, separate schooling, or other removal of children with a  
160.15 disability from the regular educational environment occurs only when and to the extent that  
160.16 the nature or severity of the disability is such that education in regular classes with the use  
160.17 of supplementary services cannot be achieved satisfactorily;

160.18 (6) in accordance with recognized professional standards, testing and evaluation materials,  
160.19 and procedures used for the purposes of classification and placement of children with a  
160.20 disability are selected and administered so as not to be racially or culturally discriminatory;  
160.21 and

160.22 (7) the rights of the child are protected when the parents or guardians are not known or  
160.23 not available, or the child is a ward of the state.

160.24 (c) For all paraprofessionals employed to work in programs whose role in part is to  
160.25 provide direct support to students with disabilities, the school board in each district shall  
160.26 ensure that:

160.27 (1) before or beginning at the time of employment, each paraprofessional must develop  
160.28 sufficient knowledge and skills in emergency procedures, building orientation, roles and  
160.29 responsibilities, confidentiality, vulnerability, and reportability, among other things, to begin  
160.30 meeting the needs, especially disability-specific and behavioral needs, of the students with  
160.31 whom the paraprofessional works;

160.32 (2) before beginning work alone with an individual student with a disability, the assigned  
160.33 paraprofessional must be either given paid time or time during the school day to review a



161.1 student's individualized education program or be briefed on the student's specific needs by  
161.2 appropriate staff;

161.3 ~~(2)~~ (3) annual training opportunities are required to enable the paraprofessional to  
161.4 continue to further develop the knowledge and skills that are specific to the students with  
161.5 whom the paraprofessional works, including understanding disabilities, the unique and  
161.6 individual needs of each student according to the student's disability and how the disability  
161.7 affects the student's education and behavior, following lesson plans, and implementing  
161.8 follow-up instructional procedures and activities; ~~and~~

161.9 (4) a minimum of eight hours of paid orientation or professional development must be  
161.10 provided annually to all paraprofessionals, Title I aides, and other instructional support  
161.11 staff. Four of the eight hours must be completed before the first instructional day of the  
161.12 school year or within 30 days of hire. The orientation or professional development must be  
161.13 relevant to the employee's occupation and may include collaboration time with classroom  
161.14 teachers and planning for the school year. For paraprofessionals who provide direct support  
161.15 to students, at least 50 percent of the professional development or orientation must be  
161.16 dedicated to meeting the requirements of this section. Professional development for  
161.17 paraprofessionals may also address the requirements of section 120B.363, subdivision 3.  
161.18 A school administrator must provide an annual certification of compliance with this  
161.19 requirement to the commissioner; and

161.20 ~~(3)~~ (5) a districtwide process obligates each paraprofessional to work under the ongoing  
161.21 direction of a licensed teacher and, where appropriate and possible, the supervision of a  
161.22 school nurse.

161.23 (d) A school district may conduct a functional behavior assessment as defined in  
161.24 Minnesota Rules, part 3525.0210, subpart 22, as a stand-alone evaluation without conducting  
161.25 a comprehensive evaluation of the student.

161.26 Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 125A.091, subdivision 3a, is amended to read:

161.27 Subd. 3a. **Additional requirements for prior written notice.** In addition to federal law  
161.28 requirements, a prior written notice shall:

161.29 (1) inform the parent that except for the initial placement of a child in special education,  
161.30 the school district will proceed with its proposal for the child's placement or for providing  
161.31 special education services unless the child's parent notifies the district of an objection within  
161.32 14 days of when the district sends the prior written notice to the parent; and

162.1 (2) state that a parent who objects to a proposal or refusal in the prior written notice  
162.2 may:

162.3 (i) request a conciliation conference under subdivision 7 or another alternative dispute  
162.4 resolution procedure under subdivision 8 or 9; or

162.5 (ii) identify the specific part of the proposal or refusal the parent objects to and request  
162.6 a meeting with appropriate members of the individualized education program team.

162.7 Sec. 4. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 125A.091, subdivision 7, is amended to read:

162.8 Subd. 7. **Conciliation conference.** A parent must have an opportunity to request a  
162.9 meeting with appropriate members of the individualized education program team or meet  
162.10 with appropriate district staff in at least one conciliation conference if the parent objects to  
162.11 any proposal of which the parent receives notice under subdivision 3a. A district must hold  
162.12 a conciliation conference within ten calendar days from the date the district receives a  
162.13 parent's ~~objection to a proposal or refusal in the prior written notice~~ request for a conciliation  
162.14 conference. Except as provided in this section, all discussions held during a conciliation  
162.15 conference are confidential and are not admissible in a due process hearing. Within five  
162.16 school days after the final conciliation conference, the district must prepare and provide to  
162.17 the parent a conciliation conference memorandum that describes the district's final proposed  
162.18 offer of service. This memorandum is admissible in evidence in any subsequent proceeding.

162.19 Sec. 5. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 125A.11, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

162.20 Subdivision 1. **Nonresident tuition rate; other costs.** (a) For fiscal year 2015 and later,  
162.21 when a school district provides special instruction and services for a pupil with a disability  
162.22 as defined in section 125A.02 outside the district of residence, excluding a pupil for whom  
162.23 an adjustment to special education aid is calculated according to section 127A.47, subdivision  
162.24 7, paragraphs (b) to (d), special education aid paid to the resident district must be reduced  
162.25 by an amount equal to (1) the actual cost of providing special instruction and services to  
162.26 the pupil, including a proportionate amount for special transportation, plus (2) the amount  
162.27 of general education revenue, excluding local optional revenue, plus local optional aid and  
162.28 referendum equalization aid attributable to that pupil, calculated using the resident district's  
162.29 average general education revenue and referendum equalization aid per adjusted pupil unit  
162.30 excluding basic skills revenue, elementary sparsity revenue and secondary sparsity revenue,  
162.31 minus (3) the amount of special education aid for children with a disability under section  
162.32 125A.76 received on behalf of that child, excluding cross subsidy reduction aid under section  
162.33 125A.76, subdivision 2e, minus (4) if the pupil receives special instruction and services

163.1 outside the regular classroom for more than 60 percent of the school day, the amount of  
163.2 general education revenue and referendum equalization aid, excluding portions attributable  
163.3 to district and school administration, district support services, operations and maintenance,  
163.4 capital expenditures, and pupil transportation, attributable to that pupil for the portion of  
163.5 time the pupil receives special instruction and services outside of the regular classroom,  
163.6 calculated using the resident district's average general education revenue and referendum  
163.7 equalization aid per adjusted pupil unit excluding basic skills revenue, elementary sparsity  
163.8 revenue and secondary sparsity revenue and the serving district's basic skills revenue,  
163.9 elementary sparsity revenue and secondary sparsity revenue per adjusted pupil unit.  
163.10 Notwithstanding clauses (1) and (4), for pupils served by a cooperative unit without a fiscal  
163.11 agent school district, the general education revenue and referendum equalization aid  
163.12 attributable to a pupil must be calculated using the resident district's average general  
163.13 education revenue and referendum equalization aid excluding compensatory revenue,  
163.14 elementary sparsity revenue, and secondary sparsity revenue. Special education aid paid to  
163.15 the district or cooperative providing special instruction and services for the pupil must be  
163.16 increased by the amount of the reduction in the aid paid to the resident district. If the resident  
163.17 district's special education aid is insufficient to make the full adjustment, the remaining  
163.18 adjustment shall be made to other state aid due to the district.

163.19 (b) Notwithstanding paragraph (a), when a charter school receiving special education  
163.20 aid under section 124E.21, subdivision 3, provides special instruction and services for a  
163.21 pupil with a disability as defined in section 125A.02, excluding a pupil for whom an  
163.22 adjustment to special education aid is calculated according to section 127A.47, subdivision  
163.23 7, paragraphs (b) to (e), special education aid paid to the resident district must be reduced  
163.24 by an amount equal to that calculated under paragraph (a) as if the charter school received  
163.25 aid under section 124E.21, subdivision 1. Notwithstanding paragraph (a), special education  
163.26 aid paid to the charter school providing special instruction and services for the pupil must  
163.27 not be increased by the amount of the reduction in the aid paid to the resident district.

163.28 (c) Notwithstanding paragraph (a) and section 127A.47, subdivision 7, paragraphs (b)  
163.29 to (d):

163.30 (1) an intermediate district or a special education cooperative may recover unreimbursed  
163.31 costs of serving pupils with a disability, including building lease, debt service, and indirect  
163.32 costs necessary for the general operation of the organization, by billing membership fees  
163.33 and nonmember access fees to the resident district;

163.34 (2) a charter school where more than 30 percent of enrolled students receive special  
163.35 education and related services, a site approved under section 125A.515, an intermediate

164.1 district, a site constructed according to Laws 1992, chapter 558, section 7, subdivision 7,  
164.2 to meet the educational needs of court-placed adolescents, or a special education cooperative  
164.3 may apply to the commissioner for authority to charge the resident district an additional  
164.4 amount to recover any remaining unreimbursed costs of serving pupils with a disability;

164.5 (3) the billing under clause (1) or application under clause (2) must include a description  
164.6 of the costs and the calculations used to determine the unreimbursed portion to be charged  
164.7 to the resident district. Amounts approved by the commissioner under clause (2) must be  
164.8 included in the aid adjustments under paragraph (a), or section 127A.47, subdivision 7,  
164.9 paragraphs (b) to (d), as applicable.

164.10 (d) For purposes of this subdivision and section 127A.47, subdivision 7, paragraph (b),  
164.11 "general education revenue and referendum equalization aid" means the sum of the general  
164.12 education revenue according to section 126C.10, subdivision 1, excluding the local optional  
164.13 levy according to section 126C.10, subdivision 2e, paragraph (c), plus the referendum  
164.14 equalization aid according to section 126C.17, subdivision 7.

164.15 Sec. 6. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 125A.50, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

164.16 Subdivision 1. **Commissioner approval.** The commissioner may approve applications  
164.17 from districts initiating or significantly changing a program to provide prevention services  
164.18 as an alternative to special education and other compensatory programs. A district with an  
164.19 approved program may provide instruction and services in a regular education classroom,  
164.20 or an area learning center, to eligible pupils. Pupils eligible to participate in the program  
164.21 are pupils who need additional academic or behavioral support to succeed in the general  
164.22 education environment and who may eventually qualify for special education instruction  
164.23 or related services under sections 125A.03 to 125A.24 and 125A.65 if the intervention  
164.24 services authorized by this section were unavailable. A pupil with an individualized education  
164.25 program may participate in the program in a service area which the individualized education  
164.26 program team has determined is not an educational need that results from the pupil's  
164.27 disability. Pupils may be provided services during extended school days and throughout the  
164.28 entire year and through the assurance of mastery program under sections 125A.03 to 125A.24  
164.29 and 125A.65.

164.30 Sec. 7. **[125A.755] PARAPROFESSIONAL TRAINING AID.**

164.31 Beginning in fiscal year 2020, each school district, charter school, and cooperative  
164.32 organization serving pupils is eligible for paraprofessional training aid. Paraprofessional  
164.33 training aid equals \$198 times the number of paraprofessionals, Title I aides, and other

165.1 instructional support staff employed by the school district, charter school, or cooperative  
165.2 organization during the previous school year. A school district must reserve paraprofessional  
165.3 training aid and spend it only on the training required in section 125A.08.

165.4 Sec. 8. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 125A.76, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

165.5 Subdivision 1. **Definitions.** (a) For the purposes of this section and section 125A.79,  
165.6 the definitions in this subdivision apply.

165.7 (b) "Basic revenue" has the meaning given it in section 126C.10, subdivision 2. For the  
165.8 purposes of computing basic revenue pursuant to this section, each child with a disability  
165.9 shall be counted as prescribed in section 126C.05, subdivision 1.

165.10 (c) "Essential personnel" means teachers, cultural liaisons, related services, and support  
165.11 services staff providing services to students. Essential personnel may also include special  
165.12 education paraprofessionals or clericals providing support to teachers and students by  
165.13 preparing paperwork and making arrangements related to special education compliance  
165.14 requirements, including parent meetings and individualized education programs. Essential  
165.15 personnel does not include administrators and supervisors.

165.16 (d) "Average daily membership" has the meaning given it in section 126C.05.

165.17 (e) "Program growth factor" means ~~1.046 for fiscal years 2012 through 2015, 1.0 for~~  
165.18 ~~fiscal year 2016,~~ 1.046 for fiscal year 2017, and the product of 1.046 and the program growth  
165.19 factor for the previous year for fiscal year 2018 and later.

165.20 (f) "Nonfederal special education expenditure" means all direct expenditures that are  
165.21 necessary and essential to meet the district's obligation to provide special instruction and  
165.22 services to children with a disability according to sections 124D.454, 125A.03 to 125A.24,  
165.23 125A.259 to 125A.48, and 125A.65 as submitted by the district and approved by the  
165.24 department under section 125A.75, subdivision 4, excluding expenditures:

165.25 (1) reimbursed with federal funds;

165.26 (2) reimbursed with other state aids under this chapter;

165.27 (3) for general education costs of serving students with a disability;

165.28 (4) for facilities;

165.29 (5) for pupil transportation; and

165.30 (6) for postemployment benefits.

166.1 (g) "Old formula special education expenditures" means expenditures eligible for revenue  
166.2 under Minnesota Statutes 2012, section 125A.76, subdivision 2.

166.3 (h) For the Minnesota State Academy for the Deaf and the Minnesota State Academy  
166.4 for the Blind, expenditures under paragraphs (f) and (g) are limited to the salary and fringe  
166.5 benefits of one-to-one instructional and behavior management aides and one-to-one licensed,  
166.6 certified professionals assigned to a child attending the academy, if the aides or professionals  
166.7 are required by the child's individualized education program.

166.8 ~~(i) "Special education aid increase limit" means \$80 for fiscal year 2016, \$100 for fiscal~~  
166.9 ~~year 2017, and, for fiscal year 2018 and later, the sum of the special education aid increase~~  
166.10 ~~limit for the previous fiscal year and \$40.~~

166.11 ~~(i)~~ (i) "District" means a school district, a charter school, or a cooperative unit as defined  
166.12 in section 123A.24, subdivision 2. Notwithstanding section 123A.26, cooperative units as  
166.13 defined in section 123A.24, subdivision 2, are eligible to receive special education aid under  
166.14 this section and section 125A.79.

166.15 (j) "Initial special education cross subsidy" means the greater of zero or:

166.16 (1) the nonfederal special education expenditure under paragraph (f); plus

166.17 (2) the cost of providing transportation services for pupils with disabilities under section  
166.18 123B.92, subdivision 1, paragraph (b), clause (4); minus

166.19 (3) the special education aid under subdivision 2c and sections 125A.11, subdivision 1,  
166.20 and 127A.47, subdivision 7; minus

166.21 (4) the amount of general education revenue, excluding local optional revenue, plus  
166.22 local optional aid and referendum equalization aid attributable to pupils receiving special  
166.23 instruction and services outside the regular classroom for more than 60 percent of the school  
166.24 day for the portion of time the pupils receive special instruction and services outside the  
166.25 regular classroom, excluding portions attributable to district and school administration,  
166.26 district support services, operations and maintenance, capital expenditures, and pupil  
166.27 transportation.

166.28 (k) The "minimum aid adjustment multiplier" for fiscal year 2020 equals 1.046. For  
166.29 fiscal year 2021 and later, the minimum aid adjustment multiplier equals the greater of 1.02  
166.30 or the minimum aid adjustment multiplier for the previous year minus 0.002.

166.31 (l) The "minimum aid adjustment factor" for fiscal year 2020 equals the program growth  
166.32 factor for fiscal year 2020. For fiscal year 2021 and later, the minimum aid adjustment factor

167.1 equals the product of the minimum aid adjustment factor for the previous fiscal year and  
167.2 the minimum aid adjustment multiplier.

167.3 (m) "Special education equity metro region" means the districts with their administrative  
167.4 offices located in Anoka, Carver, Dakota, Hennepin, Ramsey, Scott, or Washington County  
167.5 on January 1, 2012, and districts in other counties with 7,500 or more pupils in adjusted  
167.6 average daily membership.

167.7 (n) "Special education equity rural region" means the districts with their administrative  
167.8 offices located outside Anoka, Carver, Dakota, Hennepin, Ramsey, Scott, or Washington  
167.9 County on January 1, 2012, and districts in other counties with less than 7,500 pupils in  
167.10 adjusted average daily membership.

167.11 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective for revenue for fiscal year 2020 and later.

167.12 Sec. 9. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 125A.76, subdivision 2a, is amended to read:

167.13 Subd. 2a. **Special education initial aid.** For fiscal year ~~2016~~ 2021 and later, a district's  
167.14 special education initial aid equals the sum of:

167.15 (1) the least of 62 percent of the district's old formula special education expenditures  
167.16 for the prior fiscal year, excluding pupil transportation expenditures, 50 percent of the  
167.17 district's nonfederal special education expenditures for the prior year, excluding pupil  
167.18 transportation expenditures, or 56 percent of the product of the sum of the following amounts,  
167.19 computed using prior fiscal year data, and the program growth factor:

167.20 (i) the product of the district's average daily membership served and the sum of:

167.21 (A) ~~\$450~~ \$460; plus

167.22 (B) ~~\$400~~ \$405 times the ratio of the sum of the number of pupils enrolled on October  
167.23 1 who are eligible to receive free lunch plus one-half of the pupils enrolled on October 1  
167.24 who are eligible to receive reduced-price lunch to the total October 1 enrollment; plus

167.25 (C) .008 times the district's average daily membership served; plus

167.26 (ii) ~~\$10,400~~ \$13,300 times the December 1 child count for the primary disability areas  
167.27 of autism spectrum disorders, developmental delay, and severely multiply impaired; plus

167.28 (iii) ~~\$18,000~~ \$19,200 times the December 1 child count for the primary disability areas  
167.29 of deaf and hard-of-hearing and emotional or behavioral disorders; plus

168.1 (iv) ~~\$27,000~~ \$25,200 times the December 1 child count for the primary disability areas  
168.2 of developmentally cognitive mild-moderate, developmentally cognitive severe-profound,  
168.3 physically impaired, visually impaired, and deafblind; plus

168.4 (2) the cost of providing transportation services for children with disabilities under  
168.5 section 123B.92, subdivision 1, paragraph (b), clause (4).

168.6 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective for revenue for fiscal year 2021 and later.

168.7 Sec. 10. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 125A.76, subdivision 2c, is amended to read:

168.8 Subd. 2c. **Special education aid.** (a) For fiscal year ~~2016~~ 2020 and later, a district's  
168.9 special education aid equals the sum of the district's special education initial aid under  
168.10 subdivision 2a, the district's cross subsidy reduction aid under subdivision 2e, and the  
168.11 district's excess cost aid under section 125A.79, subdivision 5.

168.12 ~~(b) Notwithstanding paragraph (a), for fiscal year 2016, the special education aid for a~~  
168.13 ~~school district must not exceed the sum of the special education aid the district would have~~  
168.14 ~~received for fiscal year 2016 under Minnesota Statutes 2012, sections 125A.76 and 125A.79,~~  
168.15 ~~as adjusted according to Minnesota Statutes 2012, sections 125A.11 and 127A.47, subdivision~~  
168.16 ~~7, and the product of the district's average daily membership served and the special education~~  
168.17 ~~aid increase limit.~~

168.18 ~~(c) Notwithstanding paragraph (a), for fiscal year 2017 and later, the special education~~  
168.19 ~~aid for a school district must not exceed the sum of: (i) the product of the district's average~~  
168.20 ~~daily membership served and the special education aid increase limit and (ii) the product~~  
168.21 ~~of the sum of the special education aid the district would have received for fiscal year 2016~~  
168.22 ~~under Minnesota Statutes 2012, sections 125A.76 and 125A.79, as adjusted according to~~  
168.23 ~~Minnesota Statutes 2012, sections 125A.11 and 127A.47, subdivision 7, the ratio of the~~  
168.24 ~~district's average daily membership served for the current fiscal year to the district's average~~  
168.25 ~~daily membership served for fiscal year 2016, and the program growth factor.~~

168.26 ~~(d)~~ (b) Notwithstanding paragraph (a), for fiscal year ~~2016~~ 2020 and later the special  
168.27 education aid, excluding the cross subsidy reduction aid under subdivision 2e, for a school  
168.28 district, not including a charter school or cooperative unit as defined in section 123A.24,  
168.29 must not be less than the lesser of (1) the sum of 90 percent for fiscal year 2020, 85 percent  
168.30 for fiscal year 2021, 80 percent for fiscal year 2022, and 75 percent for fiscal year 2023 and  
168.31 later of the district's nonfederal special education expenditures plus 100 percent of the  
168.32 district's cost of providing transportation services for children with disabilities under section  
168.33 123B.92, subdivision 1, paragraph (b), clause (4), plus the adjustment under sections 125A.11



169.1 and 127A.47, subdivision 7, for that fiscal year or (2) the product of the sum of the special  
169.2 education aid the district would have received for fiscal year 2016 under Minnesota Statutes  
169.3 2012, sections 125A.76 and 125A.79, as adjusted according to Minnesota Statutes 2012,  
169.4 sections 125A.11 and 127A.47, subdivision 7, the ratio of the district's adjusted daily  
169.5 membership for the current fiscal year to the district's average daily membership for fiscal  
169.6 year 2016, and the ~~program-growth~~ minimum aid adjustment factor.

169.7 (e) Notwithstanding subdivision 2a and section 125A.79, a charter school in its first year  
169.8 of operation shall generate special education aid based on current year data. A newly formed  
169.9 cooperative unit as defined in section 123A.24 may apply to the commissioner for approval  
169.10 to generate special education aid for its first year of operation based on current year data,  
169.11 with an offsetting adjustment to the prior year data used to calculate aid for programs at  
169.12 participating school districts or previous cooperatives that were replaced by the new  
169.13 cooperative. The department shall establish procedures to adjust the prior year data and  
169.14 fiscal year 2016 old formula aid used in calculating special education aid to exclude costs  
169.15 that have been eliminated for districts where programs have closed or where a substantial  
169.16 portion of the program has been transferred to a cooperative unit.

169.17 (f) The department shall establish procedures through the uniform financial accounting  
169.18 and reporting system to identify and track all revenues generated from third-party billings  
169.19 as special education revenue at the school district level; include revenue generated from  
169.20 third-party billings as special education revenue in the annual cross-subsidy report; and  
169.21 exclude third-party revenue from calculation of excess cost aid to the districts.

169.22 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective for revenue for fiscal year 2020 and later.

169.23 Sec. 11. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 125A.76, is amended by adding a subdivision  
169.24 to read:

169.25 **Subd. 2e. Cross subsidy reduction aid.** (a) A school district's annual cross subsidy  
169.26 reduction aid equals the school district's initial special education cross subsidy for the  
169.27 previous fiscal year times the cross subsidy aid factor for that fiscal year.

169.28 (b) The cross subsidy aid factor equals 4.3 percent for fiscal year 2020, 8.6 percent for  
169.29 fiscal years 2021, 2022, and 2023, and ten percent for fiscal year 2024.

169.30 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective for revenue for fiscal year 2020 and later.

170.1 Sec. 12. **[125A.81] SPECIAL EDUCATION REGIONAL EQUITY AID.**

170.2 **Subdivision 1. Special education equity aid.** A school district's special education equity  
170.3 aid equals the greater of zero or, for the second preceding year, the lesser of (1) 30 percent  
170.4 of the difference between the school district's remaining special education cross subsidy  
170.5 per pupil in adjusted average daily membership and the regional average remaining special  
170.6 education cross subsidy per pupil in adjusted average daily membership, or (2) \$120 times  
170.7 the district's adjusted average daily membership. For purposes of this section, remaining  
170.8 cross subsidy aid means the cross subsidy after adjusting for cross subsidy aid under section  
170.9 125A.76, subdivision 2e.

170.10 **Subd. 2. Special education equity region.** The department must assign school districts  
170.11 to special education equity regions under section 125A.76, subdivision 1, paragraphs (m)  
170.12 and (n).

170.13 **Subd. 3. Regional equity cross subsidy.** For each region established in subdivision 2,  
170.14 the department must calculate the regional average remaining special education cross subsidy  
170.15 under section 125A.76, subdivision 1, paragraph (k), after adjustments for cross subsidy  
170.16 aid under section 125A.76, subdivision 2e, per pupil in adjusted average daily membership  
170.17 for the second preceding year.

170.18 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective for fiscal year 2024 and later.

170.19 Sec. 13. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 127A.47, subdivision 7, is amended to read:

170.20 **Subd. 7. Alternative attendance programs.** (a) The general education aid and special  
170.21 education aid for districts must be adjusted for each pupil attending a nonresident district  
170.22 under sections 123A.05 to 123A.08, 124D.03, 124D.08, and 124D.68. The adjustments  
170.23 must be made according to this subdivision.

170.24 (b) For purposes of this subdivision, the "unreimbursed cost of providing special  
170.25 education and services" means the difference between: (1) the actual cost of providing  
170.26 special instruction and services, including special transportation and unreimbursed building  
170.27 lease and debt service costs for facilities used primarily for special education, for a pupil  
170.28 with a disability, as defined in section 125A.02, or a pupil, as defined in section 125A.51,  
170.29 who is enrolled in a program listed in this subdivision, minus (2) if the pupil receives special  
170.30 instruction and services outside the regular classroom for more than 60 percent of the school  
170.31 day, the amount of general education revenue, excluding local optional revenue, plus local  
170.32 optional aid and referendum equalization aid as defined in section 125A.11, subdivision 1,  
170.33 paragraph (d), attributable to that pupil for the portion of time the pupil receives special

171.1 instruction and services outside of the regular classroom, excluding portions attributable to  
171.2 district and school administration, district support services, operations and maintenance,  
171.3 capital expenditures, and pupil transportation, minus (3) special education aid under section  
171.4 125A.76, excluding cross subsidy reduction aid under section 125A.76, subdivision 2e,  
171.5 attributable to that pupil, that is received by the district providing special instruction and  
171.6 services. For purposes of this paragraph, general education revenue and referendum  
171.7 equalization aid attributable to a pupil must be calculated using the serving district's average  
171.8 general education revenue and referendum equalization aid per adjusted pupil unit.

171.9 (c) For fiscal year ~~2015 and later~~ 2020, special education aid paid to a resident district  
171.10 must be reduced by an amount equal to ~~90~~ 80 percent of the unreimbursed cost of providing  
171.11 special education and services. For fiscal year 2021 and later, special education aid paid to  
171.12 a resident district must be reduced by an amount equal to 70 percent of the unreimbursed  
171.13 cost of providing special education and services.

171.14 (d) Notwithstanding paragraph (c), special education aid paid to a resident district must  
171.15 be reduced by an amount equal to 100 percent of the unreimbursed cost of special education  
171.16 and services provided to students at an intermediate district, cooperative, or charter school  
171.17 where the percent of students eligible for special education services is at least 70 percent  
171.18 of the charter school's total enrollment.

171.19 (e) Notwithstanding paragraph (c), special education aid paid to a resident district must  
171.20 be reduced under paragraph (d) for students at a charter school receiving special education  
171.21 aid under section 124E.21, subdivision 3, calculated as if the charter school received special  
171.22 education aid under section 124E.21, subdivision 1.

171.23 (f) Special education aid paid to the district or cooperative providing special instruction  
171.24 and services for the pupil, or to the fiscal agent district for a cooperative, must be increased  
171.25 by the amount of the reduction in the aid paid to the resident district under paragraphs (c)  
171.26 and (d). If the resident district's special education aid is insufficient to make the full  
171.27 adjustment under paragraphs (c), (d), and (e), the remaining adjustment shall be made to  
171.28 other state aids due to the district.

171.29 (g) Notwithstanding paragraph (a), general education aid paid to the resident district of  
171.30 a nonspecial education student for whom an eligible special education charter school receives  
171.31 general education aid under section 124E.20, subdivision 1, paragraph (c), must be reduced  
171.32 by an amount equal to the difference between the general education aid attributable to the  
171.33 student under section 124E.20, subdivision 1, paragraph (c), and the general education aid  
171.34 that the student would have generated for the charter school under section 124E.20,

172.1 subdivision 1, paragraph (a). For purposes of this paragraph, "nonspecial education student"  
172.2 means a student who does not meet the definition of pupil with a disability as defined in  
172.3 section 125A.02 or the definition of a pupil in section 125A.51.

172.4 (h) An area learning center operated by a service cooperative, intermediate district,  
172.5 education district, or a joint powers cooperative may elect through the action of the  
172.6 constituent boards to charge the resident district tuition for pupils rather than to have the  
172.7 general education revenue paid to a fiscal agent school district. Except as provided in  
172.8 paragraph (f), the district of residence must pay tuition equal to at least 90 and no more than  
172.9 100 percent of the district average general education revenue per pupil unit minus an amount  
172.10 equal to the product of the formula allowance according to section 126C.10, subdivision 2,  
172.11 times .0466, calculated without compensatory revenue, local optional revenue, and  
172.12 transportation sparsity revenue, times the number of pupil units for pupils attending the area  
172.13 learning center.

172.14 Sec. 14. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 136D.01, is amended to read:

172.15 **136D.01 INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL DISTRICT.**

172.16 "Intermediate school district" means a district with a cooperative program ~~which has~~  
172.17 ~~been established under Laws 1967, chapter 822, as amended; Laws 1969, chapter 775, as~~  
172.18 ~~amended; and Laws 1969, chapter 1060, as amended~~ this chapter, offering integrated services  
172.19 for secondary, postsecondary, and adult students in the areas of vocational education, special  
172.20 education, and other authorized services.

172.21 Sec. 15. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 136D.49, is amended to read:

172.22 **136D.49 OTHER MEMBERSHIP AND POWERS.**

172.23 In addition to the districts listed in sections 136D.21, 136D.41, 136D.71, and 136D.81,  
172.24 the agreement of an intermediate school district established under this chapter may provide  
172.25 for the membership of other school districts and cities, counties, and other governmental  
172.26 units as defined in section 471.59. In addition to the powers listed in sections ~~136D.25,~~  
172.27 136D.24, 136D.44, 136D.73, and 136D.84, an intermediate school board may provide the  
172.28 services defined in section 123A.21, subdivisions 7 and 8.

172.29 Sec. 16. **PRIOR WRITTEN NOTICE WORKING GROUP.**

172.30 (a) The commissioner of education must appoint a working group by July 1, 2019, that  
172.31 includes the following:

173.1 (1) special education administrators;

173.2 (2) special education teachers;

173.3 (3) school board members;

173.4 (4) parents of children with disabilities receiving special instruction and services in  
173.5 accordance with Minnesota Statutes, chapter 125A;

173.6 (5) organizations that work with the parents of children with disabilities; and

173.7 (6) Department of Education staff with expertise in special education compliance.

173.8 (b) The commissioner of education must convene the first meeting of the working group  
173.9 no later than July 15, 2019, and must provide support and meeting space for the working  
173.10 group. The meetings of the working group are subject to the requirements of Minnesota  
173.11 Statutes, chapter 13D.

173.12 (c) Members of the working group serve without compensation, but may be reimbursed  
173.13 for allowed actual and necessary expenses incurred in the performance of the member's  
173.14 duties for the working group in the same manner and amount as authorized by the  
173.15 commissioner's plan under Minnesota Statutes, section 43A.18, subdivision 2.

173.16 (d) The working group must make recommendations for improving alignment between  
173.17 state guidance and federal law requirements on prior written notice by January 15, 2020.  
173.18 The working group must report its recommendations to the chairs and ranking minority  
173.19 members of the legislative committees or divisions with jurisdiction over kindergarten  
173.20 through grade 12 education.

173.21 (e) This section expires January 16, 2020, or the day after the working group submits  
173.22 the report required by this section, whichever is earlier.

173.23 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.

173.24 **Sec. 17. SPECIAL EDUCATION LEGISLATIVE WORKING GROUP.**

173.25 Subdivision 1. **Duties.** A legislative working group on special education is created to  
173.26 review special education delivery and costs in Minnesota and submit a written report to the  
173.27 legislature. The working group must:

173.28 (1) review how school districts, charter schools, intermediate school districts, special  
173.29 education cooperatives, education districts, service cooperatives, and nonpublic schools  
173.30 deliver special education services, and the costs and benefits associated with each model;

174.1 (2) compare relevant state and federal special education laws and regulations by reviewing  
174.2 the 2013 evaluation report by the Office of the Legislative Auditor on special education  
174.3 and other publicly available reports;

174.4 (3) analyze trends in special education enrollment and the reasons for the increased  
174.5 proportion of Minnesota students receiving special education, including disparities in student  
174.6 identification;

174.7 (4) identify strategies or programs that would be effective in reducing the need for special  
174.8 education services or could provide less-intensive special education services, when  
174.9 appropriate;

174.10 (5) analyze funding for children receiving special education services in a nonresident  
174.11 district or charter school in accordance with Minnesota Statutes, sections 124E.21, 125A.11,  
174.12 and 127A.47;

174.13 (6) analyze the effect of the 2013 statutory changes to the state special education funding  
174.14 formula, including interactions and conformity with federal funding formulas;

174.15 (7) describe how school districts and charter schools use section 504 plans, including  
174.16 criteria used to determine when a section 504 plan is appropriate and the prevalence of  
174.17 section 504 plans in school districts and charter schools;

174.18 (8) review the use of medications intended to modify the mood or behavior of students  
174.19 with 504 plans or individual education programs; and

174.20 (9) review the recommendations of the 2013 evaluation report by the Office of the  
174.21 Legislative Auditor on special education and whether any recommendations have been  
174.22 enacted or implemented.

174.23 Subd. 2. **Membership.** (a) The legislative working group on special education consists  
174.24 of:

174.25 (1) six duly elected and currently serving members of the house of representatives, three  
174.26 appointed by the speaker of the house and three appointed by the house minority leader,  
174.27 and must include the current chairs of the house of representatives Education Policy  
174.28 Committee and Education Finance Division; and

174.29 (2) six duly elected and currently serving senators, three appointed by the senate majority  
174.30 leader and three appointed by the senate minority leader, and must include the current chair  
174.31 of the senate Education Finance and Policy Committee.

175.1 (b) Only duly elected and currently serving members of the house of representatives or  
175.2 senate may be members of the special education legislative working group. A chair of an  
175.3 education committee or division appointed under paragraph (a) may designate another  
175.4 member of the chair's chamber to attend a meeting of the legislative working group in place  
175.5 of the chair.

175.6 Subd. 3. **Organization; process; administrative and technical support.** The special  
175.7 education legislative working group appointments must be made by July 1, 2019. If a vacancy  
175.8 occurs, the leader of the caucus in the house of representatives or senate to which the vacating  
175.9 working group member belonged must fill the vacancy. The chair of the house of  
175.10 representatives Education Policy Committee shall serve as a cochair of the working group.  
175.11 The chair of the senate Education Finance and Policy Committee shall serve as a cochair  
175.12 of the working group and shall convene the first meeting. The working group must meet  
175.13 periodically. Meetings of the working group must be open to the public. The Legislative  
175.14 Coordinating Commission must provide administrative assistance upon request. The  
175.15 Department of Education must provide technical assistance upon request.

175.16 Subd. 4. **Consultation with stakeholders.** In developing its recommendations, the  
175.17 special education legislative working group must consult with interested and affected  
175.18 stakeholders.

175.19 Subd. 5. **Report.** The special education legislative working group must submit a report  
175.20 providing its findings and policy recommendations to the legislature by January 15, 2020.

175.21 Subd. 6. **Expiration.** The special education legislative working group expires January  
175.22 16, 2020, unless extended by law.

175.23 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.

175.24 Sec. 18. **INDIVIDUALIZED EDUCATION PROGRAM; RULE AMENDMENT.**

175.25 The commissioner of education must amend Minnesota Rules, part 3525.2810, subpart  
175.26 2, item A, to allow but not require an individualized education program to report a student's  
175.27 performance on general state or districtwide assessments.

175.28 Sec. 19. **SPECIAL EDUCATION FISCAL YEAR 2016 BASE ADJUSTMENT.**

175.29 The fiscal year 2016 special education base for Independent School District No. 709,  
175.30 Duluth, must be increased by \$500,000. The fiscal year 2016 base for Independent School  
175.31 District No. 882, Monticello, must be increased by \$250,000.

176.1 **Sec. 20. COMMISSIONER OF EDUCATION; LEGISLATIVE REPORT ON**  
 176.2 **DEFINITIONS.**

176.3 The commissioner of education must define the following terms:

176.4 (1) gifted student;

176.5 (2) talented student;

176.6 (3) twice-exceptional student;

176.7 (4) print disabled student; and

176.8 (5) reading disabled student.

176.9 The commissioner must report these definitions to the legislative committees having  
 176.10 jurisdiction over early childhood through grade 12 education by February 15, 2020.

176.11 **Sec. 21. APPROPRIATIONS.**

176.12 Subdivision 1. **Department of Education.** The sums indicated in this section are  
 176.13 appropriated from the general fund to the Department of Education for the fiscal years  
 176.14 designated.

176.15 Subd. 2. **Special education; regular.** For special education aid under Minnesota Statutes,  
 176.16 section 125A.75:

176.17     \$    1,632,280,000    .....    2020

176.18     \$    1,787,067,000    .....    2021

176.19 The 2020 appropriation includes \$184,363,000 for 2019 and \$1,447,917,000 for 2020.

176.20 The 2021 appropriation includes \$203,824,000 for 2020 and \$1,583,243,000 for 2021.

176.21 Subd. 3. **Aid for children with disabilities.** For aid under Minnesota Statutes, section  
 176.22 125A.75, subdivision 3, for children with disabilities placed in residential facilities within  
 176.23 the district boundaries for whom no district of residence can be determined:

176.24     \$          1,382,000    .....    2020

176.25     \$          1,564,000    .....    2021

176.26 If the appropriation for either year is insufficient, the appropriation for the other year is  
 176.27 available.

176.28 Subd. 4. **Travel for home-based services.** For aid for teacher travel for home-based  
 176.29 services under Minnesota Statutes, section 125A.75, subdivision 1:



177.1           \$           422,000   ..... 2020

177.2           \$           442,000   ..... 2021

177.3           The 2020 appropriation includes \$40,000 for 2019 and \$382,000 for 2020.

177.4           The 2021 appropriation includes \$42,000 for 2020 and \$400,000 for 2021.

177.5           Subd. 5. **Court-placed special education revenue.** For reimbursing serving school  
 177.6 districts for unreimbursed eligible expenditures attributable to children placed in the serving  
 177.7 school district by court action under Minnesota Statutes, section 125A.79, subdivision 4:

177.8           \$           31,000   ..... 2020

177.9           \$           32,000   ..... 2021

177.10          Subd. 6. **Special education out-of-state tuition.** For special education out-of-state  
 177.11 tuition under Minnesota Statutes, section 125A.79, subdivision 8:

177.12          \$           250,000   ..... 2020

177.13          \$           250,000   ..... 2021

177.14          Subd. 7. **Special education supplemental aid.** (a) For special education supplemental  
 177.15 aid:

177.16          \$           1,200,000   ..... 2020

177.17          \$           1,200,000   ..... 2021

177.18          (b) Of the amounts in paragraph (a), \$1,000,000 is for Independent School District No.  
 177.19 709, Duluth, and \$200,000 is for Independent School District No. 882, Monticello.

177.20          Subd. 8. **Paraprofessional training.** For costs associated with paid orientation and  
 177.21 professional development for paraprofessionals under Minnesota Statutes, section 125A.08:

177.22          \$           7,098,000   ..... 2020

177.23          \$           7,098,000   ..... 2021

177.24          Sec. 22. **REVISOR INSTRUCTION.**

177.25          (a) The revisor of statutes shall renumber the provisions of Minnesota Statutes listed in  
 177.26 column A to the references listed in column B.

<u>Column A</u>	<u>Column B</u>
177.27 <u>136D.01</u>	<u>123C.01</u>
177.28 <u>136D.21</u>	<u>123C.20</u>
177.29 <u>136D.22, subdivisions 1 and 2</u>	<u>123C.21, subdivisions 1 and 2</u>
177.30 <u>136D.23</u>	<u>123C.22</u>
177.31 <u>136D.24</u>	<u>123C.23</u>

178.1	<u>136D.25</u>	<u>123C.24</u>
178.2	<u>136D.26</u>	<u>123C.25</u>
178.3	<u>136D.29</u>	<u>123C.26</u>
178.4	<u>136D.31</u>	<u>123C.27</u>
178.5	<u>136D.41</u>	<u>123C.30</u>
178.6	<u>136D.42</u>	<u>123C.31</u>
178.7	<u>136D.43</u>	<u>123C.32</u>
178.8	<u>136D.44</u>	<u>123C.33</u>
178.9	<u>136D.45</u>	<u>123C.34</u>
178.10	<u>136D.46</u>	<u>123C.35</u>
178.11	<u>136D.47</u>	<u>123C.36</u>
178.12	<u>136D.48</u>	<u>123C.37</u>
178.13	<u>136D.49</u>	<u>123C.02</u>
178.14	<u>136D.71, subdivision 1</u>	<u>123C.60, subdivision 1</u>
178.15	<u>136D.72</u>	<u>123C.61</u>
178.16	<u>136D.73, subdivision 1</u>	<u>123C.63, subdivision 1</u>
178.17	<u>136D.73, subdivision 2</u>	<u>123C.63, subdivision 3</u>
178.18	<u>136D.73, subdivision 4</u>	<u>123C.63, subdivision 4</u>
178.19	<u>136D.73, subdivision 4a</u>	<u>123C.63, subdivision 5</u>
178.20	<u>136D.73, subdivision 4b</u>	<u>123C.63, subdivision 6</u>
178.21	<u>136D.73, subdivision 4c</u>	<u>123C.63, subdivision 7</u>
178.22	<u>136D.73, subdivision 5</u>	<u>123C.63, subdivision 8</u>
178.23	<u>136D.74, subdivision 1</u>	<u>123C.62, subdivision 1</u>
178.24	<u>136D.74, subdivision 1a</u>	<u>123C.62, subdivision 2</u>
178.25	<u>136D.74, subdivision 1b</u>	<u>123C.62, subdivision 3</u>
178.26	<u>136D.76, subdivision 1</u>	<u>123C.63, subdivision 2</u>
178.27	<u>136D.76, subdivision 2</u>	<u>123C.60, subdivision 2</u>
178.28	<u>136D.81, subdivision 1</u>	<u>123C.70</u>
178.29	<u>136D.82, subdivisions 1 and 2</u>	<u>123C.71, subdivisions 1 and 2</u>
178.30	<u>136D.83</u>	<u>123C.72</u>
178.31	<u>136D.84</u>	<u>123C.73</u>
178.32	<u>136D.85</u>	<u>123C.74</u>
178.33	<u>136D.86</u>	<u>123C.75</u>
178.34	<u>136D.90, subdivision 1</u>	<u>123C.76</u>
178.35	<u>136D.92</u>	<u>123C.77</u>
178.36	<u>(b) The revisor of statutes shall make necessary cross-reference changes in Minnesota</u>	
178.37	<u>Statutes consistent with the renumbering in this section, and if Minnesota Statutes, chapter</u>	

179.1 136D, is further amended in the 2019 legislative session, shall codify the amendments in a  
179.2 manner consistent with this act. The revisor may make necessary changes to sentence  
179.3 structure to preserve the meaning of the text.

179.4 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.

179.5 Sec. 23. **REPEALER.**

179.6 Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 136D.93, is repealed.

179.7 **ARTICLE 5**

179.8 **HEALTH AND SAFETY**

179.9 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 120B.21, is amended to read:

179.10 **120B.21 MENTAL HEALTH EDUCATION.**

179.11 School districts and charter schools are encouraged to provide mental health instruction  
179.12 for students in grades ~~6~~ 4 through 12 aligned with local health standards and integrated into  
179.13 existing programs, curriculum, or the general school environment of a district or charter  
179.14 school. The commissioner, in consultation with the commissioner of human services,  
179.15 commissioner of health, and mental health organizations, is encouraged to must, by July 1,  
179.16 2020, and July 1 of each even-numbered year thereafter, provide districts and charter schools  
179.17 with resources gathered by national mental health advocates, including:

179.18 (1) age-appropriate model learning activities for grades ~~6~~ 4 through 12 that encompass  
179.19 the mental health components of the National Health Education Standards and the  
179.20 benchmarks developed by the department's quality teaching network in health and best  
179.21 practices in mental health education; and

179.22 (2) a directory of resources for planning and implementing age-appropriate mental health  
179.23 curriculum and instruction in grades ~~6~~ 4 through 12 that includes resources on suicide and  
179.24 self-harm prevention.

179.25 Sec. 2. **[120B.211] SEXUAL HEALTH EDUCATION.**

179.26 Subdivision 1. **Model program.** (a) The commissioner of education must, in consultation  
179.27 with the commissioner of health and other qualified experts, identify one or more model  
179.28 comprehensive sexual health education programs for elementary and secondary school  
179.29 students. The commissioner must use the rulemaking process under section 14.389, including  
179.30 a hearing under section 14.389, subdivision 5, to identify a model program under this section.  
179.31 The commissioner must provide school districts and charter schools with access to the model

180.1 program, including written materials, curriculum resources, and training for instructors by  
180.2 June 1, 2021.

180.3 (b) The model program must include medically accurate instruction that is age and  
180.4 developmentally appropriate on:

180.5 (1) human anatomy, reproduction, and sexual development;

180.6 (2) consent, bodily autonomy, and healthy relationships, including relationships involving  
180.7 diverse sexual orientations and gender identities;

180.8 (3) abstinence and other methods for preventing unintended pregnancy and sexually  
180.9 transmitted infections; and

180.10 (4) the relationship between substance use and sexual behavior and health.

180.11 (c) "Consent" as used in this section means affirmative, conscious, and voluntary  
180.12 agreement to engage in interpersonal, physical, or sexual activity.

180.13 Subd. 2. **School programs.** (a) Starting in the 2021-2022 school year, a school district  
180.14 or charter school must implement a comprehensive sexual health education program for  
180.15 students in elementary and secondary school, including students with disabilities and students  
180.16 enrolled in a state-approved alternative program. The sexual health education program must  
180.17 include instruction on the topics listed in subdivision 1, paragraph (b), and must:

180.18 (1) respect community values and encourage students to communicate with parents or  
180.19 guardians; faith, health, and social services professionals; and other trusted adults about  
180.20 sexuality and intimate relationships;

180.21 (2) respond to culturally diverse individuals, families, and communities in an inclusive,  
180.22 respectful, and effective manner; and

180.23 (3) provide students with information about local resources where students may obtain  
180.24 medically accurate information and services related to sexual and reproductive health, dating  
180.25 violence, and sexual assault.

180.26 (b) A school district or charter school sexual health education program must include  
180.27 notification to:

180.28 (1) students and school employees regarding criminal penalties for engaging in sexual  
180.29 contact with minors and the availability of mistake as to age or consent of the minors as a  
180.30 defense; and

180.31 (2) school employees and administrators that a teacher or administrator who engages in  
180.32 sexual contact with a student may be found in violation of the teacher code of ethics and

181.1 that such conduct may be grounds for suspension or revocation of a teaching license in  
181.2 accordance with section 122A.20, subdivision 1, paragraph (a), clause (1).

181.3 (c) The superintendent of a school district or person having administrative control over  
181.4 a charter school must submit to the commissioner an annual assurance of compliance with  
181.5 the requirements of this section. The assurance must state whether the district or charter  
181.6 school adopted a model program identified in accordance with subdivision 1, or whether  
181.7 the district or charter school adopted a different program. The assurances must be in the  
181.8 form and manner prescribed by the commissioner.

181.9 (d) Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, instruction in a sexual health education  
181.10 program under this section may be provided by a person without a teaching license who is  
181.11 employed by the school district, charter school, or a community organization if the school  
181.12 administration determines the school employee or community organization has necessary  
181.13 content expertise. A school district or charter school must provide notice to the parent of a  
181.14 child who receives sexual health instruction from a person without a teaching license or a  
181.15 person not employed by the district or charter school, that the person is not a licensed teacher  
181.16 and, if applicable, the community organization that employs the person.

181.17 Subd. 3. **Parental review.** A school district or charter school must provide instruction  
181.18 under this section consistent with the parental curriculum review requirements in section  
181.19 120B.20, provide parents access to the instructional materials used to provide sexual health  
181.20 instruction, and inform parents of the requirements of section 120B.20. The district or charter  
181.21 school must allow the parent or adult student to opt the student out of sexual health instruction  
181.22 with no academic or other penalty for the student.

181.23 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.

181.24 Sec. 3. **[121A.032] SCHOOL SEXUAL HARASSMENT AND SEX**  
181.25 **DISCRIMINATION POLICY COMPLIANCE.**

181.26 Subdivision 1. **Duties.** To support school compliance with state and federal sexual  
181.27 harassment and sex discrimination laws, the Department of Education must:

181.28 (1) provide leadership, consultation, and technical assistance to districts on the  
181.29 responsibilities of district-designated Title IX coordinators;

181.30 (2) collaborate with state experts on sexual violence, including the Department of Health  
181.31 Sexual Violence Prevention Unit and the Department of Human Rights, to establish model  
181.32 protocols, material development, and training to district-designated Title IX coordinators  
181.33 as appropriate;

182.1 (3) disseminate guidance from the federal government on Title IX, including school-based  
182.2 sexual harassment and sexual violence;

182.3 (4) collect and maintain an updated statewide list of Title IX coordinators for all public  
182.4 school districts;

182.5 (5) serve as the state lead on Title IX for schools, parents, students, and community  
182.6 organizations; and

182.7 (6) upon request from a school district, provide specific training to public schools on  
182.8 preventing and responding to sexual violence, conducting trauma-informed investigations,  
182.9 and provide redress for victims, including but not limited to accommodations during the  
182.10 investigation as requested.

182.11 Subd. 2. **Training.** The Department of Education must provide training to Title IX  
182.12 coordinators on state and federal sexual harassment and sex discrimination laws every other  
182.13 year. The training must include responding to allegations, conducting investigations, and  
182.14 reviewing and implementing prevention policies focused on changing culture.

182.15 Sec. 4. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 121A.22, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

182.16 Subdivision 1. **Applicability.** (a) This section applies only:

182.17 (1) when the parent of a pupil requests school personnel to administer drugs or medicine  
182.18 to the pupil; or

182.19 (2) when administration is allowed by the individualized education program of a child  
182.20 with a disability.

182.21 The request of a parent may be oral or in writing. An oral request must be reduced to  
182.22 writing within two school days, provided that the district may rely on an oral request until  
182.23 a written request is received.

182.24 (b) If the administration of a drug or medication described in paragraph (a) requires the  
182.25 school to store the drugs or medication, the parent or legal guardian must inform the school  
182.26 if the drug or medication is a controlled substance. For drugs or medications that are not  
182.27 controlled substances, the request must include a provision designating the school district  
182.28 as an authorized entity to transport the drug or medication for the purpose of destruction if  
182.29 any unused drug or medication is left in the possession of school personnel. For drugs or  
182.30 medications that are controlled substances, the request must specify that the parent or legal  
182.31 guardian is required to retrieve the drug when requested by the school.

183.1 Sec. 5. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 121A.22, is amended by adding a subdivision to  
183.2 read:

183.3 Subd. 4a. **Unclaimed drugs or medications.** (a) Each school district shall adopt a  
183.4 procedure for the collection and transport of any unclaimed or abandoned prescription drugs  
183.5 or over-the-counter medications left in the possession of school personnel in accordance  
183.6 with this subdivision. The procedure must ensure that before the transportation of any  
183.7 prescription drug under this subdivision, the school district shall make a reasonable attempt  
183.8 to return the unused prescription drug to the student's parent or legal guardian. The procedure  
183.9 must provide that transportation of unclaimed or unused prescription drugs or  
183.10 over-the-counter medications occur at least annually, or more frequently as determined by  
183.11 the school district.

183.12 (b) If the unclaimed or abandoned prescription drug is not a controlled substance as  
183.13 defined under section 152.01, subdivision 4, or is an over-the-counter medication, the school  
183.14 district may designate an individual who shall be responsible for transporting the drugs or  
183.15 medications to a designated drop-off box or collection site or may request that a law  
183.16 enforcement agency transport the drugs or medications to a drop-off box or collection site  
183.17 on behalf of the school district.

183.18 (c) If the unclaimed or abandoned prescription drug is a controlled substance as defined  
183.19 in section 152.01, subdivision 4, a school district or school personnel is prohibited from  
183.20 transporting the prescription drug to a drop-off box or collection site for prescription drugs  
183.21 identified under this paragraph. The school district must request that a law enforcement  
183.22 agency transport the prescription drug or medication to a collection bin that complies with  
183.23 Drug Enforcement Agency regulations, or if a site is not available, under the agency's  
183.24 procedure for transporting drugs.

183.25 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.

183.26 Sec. 6. **[121A.223] POSSESSION AND USE OF SUNSCREEN.**

183.27 A school district must allow a student to possess and apply a topical sunscreen product  
183.28 during the school day, while on school property, or at a school-sponsored event without a  
183.29 prescription, physician's note, or other documentation from a licensed health care  
183.30 professional. A school district may adopt a policy related to student possession and use of  
183.31 sunscreen consistent with this section. Nothing in this section requires school personnel to  
183.32 provide sunscreen or assist students in applying sunscreen.

183.33 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.

184.1 Sec. 7. **[121A.35] SCHOOL SAFETY ASSESSMENT.**

184.2 **Subdivision 1. School safety assessment.** "School safety assessment" means a fact-based  
184.3 and evidence-based process using an integrated team approach that helps schools evaluate  
184.4 and assess potentially threatening situations or students whose behavior may pose a threat  
184.5 to the safety of the school, staff, or students.

184.6 **Subd. 2. Policy.** A school board must adopt a policy to establish safety assessment teams  
184.7 to conduct school safety assessments consistent with subdivision 1. A safety assessment  
184.8 policy must be consistent with district policies in sections 121A.035, 125A.027, 125A.08,  
184.9 and 125A.091, and Code of Federal Regulations, title 34, sections 300.300 to 300.304, and  
184.10 with any guidance provided by the Department of Public Safety's School Safety Center. A  
184.11 safety assessment policy must include procedures for referrals for special education or  
184.12 section 504 evaluations, and to mental health or health care providers for evaluation or  
184.13 treatment when appropriate. A safety assessment policy must require notice to the parent  
184.14 or guardian of a student whose behavior is assessed under this section unless notice to the  
184.15 parent or guardian is not in the minor's best interest, consistent with sections 13.02,  
184.16 subdivision 8, and 13.32, subdivision 2.

184.17 **Subd. 3. Oversight.** The superintendent of a school district must establish a committee  
184.18 or individual charged with oversight of the safety assessment teams operating within the  
184.19 district, which may be an existing committee established by the school board.

184.20 **Subd. 4. Safety assessment teams.** (a) The superintendent of a school district must  
184.21 establish for each school a safety assessment team that includes, to the extent practicable,  
184.22 school officials with expertise in counseling, school psychology, school administration, and  
184.23 students with disabilities; as well as cultural liaisons; certified, licensed, or otherwise  
184.24 qualified mental health and treatment professionals; and law enforcement. The team may  
184.25 include human resources personnel or legal counsel if the subject of the assessment is not  
184.26 a student. A safety assessment team may serve one or more schools, as determined by the  
184.27 superintendent.

184.28 (b) A safety assessment team must:

184.29 (1) provide guidance to school staff, parents, and students regarding recognition of  
184.30 threatening or concerning behavior that may represent a threat to the community, school,  
184.31 staff, or students, and the members of the school to whom threatening or concerning behavior  
184.32 should be reported;

184.33 (2) consider whether there is sufficient information to determine whether a student or  
184.34 other person poses a threat;



185.1 (3) implement a policy adopted by the school board under subdivision 2;

185.2 (4) report summary data on its activities according to guidance developed by the School  
185.3 Safety Center; and

185.4 (5) comply with applicable special education requirements, including sections 125A.027,  
185.5 125A.08, and 125A.091, and Code of Federal Regulations, title 34, sections 300.300 to  
185.6 300.304.

185.7 (c) Upon a preliminary determination that a student poses a threat of violence or physical  
185.8 harm to others, a safety assessment team must immediately report its determination to the  
185.9 district superintendent or the superintendent's designee, who must immediately attempt to  
185.10 notify the student's parent or legal guardian, and provide the parent or guardian written  
185.11 notice, unless notice to the parent or guardian is not in the student's best interest. The safety  
185.12 assessment team must consider services to address the student's underlying behavioral or  
185.13 mental health issues, which may include counseling, social work services, character education  
185.14 consistent with section 120B.232, social emotional learning, evidence-based academic and  
185.15 positive behavioral interventions and supports, mental health services, and referrals for  
185.16 special education or section 504 evaluations. Upon the request of a parent or guardian of a  
185.17 student who is the subject of a safety assessment, a safety assessment team must provide  
185.18 the parent or guardian with a copy of the data related to the safety assessment after the team  
185.19 determines that the threat has been addressed, consistent with subdivision 5.

185.20 (d) If the safety assessment team finds in the course of an evaluation that a student is  
185.21 also exhibiting suicidal ideation or self-harm, the safety assessment team must follow the  
185.22 district's suicide prevention policy or protocol or refer the student to an appropriate  
185.23 school-linked mental health professional or other support personnel. Access to information  
185.24 regarding a student exhibiting suicidal ideation or self-harm is subject to section 13.32,  
185.25 subdivision 2.

185.26 (e) Nothing in this section precludes a school district official or employee from acting  
185.27 immediately to address an imminent threat.

185.28 (f) Nothing in this section modifies or affects a school district's obligations under state  
185.29 and federal law relating to students with disabilities.

185.30 Subd. 5. **Rediscovery.** (a) A safety assessment team member must not redisclose  
185.31 educational records or use any record of an individual beyond the purpose for which the  
185.32 disclosure was made to the safety assessment team. A school district employee who has  
185.33 access to information related to a safety assessment is subject to this subdivision.

186.1 (b) Nothing in this section prohibits the disclosure of educational records in health,  
186.2 including mental health, and safety emergencies in accordance with state and federal law.  
186.3 Data related to a safety assessment must not be provided to law enforcement without a  
186.4 reasonable cause or need for law enforcement involvement or knowledge. A school district  
186.5 must notify a parent or guardian when data related to a safety assessment is provided to a  
186.6 law enforcement official who is not a member of the safety assessment team, unless notice  
186.7 to the parent or guardian is not in the student's best interest, consistent with sections 13.02,  
186.8 subdivision 8, and 13.32, subdivision 2.

186.9 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective for the 2020-2021 school year and later.

186.10 Sec. 8. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 123B.595, is amended to read:

186.11 **123B.595 LONG-TERM FACILITIES MAINTENANCE REVENUE.**

186.12 Subdivision 1. **Long-term facilities maintenance revenue.** ~~(a) For fiscal year 2017~~  
186.13 ~~only, long-term facilities maintenance revenue equals the greater of (1) the sum of (i) \$193~~  
186.14 ~~times the district's adjusted pupil units times the lesser of one or the ratio of the district's~~  
186.15 ~~average building age to 35 years, plus the cost approved by the commissioner for indoor~~  
186.16 ~~air quality, fire alarm and suppression, and asbestos abatement projects under section~~  
186.17 ~~123B.57, subdivision 6, with an estimated cost of \$100,000 or more per site, plus (ii) for a~~  
186.18 ~~school district with an approved voluntary prekindergarten program under section 124D.151,~~  
186.19 ~~the cost approved by the commissioner for remodeling existing instructional space to~~  
186.20 ~~accommodate prekindergarten instruction, or (2) the sum of (i) the amount the district would~~  
186.21 ~~have qualified for under Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 123B.57, Minnesota Statutes~~  
186.22 ~~2014, section 123B.59, and Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 123B.591, and (ii) for a school~~  
186.23 ~~district with an approved voluntary prekindergarten program under section 124D.151, the~~  
186.24 ~~cost approved by the commissioner for remodeling existing instructional space to~~  
186.25 ~~accommodate prekindergarten instruction.~~

186.26 ~~(b) For fiscal year 2018 only, long-term facilities maintenance revenue equals the greater~~  
186.27 ~~of (1) the sum of (i) \$292 times the district's adjusted pupil units times the lesser of one or~~  
186.28 ~~the ratio of the district's average building age to 35 years, plus (ii) the cost approved by the~~  
186.29 ~~commissioner for indoor air quality, fire alarm and suppression, and asbestos abatement~~  
186.30 ~~projects under section 123B.57, subdivision 6, with an estimated cost of \$100,000 or more~~  
186.31 ~~per site, plus (iii) for a school district with an approved voluntary prekindergarten program~~  
186.32 ~~under section 124D.151, the cost approved by the commissioner for remodeling existing~~  
186.33 ~~instructional space to accommodate prekindergarten instruction, or (2) the sum of (i) the~~  
186.34 ~~amount the district would have qualified for under Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 123B.57,~~

187.1 ~~Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 123B.59, and Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 123B.591,~~  
187.2 ~~and (ii) for a school district with an approved voluntary prekindergarten program under~~  
187.3 ~~section 124D.151, the cost approved by the commissioner for remodeling existing~~  
187.4 ~~instructional space to accommodate prekindergarten instruction.~~

187.5 ~~(e) For fiscal year 2019 and later, (a) Long-term facilities maintenance revenue equals~~  
187.6 ~~the greater of (1) the sum of (i) \$380 times the district's adjusted pupil units times the lesser~~  
187.7 ~~of one or the ratio of the district's average building age to 35 years index, plus (ii) the cost~~  
187.8 ~~approved by the commissioner for indoor air quality, fire alarm and suppression, and asbestos~~  
187.9 ~~abatement projects under section 123B.57, subdivision 6, with an estimated cost of \$100,000~~  
187.10 ~~or more per site, plus (iii) for a school district with an approved voluntary prekindergarten~~  
187.11 ~~program under section 124D.151, the cost approved by the commissioner for remodeling~~  
187.12 ~~existing instructional space to accommodate prekindergarten instruction, or (2) the sum of~~  
187.13 ~~(i) the amount the district would have qualified for under Minnesota Statutes 2014, section~~  
187.14 ~~123B.57, Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 123B.59, and Minnesota Statutes 2014, section~~  
187.15 ~~123B.591, and (ii) for a school district with an approved voluntary prekindergarten program~~  
187.16 ~~under section 124D.151, the cost approved by the commissioner for remodeling existing~~  
187.17 ~~instructional space to accommodate prekindergarten instruction.~~

187.18 (b) A district's building age index equals the greater of:

187.19 (1) the lesser of one or the ratio of the district's average building age for the most recent  
187.20 year for which data is available, to 35 years; or

187.21 (2) the district's building age index for the previous year.

187.22 (c) Notwithstanding paragraph (b) for fiscal year 2021 and later, for a school district  
187.23 that (1) adds new square footage after January 1, 2016, (2) continues to utilize for educational  
187.24 purposes more than 80 percent of its previous square footage, (3) has a lower building age  
187.25 index under this section in the current year compared to the fiscal year immediately prior  
187.26 to the addition of the square footage, and (4) demonstrates to the commissioner's satisfaction  
187.27 that its total school facilities square footage is educationally necessary, the district's building  
187.28 age index is the greater of the ratio calculated under paragraph (b) or the building age index  
187.29 for the fiscal year immediately prior to the inclusion of the building addition in the building  
187.30 age index.

187.31 ~~(d) Notwithstanding paragraphs paragraph (a), ~~(b)~~, and ~~(c)~~, a school district that qualified~~  
187.32 ~~for eligibility under Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 123B.59, subdivision 1, paragraph~~  
187.33 ~~(a), for fiscal year 2010 remains eligible for funding under this section as a district that~~

188.1 would have qualified for eligibility under Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 123B.59,  
188.2 subdivision 1, paragraph (a), for fiscal year 2017 and later.

188.3 Subd. 2. **Long-term facilities maintenance revenue for a charter school.** ~~(a) For fiscal~~  
188.4 ~~year 2017 only, long-term facilities maintenance revenue for a charter school equals \$34~~  
188.5 ~~times the adjusted pupil units.~~

188.6 ~~(b) For fiscal year 2018 only, long-term facilities maintenance revenue for a charter~~  
188.7 ~~school equals \$85 times the adjusted pupil units.~~

188.8 ~~(c) For fiscal year 2019 and later,~~ Long-term facilities maintenance revenue for a charter  
188.9 school equals \$132 times the adjusted pupil units.

188.10 Subd. 3. **Intermediate districts and other cooperative units.** (a) Upon approval through  
188.11 the adoption of a resolution by each member district school board of an intermediate district  
188.12 or other cooperative units unit under section 123A.24, subdivision 2, or a joint powers  
188.13 district under section 471.59, and the approval of the commissioner of education, a school  
188.14 district may include in its authority under this section a proportionate share of the long-term  
188.15 maintenance costs of the intermediate district ~~or~~ cooperative unit, or joint powers district.  
188.16 The cooperative unit or joint powers district may issue bonds to finance the project costs  
188.17 or levy for the costs; using long-term maintenance revenue transferred from member districts  
188.18 to make debt service payments or pay project costs or, for leased facilities, pay the portion  
188.19 of lease costs attributable to the amortized cost of long-term facilities maintenance projects  
188.20 completed by the landlord. Authority under this subdivision is in addition to the authority  
188.21 for individual district projects under subdivision 1.

188.22 (b) The resolution adopted under paragraph (a) may specify which member districts will  
188.23 share the project costs under this subdivision, except that debt service payments for bonds  
188.24 issued by a cooperative unit or joint powers district to finance long-term maintenance project  
188.25 costs must be the responsibility of all member districts.

188.26 Subd. 4. **Facilities plans.** (a) To qualify for revenue under this section, a school district  
188.27 or intermediate district, not including a charter school, must have a ten-year facility plan  
188.28 adopted by the school board and approved by the commissioner. The plan must include  
188.29 provisions for implementing a health and safety program that complies with health, safety,  
188.30 and environmental regulations and best practices, including indoor air quality management  
188.31 and remediation of lead hazards. The plan may include provisions for enhancing school  
188.32 safety through physical modifications to school facilities authorized under subdivision 4a.

189.1 (b) The district must annually update the plan, submit the plan to the commissioner for  
189.2 approval by July 31, and indicate whether the district will issue bonds to finance the plan  
189.3 or levy for the costs.

189.4 (c) For school districts issuing bonds to finance the plan, the plan must include a debt  
189.5 service schedule demonstrating that the debt service revenue required to pay the principal  
189.6 and interest on the bonds each year will not exceed the projected long-term facilities revenue  
189.7 for that year.

189.8 Subd. 4a. **School safety facility enhancements.** A school district may include in its  
189.9 facilities plan a school safety facilities plan. School safety projects may include remodeling  
189.10 or new construction for school security enhancements, public announcement systems,  
189.11 emergency communications devices, or equipment and facility modifications related to  
189.12 violence prevention and facility security.

189.13 **Subd. 5. Bond authorization.** (a) A school district may issue general obligation bonds  
189.14 under this section to finance facilities plans approved by its board and the commissioner.  
189.15 Chapter 475, except sections 475.58 and 475.59, must be complied with. The authority to  
189.16 issue bonds under this section is in addition to any bonding authority authorized by this  
189.17 chapter or other law. The amount of bonding authority authorized under this section must  
189.18 be disregarded in calculating the bonding or net debt limits of this chapter, or any other law  
189.19 other than section 475.53, subdivision 4.

189.20 (b) At least 20 days before the earliest of solicitation of bids, the issuance of bonds, or  
189.21 the final certification of levies under subdivision 6, the district must publish notice of the  
189.22 intended projects, the amount of the bond issue, and the total amount of district indebtedness.

189.23 (c) The portion of revenue under this section for bonded debt must be recognized in the  
189.24 debt service fund.

189.25 **Subd. 6. Levy authorization.** A district may levy for costs related to an approved plan  
189.26 under subdivision 4 as follows:

189.27 (1) if the district has indicated to the commissioner that bonds will be issued, the district  
189.28 may levy for the principal and interest payments on outstanding bonds issued under  
189.29 subdivision 5 after reduction for any aid receivable under subdivision 9;

189.30 (2) if the district has indicated to the commissioner that the plan will be funded through  
189.31 levy, the district may levy according to the schedule approved in the plan after reduction  
189.32 for any aid receivable under subdivision 9; or

190.1 (3) if the debt service revenue for a district required to pay the principal and interest on  
 190.2 bonds issued under subdivision 5 exceeds the district's long-term facilities maintenance  
 190.3 revenue for the same fiscal year, the district's general fund levy must be reduced by the  
 190.4 amount of the excess.

190.5 Subd. 7. **Long-term facilities maintenance equalization revenue.** ~~(a) For fiscal year~~  
 190.6 ~~2017 only, a district's long-term facilities maintenance equalization revenue equals the lesser~~  
 190.7 ~~of (1) \$193 times the adjusted pupil units or (2) the district's revenue under subdivision 1.~~

190.8 ~~(b) For fiscal year 2018 only, a district's long-term facilities maintenance equalization~~  
 190.9 ~~revenue equals the lesser of (1) \$292 times the adjusted pupil units or (2) the district's~~  
 190.10 ~~revenue under subdivision 1.~~

190.11 ~~(c) For fiscal year 2019 and later, (a)~~ A district's long-term facilities maintenance  
 190.12 equalization revenue equals the lesser of (1) \$380 times the adjusted pupil units or (2) the  
 190.13 district's revenue under subdivision 1.

190.14 ~~(d) (b)~~ Notwithstanding ~~paragraphs~~ paragraph (a) ~~to (c)~~, a district's long-term facilities  
 190.15 maintenance equalization revenue must not be less than the lesser of the district's long-term  
 190.16 facilities maintenance revenue or the amount of aid the district received for fiscal year 2015  
 190.17 under Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 123B.59, subdivision 6.

190.18 Subd. 8. **Long-term facilities maintenance equalized levy.** ~~(a) For fiscal year 2017~~  
 190.19 ~~and later, A district's long-term facilities maintenance equalized levy equals the district's~~  
 190.20 long-term facilities maintenance equalization revenue minus the greater of:

190.21 (1) the lesser of the district's long-term facilities maintenance equalization revenue or  
 190.22 the amount of aid the district received for fiscal year 2015 under Minnesota Statutes 2014,  
 190.23 section 123B.59, subdivision 6; or

190.24 (2) the district's long-term facilities maintenance equalization revenue times the greater  
 190.25 of (i) zero or (ii) one minus the ratio of its adjusted net tax capacity per adjusted pupil unit  
 190.26 in the year preceding the year the levy is certified to ~~423~~ 125.04 percent of the state average  
 190.27 adjusted net tax capacity per adjusted pupil unit for all school districts in the year preceding  
 190.28 the year the levy is certified.

190.29 (b) For purposes of this subdivision, "adjusted net tax capacity" means the value described  
 190.30 in section 126C.01, subdivision 2, paragraph (b).

190.31 Subd. 8a. **Long-term facilities maintenance unequalized levy.** ~~For fiscal year 2017~~  
 190.32 ~~and later, A district's long-term facilities maintenance unequalized levy equals the difference~~

191.1 between the district's revenue under subdivision 1 and the district's equalization revenue  
191.2 under subdivision 7.

191.3 **Subd. 9. Long-term facilities maintenance equalized aid.** ~~For fiscal year 2017 and~~  
191.4 ~~later,~~ A district's long-term facilities maintenance equalized aid equals its long-term facilities  
191.5 maintenance equalization revenue minus its long-term facilities maintenance equalized levy  
191.6 times the ratio of the actual equalized amount levied to the permitted equalized levy.

191.7 **Subd. 10. Allowed uses for long-term facilities maintenance revenue.** (a) A district  
191.8 may use revenue under this section for any of the following:

191.9 (1) deferred capital expenditures and maintenance projects necessary to prevent further  
191.10 erosion of facilities;

191.11 (2) increasing accessibility of school facilities;

191.12 (3) health and safety capital projects under section 123B.57;

191.13 (4) school safety facility enhancements authorized under subdivision 4a; or

191.14 ~~(4)~~ (5) by board resolution, to transfer money from the general fund reserve for long-term  
191.15 facilities maintenance to the debt redemption fund to pay the amounts needed to meet, when  
191.16 due, principal and interest on general obligation bonds issued under subdivision 5.

191.17 (b) A charter school may use revenue under this section for any purpose related to the  
191.18 school, including school safety facility enhancements.

191.19 **Subd. 11. Restrictions on long-term facilities maintenance revenue.** Notwithstanding  
191.20 subdivision 10, for projects other than school safety facility enhancements, long-term  
191.21 facilities maintenance revenue may not be used:

191.22 (1) for the construction of new facilities, remodeling of existing facilities, or the purchase  
191.23 of portable classrooms;

191.24 (2) to finance a lease purchase agreement, installment purchase agreement, or other  
191.25 deferred payments agreement;

191.26 (3) for energy-efficiency projects under section 123B.65, for a building or property or  
191.27 part of a building or property used for postsecondary instruction or administration, or for a  
191.28 purpose unrelated to elementary and secondary education; or

191.29 (4) for ~~violence prevention and facility security, ergonomics, or emergency~~  
191.30 ~~communication devices.~~

192.1 Subd. 12. **Reserve account.** The portion of long-term facilities maintenance revenue  
192.2 not recognized under subdivision 5, paragraph (c), must be maintained in a reserve account  
192.3 within the general fund.

192.4 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective for revenue for fiscal year 2020 and later.

192.5 Sec. 9. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 123B.61, is amended to read:

192.6 **123B.61 PURCHASE OF CERTAIN EQUIPMENT.**

192.7 (a) The board of a district may issue general obligation certificates of indebtedness or  
192.8 capital notes subject to the district debt limits to:

192.9 ~~(a)~~ (1) purchase vehicles, computers, telephone systems, cable equipment, photocopy  
192.10 and office equipment, technological equipment for instruction, public announcement systems,  
192.11 emergency communications devices, other equipment related to violence prevention and  
192.12 facility security, and other capital equipment having an expected useful life at least as long  
192.13 as the terms of the certificates or notes;

192.14 ~~(b)~~ (2) purchase computer hardware and software, without regard to its expected useful  
192.15 life, whether bundled with machinery or equipment or unbundled, together with application  
192.16 development services and training related to the use of the computer; and

192.17 ~~(c)~~ (3) prepay special assessments.

192.18 (b) The certificates or notes must be payable in not more than ten years and must be  
192.19 issued on the terms and in the manner determined by the board, except that certificates or  
192.20 notes issued to prepay special assessments must be payable in not more than 20 years. The  
192.21 certificates or notes may be issued by resolution and without the requirement for an election.  
192.22 The certificates or notes are general obligation bonds for purposes of section 126C.55.

192.23 (c) A tax levy must be made for the payment of the principal and interest on the  
192.24 certificates or notes, in accordance with section 475.61, as in the case of bonds. The sum  
192.25 of the tax levies under this section and section 123B.62 for each year must not exceed the  
192.26 lesser of the sum of the amount of the district's total operating capital revenue and safe  
192.27 schools revenue or the sum of the district's levy in the general and community service funds  
192.28 excluding the adjustments under this section for the year preceding the year the initial debt  
192.29 service levies are certified.

192.30 (d) The district's general fund levy for each year must be reduced by the sum of:



193.1 (1) the amount of the tax levies for debt service certified for each year for payment of  
193.2 the principal and interest on the certificates or notes issued under this section as required  
193.3 by section 475.61<sup>2</sup>;

193.4 (2) the amount of the tax levies for debt service certified for each year for payment of  
193.5 the principal and interest on bonds issued under section 123B.62<sup>2</sup>; and

193.6 (3) any excess amount in the debt redemption fund used to retire bonds, certificates, or  
193.7 notes issued under this section or section 123B.62 after April 1, 1997, other than amounts  
193.8 used to pay capitalized interest.

193.9 (e) If the district's general fund levy is less than the amount of the reduction, the balance  
193.10 shall be deducted first from the district's community service fund levy, and next from the  
193.11 district's general fund or community service fund levies for the following year.

193.12 (f) A district using an excess amount in the debt redemption fund to retire the certificates  
193.13 or notes shall report the amount used for this purpose to the commissioner by July 15 of the  
193.14 following fiscal year. A district having an outstanding capital loan under section 126C.69  
193.15 or an outstanding debt service loan under section 126C.68 must not use an excess amount  
193.16 in the debt redemption fund to retire the certificates or notes.

193.17 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 1, 2019.

193.18 Sec. 10. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 126C.44, is amended to read:

193.19 **126C.44 SAFE SCHOOLS LEVY REVENUE.**

193.20 **Subdivision 1. School district safe schools revenue.** (a) ~~Each district may make a levy~~  
193.21 ~~on all taxable property located within the district for the purposes specified in this section.~~  
193.22 ~~The maximum amount which may be levied for all costs under this section shall be equal~~  
193.23 ~~to \$36 multiplied by the district's adjusted pupil units for the school year. For fiscal year~~  
193.24 2020 only, the initial safe schools revenue for a school district equals the greater of \$45  
193.25 times the district's adjusted pupil units for the school year, or \$18,750. For fiscal year 2021  
193.26 and later, the initial safe schools revenue for a school district equals the greater of \$54 times  
193.27 the district's adjusted pupil units for the school year, or \$22,500.

193.28 **Subd. 2. Charter school revenue.** (a) For fiscal year 2020, safe schools revenue for a  
193.29 charter school equals \$9 times the adjusted pupil units for the school year. For fiscal year  
193.30 2021 and later, safe schools revenue for a charter schools equals \$54 times the adjusted  
193.31 pupil units for the school year.

194.1 (b) The revenue must be reserved and used only for costs associated with safe schools  
194.2 activities authorized under subdivision 9, paragraph (a), clauses (1) to (10), or for building  
194.3 lease expenses not funded by charter school building lease aid that are attributable to facility  
194.4 security enhancements made by the landlord after March 1, 2019.

194.5 Subd. 3. **Intermediate school districts.** (a) For fiscal year 2020 only, the cooperative  
194.6 safe schools revenue for a school district that is a member of an intermediate school district  
194.7 equals \$18.75 times the district's adjusted pupil units for the school year.

194.8 (b) For fiscal year 2021 and later, the cooperative safe schools revenue for a school  
194.9 district that is a member of an intermediate school district equals \$22.50 times the district's  
194.10 adjusted pupil units for the school year.

194.11 Subd. 4. **Other cooperative units.** (a) For fiscal year 2020 only, the cooperative safe  
194.12 schools revenue for a school district that is a member of a cooperative unit other than an  
194.13 intermediate district that enrolls students equals \$3.75 times the district's adjusted pupil  
194.14 units for the school year.

194.15 (b) For fiscal year 2021 and later, the cooperative safe schools revenue for a school  
194.16 district that is a member of a cooperative unit other than an intermediate district that enrolls  
194.17 students equals \$7.50 times the district's adjusted pupil units for the school year.

194.18 Subd. 5. **Transfer to cooperative unit.** Revenue raised under subdivisions 3 and 4 must  
194.19 be transferred to the intermediate school district or other cooperative unit of which the  
194.20 district is a member and used only for costs associated with safe schools activities authorized  
194.21 under subdivision 9, paragraph (a), clauses (1) to (10). If the district is a member of more  
194.22 than one cooperative unit that enrolls students, the revenue must be allocated among the  
194.23 cooperative units.

194.24 Subd. 6. **Total safe schools revenue.** For fiscal year 2020 and later, the safe schools  
194.25 revenue for a school district equals the sum of the district's initial safe schools revenue and  
194.26 the district's cooperative safe schools revenue.

194.27 Subd. 7. **Safe schools levy.** (a) For fiscal year 2020 only, a district's safe schools levy  
194.28 equals \$36 times the district's adjusted pupil units for the school year.

194.29 (b) For fiscal year 2020 only, the safe schools levy for a school district that is a member  
194.30 of an intermediate school district is increased by an amount equal to \$15 times the district's  
194.31 adjusted pupil units for the school year.

194.32 (c) To obtain safe schools revenue for fiscal year 2021 and later, a district may levy an  
194.33 amount not more than the product of its safe schools revenue for the fiscal year times the

195.1 lesser of one or the ratio of its adjusted net tax capacity per adjusted pupil unit to the safe  
195.2 schools equalizing factor. The safe schools equalizing factor equals 151.3 percent of the  
195.3 state average adjusted net tax capacity per adjusted pupil unit for all school districts in the  
195.4 year preceding the year the levy is certified.

195.5 (d) For purposes of this subdivision, "adjusted net tax capacity" means the value described  
195.6 in section 126C.01, subdivision 2, paragraph (b).

195.7 Subd. 8. **Safe schools aid.** For fiscal year 2020, a district's safe schools aid equals its  
195.8 safe schools revenue minus its safe schools levy. For fiscal year 2021 and later, a district's  
195.9 safe schools aid equals its safe schools revenue minus its safe schools levy, times the ratio  
195.10 of the actual amount levied to the permitted levy.

195.11 Subd. 9. **Uses of safe schools revenue.** (a) The ~~proceeds of the levy~~ revenue must be  
195.12 reserved and used for directly funding the following purposes or for reimbursing the cities  
195.13 and counties who contract with the district for the following purposes:

195.14 (1) to pay the costs incurred for the salaries, benefits, and transportation costs of peace  
195.15 officers and sheriffs for liaison in services in the district's schools;

195.16 (2) to pay the costs for a drug abuse prevention program as defined in section 609.101,  
195.17 subdivision 3, paragraph (e), in the elementary schools;

195.18 (3) to pay the costs for a gang resistance education training curriculum in the district's  
195.19 schools;

195.20 (4) to pay the costs for security in the district's schools and on school property;

195.21 (5) to pay the costs for other crime prevention, drug abuse, student and staff safety,  
195.22 voluntary opt-in suicide prevention tools, and violence prevention measures taken by the  
195.23 school district;

195.24 (6) to pay costs for licensed school counselors, licensed school nurses, licensed school  
195.25 social workers, licensed school psychologists, and licensed alcohol and chemical dependency  
195.26 counselors to help provide early responses to problems;

195.27 (7) to pay for facility security enhancements including laminated glass, public  
195.28 announcement systems, emergency communications devices, and equipment and facility  
195.29 modifications related to violence prevention and facility security;

195.30 (8) to pay for costs associated with improving the school climate including professional  
195.31 development such as restorative practices, social-emotional learning, and other  
195.32 evidence-based practices; ~~or~~

196.1 (9) to pay costs for colocating and collaborating with mental health professionals who  
196.2 are not district employees or contractors;

196.3 (10) by board resolution, to transfer money into the debt redemption fund to pay the  
196.4 amounts needed to meet, when due, principal and interest payments on obligations issued  
196.5 under sections 123B.61 and 123B.62 for purposes included in clause (7); or

196.6 (11) to pay for training for members of safety assessment teams and oversight committees  
196.7 under section 121A.35.

196.8 (b) For expenditures under paragraph (a), clause (1), the district must initially attempt  
196.9 to contract for services to be provided by peace officers or sheriffs with the police department  
196.10 of each city or the sheriff's department of the county within the district containing the school  
196.11 receiving the services. If a local police department or a county sheriff's department does  
196.12 not wish to provide the necessary services, the district may contract for these services with  
196.13 any other police or sheriff's department located entirely or partially within the school district's  
196.14 boundaries.

196.15 (c) A school district that is a member of an intermediate school district may include in  
196.16 its authority under this section the costs associated with safe schools activities authorized  
196.17 under paragraph (a) for intermediate school district programs. This authority must not exceed  
196.18 \$15 times the adjusted pupil units of the member districts. This authority is in addition to  
196.19 any other authority authorized under this section. Revenue raised under this paragraph must  
196.20 be transferred to the intermediate school district.

196.21 Subd. 10. **Reporting.** A school district or charter school receiving revenue under this  
196.22 section must annually report safe schools expenditures to the commissioner, in the form  
196.23 and manner specified by the commissioner. The report must include spending by functional  
196.24 area, any new staff positions hired, and revenue uses under subdivision 5.

196.25 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective for revenue for fiscal year 2020 and later.

196.26 Sec. 11. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 626.556, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

196.27 Subd. 2. **Definitions.** As used in this section, the following terms have the meanings  
196.28 given them unless the specific content indicates otherwise:

196.29 (a) "Accidental" means a sudden, not reasonably foreseeable, and unexpected occurrence  
196.30 or event which:

196.31 (1) is not likely to occur and could not have been prevented by exercise of due care; and

197.1 (2) if occurring while a child is receiving services from a facility, happens when the  
197.2 facility and the employee or person providing services in the facility are in compliance with  
197.3 the laws and rules relevant to the occurrence or event.

197.4 (b) "Commissioner" means the commissioner of human services.

197.5 (c) "Facility" means:

197.6 (1) a licensed or unlicensed day care facility, certified license-exempt child care center,  
197.7 residential facility, agency, hospital, sanitarium, or other facility or institution required to  
197.8 be licensed under sections 144.50 to 144.58, 241.021, or 245A.01 to 245A.16, or chapter  
197.9 144H, 245D, or 245H;

197.10 (2) a school as defined in section 120A.05, subdivisions 9, 11, and 13; and chapter 124E;  
197.11 or

197.12 (3) a nonlicensed personal care provider organization as defined in section 256B.0625,  
197.13 subdivision 19a.

197.14 (d) "Family assessment" means a comprehensive assessment of child safety, risk of  
197.15 subsequent child maltreatment, and family strengths and needs that is applied to a child  
197.16 maltreatment report that does not allege sexual abuse or substantial child endangerment.  
197.17 Family assessment does not include a determination as to whether child maltreatment  
197.18 occurred but does determine the need for services to address the safety of family members  
197.19 and the risk of subsequent maltreatment.

197.20 (e) "Investigation" means fact gathering related to the current safety of a child and the  
197.21 risk of subsequent maltreatment that determines whether child maltreatment occurred and  
197.22 whether child protective services are needed. An investigation must be used when reports  
197.23 involve sexual abuse or substantial child endangerment, and for reports of maltreatment in  
197.24 facilities required to be licensed or certified under chapter 245A, 245D, or 245H; under  
197.25 sections 144.50 to 144.58 and 241.021; in a school as defined in section 120A.05,  
197.26 subdivisions 9, 11, and 13, and chapter 124E; or in a nonlicensed personal care provider  
197.27 association as defined in section 256B.0625, subdivision 19a.

197.28 (f) "Mental injury" means an injury to the psychological capacity or emotional stability  
197.29 of a child as evidenced by an observable or substantial impairment in the child's ability to  
197.30 function within a normal range of performance and behavior with due regard to the child's  
197.31 culture.

197.32 (g) "Neglect" means the commission or omission of any of the acts specified under  
197.33 clauses (1) to (9), other than by accidental means:

198.1 (1) failure by a person responsible for a child's care to supply a child with necessary  
198.2 food, clothing, shelter, health, medical, or other care required for the child's physical or  
198.3 mental health when reasonably able to do so;

198.4 (2) failure to protect a child from conditions or actions that seriously endanger the child's  
198.5 physical or mental health when reasonably able to do so, including a growth delay, which  
198.6 may be referred to as a failure to thrive, that has been diagnosed by a physician and is due  
198.7 to parental neglect;

198.8 (3) failure to provide for necessary supervision or child care arrangements appropriate  
198.9 for a child after considering factors as the child's age, mental ability, physical condition,  
198.10 length of absence, or environment, when the child is unable to care for the child's own basic  
198.11 needs or safety, or the basic needs or safety of another child in their care;

198.12 (4) failure to ensure that the child is educated as defined in sections 120A.22 and  
198.13 260C.163, subdivision 11, which does not include a parent's refusal to provide the parent's  
198.14 child with sympathomimetic medications, consistent with section 125A.091, subdivision  
198.15 5;

198.16 (5) nothing in this section shall be construed to mean that a child is neglected solely  
198.17 because the child's parent, guardian, or other person responsible for the child's care in good  
198.18 faith selects and depends upon spiritual means or prayer for treatment or care of disease or  
198.19 remedial care of the child in lieu of medical care; except that a parent, guardian, or caretaker,  
198.20 or a person mandated to report pursuant to subdivision 3, has a duty to report if a lack of  
198.21 medical care may cause serious danger to the child's health. This section does not impose  
198.22 upon persons, not otherwise legally responsible for providing a child with necessary food,  
198.23 clothing, shelter, education, or medical care, a duty to provide that care;

198.24 (6) prenatal exposure to a controlled substance, as defined in section 253B.02, subdivision  
198.25 2, used by the mother for a nonmedical purpose, as evidenced by withdrawal symptoms in  
198.26 the child at birth, results of a toxicology test performed on the mother at delivery or the  
198.27 child at birth, medical effects or developmental delays during the child's first year of life  
198.28 that medically indicate prenatal exposure to a controlled substance, or the presence of a  
198.29 fetal alcohol spectrum disorder;

198.30 (7) "medical neglect" as defined in section 260C.007, subdivision 6, clause (5);

198.31 (8) chronic and severe use of alcohol or a controlled substance by a parent or person  
198.32 responsible for the care of the child that adversely affects the child's basic needs and safety;  
198.33 or

199.1 (9) emotional harm from a pattern of behavior which contributes to impaired emotional  
199.2 functioning of the child which may be demonstrated by a substantial and observable effect  
199.3 in the child's behavior, emotional response, or cognition that is not within the normal range  
199.4 for the child's age and stage of development, with due regard to the child's culture.

199.5 (h) "Nonmaltreatment mistake" means:

199.6 (1) at the time of the incident, the individual was performing duties identified in the  
199.7 center's child care program plan required under Minnesota Rules, part 9503.0045;

199.8 (2) the individual has not been determined responsible for a similar incident that resulted  
199.9 in a finding of maltreatment for at least seven years;

199.10 (3) the individual has not been determined to have committed a similar nonmaltreatment  
199.11 mistake under this paragraph for at least four years;

199.12 (4) any injury to a child resulting from the incident, if treated, is treated only with  
199.13 remedies that are available over the counter, whether ordered by a medical professional or  
199.14 not; and

199.15 (5) except for the period when the incident occurred, the facility and the individual  
199.16 providing services were both in compliance with all licensing requirements relevant to the  
199.17 incident.

199.18 This definition only applies to child care centers licensed under Minnesota Rules, chapter  
199.19 9503. If clauses (1) to (5) apply, rather than making a determination of substantiated  
199.20 maltreatment by the individual, the commissioner of human services shall determine that a  
199.21 nonmaltreatment mistake was made by the individual.

199.22 (i) "Operator" means an operator or agency as defined in section 245A.02.

199.23 (j) "Person responsible for the child's care" means (1) an individual functioning within  
199.24 the family unit and having responsibilities for the care of the child such as a parent, guardian,  
199.25 or other person having similar care responsibilities, or (2) an individual functioning outside  
199.26 the family unit and having responsibilities for the care of the child such as a teacher, school  
199.27 administrator, other school employees or agents, or other lawful custodian of a child having  
199.28 either full-time or short-term care responsibilities including, but not limited to, day care,  
199.29 babysitting whether paid or unpaid, counseling, teaching, and coaching.

199.30 (k) "Physical abuse" means any physical injury, mental injury, or threatened injury,  
199.31 inflicted by a person responsible for the child's care on a child other than by accidental  
199.32 means, or any physical or mental injury that cannot reasonably be explained by the child's

200.1 history of injuries, or any aversive or deprivation procedures, or regulated interventions,  
200.2 that have not been authorized under section 125A.0942 or 245.825.

200.3 Abuse does not include reasonable and moderate physical discipline of a child  
200.4 administered by a parent or legal guardian which does not result in an injury. Abuse does  
200.5 not include the use of reasonable force by a teacher, principal, or school employee as allowed  
200.6 by section 121A.582. Actions which are not reasonable and moderate include, but are not  
200.7 limited to, any of the following:

200.8 (1) throwing, kicking, burning, biting, or cutting a child;

200.9 (2) striking a child with a closed fist;

200.10 (3) shaking a child under age three;

200.11 (4) striking or other actions which result in any nonaccidental injury to a child under 18  
200.12 months of age;

200.13 (5) unreasonable interference with a child's breathing;

200.14 (6) threatening a child with a weapon, as defined in section 609.02, subdivision 6;

200.15 (7) striking a child under age one on the face or head;

200.16 (8) striking a child who is at least age one but under age four on the face or head, which  
200.17 results in an injury;

200.18 (9) purposely giving a child poison, alcohol, or dangerous, harmful, or controlled  
200.19 substances which were not prescribed for the child by a practitioner, in order to control or  
200.20 punish the child; or other substances that substantially affect the child's behavior, motor  
200.21 coordination, or judgment or that results in sickness or internal injury, or subjects the child  
200.22 to medical procedures that would be unnecessary if the child were not exposed to the  
200.23 substances;

200.24 (10) unreasonable physical confinement or restraint not permitted under section 609.379,  
200.25 including but not limited to tying, caging, or chaining; or

200.26 (11) in a school facility or school zone, an act by a person responsible for the child's  
200.27 care that is a violation under section 121A.58.

200.28 (l) "Practice of social services," for the purposes of subdivision 3, includes but is not  
200.29 limited to employee assistance counseling and the provision of guardian ad litem and  
200.30 parenting time expeditor services.



201.1 (m) "Report" means any communication received by the local welfare agency, police  
201.2 department, county sheriff, or agency responsible for child protection pursuant to this section  
201.3 that describes neglect or physical or sexual abuse of a child and contains sufficient content  
201.4 to identify the child and any person believed to be responsible for the neglect or abuse, if  
201.5 known.

201.6 (n) "Sexual abuse" means the subjection of a child by a person responsible for the child's  
201.7 care, by a person who has a significant relationship to the child, as defined in section 609.341,  
201.8 or by a person in a position of authority, as defined in section 609.341, subdivision 10, to  
201.9 any act which constitutes a violation of section 609.342 (criminal sexual conduct in the first  
201.10 degree), 609.343 (criminal sexual conduct in the second degree), 609.344 (criminal sexual  
201.11 conduct in the third degree), 609.345 (criminal sexual conduct in the fourth degree), ~~or~~  
201.12 609.3451 (criminal sexual conduct in the fifth degree), or 609.352 (solicitation of children  
201.13 to engage in sexual conduct; communication of sexually explicit materials to children).

201.14 Sexual abuse also includes any act which involves a minor which constitutes a violation of  
201.15 prostitution offenses under sections 609.321 to 609.324 or 617.246. Effective May 29, 2017,  
201.16 sexual abuse includes all reports of known or suspected child sex trafficking involving a  
201.17 child who is identified as a victim of sex trafficking. Sexual abuse includes child sex  
201.18 trafficking as defined in section 609.321, subdivisions 7a and 7b. Sexual abuse includes  
201.19 threatened sexual abuse which includes the status of a parent or household member who  
201.20 has committed a violation which requires registration as an offender under section 243.166,  
201.21 subdivision 1b, paragraph (a) or (b), or required registration under section 243.166,  
201.22 subdivision 1b, paragraph (a) or (b).

201.23 (o) "Substantial child endangerment" means a person responsible for a child's care, by  
201.24 act or omission, commits or attempts to commit an act against a child under their care that  
201.25 constitutes any of the following:

201.26 (1) egregious harm as defined in section 260C.007, subdivision 14;

201.27 (2) abandonment under section 260C.301, subdivision 2;

201.28 (3) neglect as defined in paragraph (g), clause (2), that substantially endangers the child's  
201.29 physical or mental health, including a growth delay, which may be referred to as failure to  
201.30 thrive, that has been diagnosed by a physician and is due to parental neglect;

201.31 (4) murder in the first, second, or third degree under section 609.185, 609.19, or 609.195;

201.32 (5) manslaughter in the first or second degree under section 609.20 or 609.205;

201.33 (6) assault in the first, second, or third degree under section 609.221, 609.222, or 609.223;

- 202.1 (7) solicitation, inducement, and promotion of prostitution under section 609.322;
- 202.2 (8) criminal sexual conduct under sections 609.342 to 609.3451;
- 202.3 (9) solicitation of children to engage in sexual conduct under section 609.352;
- 202.4 (10) malicious punishment or neglect or endangerment of a child under section 609.377
- 202.5 or 609.378;
- 202.6 (11) use of a minor in sexual performance under section 617.246; or
- 202.7 (12) parental behavior, status, or condition which mandates that the county attorney file
- 202.8 a termination of parental rights petition under section 260C.503, subdivision 2.
- 202.9 (p) "Threatened injury" means a statement, overt act, condition, or status that represents
- 202.10 a substantial risk of physical or sexual abuse or mental injury. Threatened injury includes,
- 202.11 but is not limited to, exposing a child to a person responsible for the child's care, as defined
- 202.12 in paragraph (j), clause (1), who has:
- 202.13 (1) subjected a child to, or failed to protect a child from, an overt act or condition that
- 202.14 constitutes egregious harm, as defined in section 260C.007, subdivision 14, or a similar law
- 202.15 of another jurisdiction;
- 202.16 (2) been found to be palpably unfit under section 260C.301, subdivision 1, paragraph
- 202.17 (b), clause (4), or a similar law of another jurisdiction;
- 202.18 (3) committed an act that has resulted in an involuntary termination of parental rights
- 202.19 under section 260C.301, or a similar law of another jurisdiction; or
- 202.20 (4) committed an act that has resulted in the involuntary transfer of permanent legal and
- 202.21 physical custody of a child to a relative under Minnesota Statutes 2010, section 260C.201,
- 202.22 subdivision 11, paragraph (d), clause (1), section 260C.515, subdivision 4, or a similar law
- 202.23 of another jurisdiction.
- 202.24 A child is the subject of a report of threatened injury when the responsible social services
- 202.25 agency receives birth match data under paragraph (q) from the Department of Human
- 202.26 Services.
- 202.27 (q) Upon receiving data under section 144.225, subdivision 2b, contained in a birth
- 202.28 record or recognition of parentage identifying a child who is subject to threatened injury
- 202.29 under paragraph (p), the Department of Human Services shall send the data to the responsible
- 202.30 social services agency. The data is known as "birth match" data. Unless the responsible
- 202.31 social services agency has already begun an investigation or assessment of the report due
- 202.32 to the birth of the child or execution of the recognition of parentage and the parent's previous

203.1 history with child protection, the agency shall accept the birth match data as a report under  
203.2 this section. The agency may use either a family assessment or investigation to determine  
203.3 whether the child is safe. All of the provisions of this section apply. If the child is determined  
203.4 to be safe, the agency shall consult with the county attorney to determine the appropriateness  
203.5 of filing a petition alleging the child is in need of protection or services under section  
203.6 260C.007, subdivision 6, clause (16), in order to deliver needed services. If the child is  
203.7 determined not to be safe, the agency and the county attorney shall take appropriate action  
203.8 as required under section 260C.503, subdivision 2.

203.9 (r) Persons who conduct assessments or investigations under this section shall take into  
203.10 account accepted child-rearing practices of the culture in which a child participates and  
203.11 accepted teacher discipline practices, which are not injurious to the child's health, welfare,  
203.12 and safety.

203.13 Sec. 12. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 626.556, subdivision 3b, is amended to read:

203.14 Subd. 3b. **Agency responsible for assessing or investigating reports of**  
203.15 **maltreatment.** The Department of Education is the agency responsible for assessing or  
203.16 investigating allegations of child maltreatment in schools as defined in section 120A.05,  
203.17 subdivisions 9, 11, and 13; and chapter 124E. The Department of Education's responsibility  
203.18 to assess and investigate includes allegations of maltreatment involving students 18 to 21  
203.19 years of age, including students receiving special education services, up to and until  
203.20 graduation and the issuance of a secondary or high school diploma.

203.21 Sec. 13. Laws 2016, chapter 189, article 25, section 56, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

203.22 Subd. 2. **Purpose.** The purpose of the support our students grant program is to:

203.23 (1) address shortages of student support services personnel, including trauma coaches,  
203.24 within Minnesota schools;

203.25 (2) decrease caseloads for existing student support services personnel to ensure effective  
203.26 services;

203.27 (3) ensure that students receive effective academic guidance and integrated and  
203.28 comprehensive services to improve ~~kindergarten~~ prekindergarten through grade 12 school  
203.29 outcomes and career and college readiness;

203.30 (4) ensure that student support services personnel serve within the scope and practice  
203.31 of their training and licensure;

204.1 (5) fully integrate learning supports, instruction, and school management within a  
204.2 comprehensive approach that facilitates interdisciplinary collaboration; and

204.3 (6) improve school safety and school climate to support academic success and career  
204.4 and college readiness.

204.5 Sec. 14. Laws 2016, chapter 189, article 25, section 56, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

204.6 Subd. 3. **Grant eligibility and application.** (a) A school district, charter school,  
204.7 intermediate school district, or other cooperative unit is eligible to apply for a six-year  
204.8 matching grant under this section. Beginning July 1, 2019, once a six-year grant is awarded,  
204.9 the commissioner shall ensure funds are available for all six years of the grant.

204.10 (b) The commissioner of education shall specify the form and manner of the grant  
204.11 application. In awarding grants, the commissioner must give priority to schools in which  
204.12 student support services personnel positions do not currently exist. To the extent practicable,  
204.13 the commissioner must award grants equally between applicants in metro counties and  
204.14 nonmetro counties. Additional criteria must include at least the following:

204.15 (1) existing student support services personnel caseloads;

204.16 (2) school demographics;

204.17 (3) Title I revenue;

204.18 (4) Minnesota student survey data;

204.19 (5) graduation rates; and

204.20 (6) postsecondary completion rates.

204.21 Sec. 15. **SEXUAL HEALTH EDUCATION REPORT.**

204.22 The commissioner of education must submit a report to the committees of the legislature  
204.23 having jurisdiction over kindergarten through grade 12 education on the sexual health  
204.24 education program required under Minnesota Statutes, section 120B.211. The report must  
204.25 include:

204.26 (1) a description of how the model sexual health education program or programs were  
204.27 identified;

204.28 (2) assistance provided to school districts and charter schools implementing a sexual  
204.29 health education program;

205.1 (3) the number of school districts and charter schools that adopted each model program;  
205.2 and

205.3 (4) a list of the school districts and charter schools that did not adopt the model program.

205.4 The commissioner must submit the report no later than January 15, 2022, and must submit  
205.5 the report in accordance with Minnesota Statutes, section 3.195.

205.6 **Sec. 16. WORKING GROUP ON LINKS BETWEEN HEALTH DISPARITIES**  
205.7 **AND EDUCATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT FOR CHILDREN FROM AMERICAN**  
205.8 **INDIAN COMMUNITIES AND COMMUNITIES OF COLOR; REPORT.**

205.9 Subdivision 1. Working group established. (a) The commissioner of health, in  
205.10 consultation with the commissioner of education, must convene one or more working groups  
205.11 to:

205.12 (1) examine the links between health disparities and disparities in educational achievement  
205.13 for children from American Indian communities and communities of color; and

205.14 (2) develop recommendations for programs, services, or funding to address health  
205.15 disparities and decrease disparities in educational achievement for children from American  
205.16 Indian communities and communities of color.

205.17 (b) Membership in the working group must include persons from American Indian  
205.18 communities in Minnesota and communities of color in Minnesota and representatives from:

205.19 (1) organizations that represent American Indian communities or communities of color  
205.20 and children from American Indian communities or communities of color;

205.21 (2) community health boards;

205.22 (3) one or more organizations representing teachers;

205.23 (4) an organization representing school nurses;

205.24 (5) federally qualified health centers;

205.25 (6) school-based health clinics;

205.26 (7) pediatricians and other health care providers who provide health care services to  
205.27 children from American Indian communities or communities of color;

205.28 (8) organizations with knowledge and expertise regarding specific health disparities  
205.29 experienced by American Indian communities or one or more communities of color; and

206.1 (9) other experts and organizations designated by the commissioner of health or  
206.2 commissioner of education.

206.3 Subd. 2. **Duties.** The working group must:

206.4 (1) identify and examine health disparities experienced by children from American  
206.5 Indian communities or one or more communities of color, including disparities in mental  
206.6 and emotional health, chronic health conditions, and physical health conditions that contribute  
206.7 to chronic health conditions;

206.8 (2) identify and examine disparities in educational achievement for children from  
206.9 American Indian communities or one or more communities of color, including but not  
206.10 limited to disparities in third grade literacy rates, proficiency in mathematics, rates of  
206.11 graduation from secondary school, attendance and absentee rates, and rates at which children  
206.12 change schools during the school year;

206.13 (3) identify particular health disparities experienced by children from American Indian  
206.14 communities or one or more communities of color that have the greatest impacts on one or  
206.15 more of the particular disparities in educational achievement identified in clause (2);

206.16 (4) identify disparities in the ability of these communities to access health services;

206.17 (5) identify new or existing programs or services or recommend additional funding that  
206.18 would be most effective in addressing the health disparities identified in clause (3) and the  
206.19 disparities in accessing the health services identified in clause (4), and that would have the  
206.20 greatest impact on decreasing disparities in educational achievement; and

206.21 (6) by February 15, 2020, report to the members of the legislative committees with  
206.22 jurisdiction over health and education on disparities in health and educational achievement  
206.23 examined by the working group and make recommendations for programs, services, and  
206.24 funding that would be most effective in addressing these health disparities and decreasing  
206.25 disparities in educational achievement for children from American Indian communities and  
206.26 communities of color.

206.27 Subd. 3. **Administrative support.** The commissioner of health must provide  
206.28 administrative support and meeting space for the working group.

206.29 Subd. 4. **Compensation and reimbursement for expenses.** Compensation and  
206.30 reimbursement for expenses for the working group members are governed by Minnesota  
206.31 Statutes, section 15.059, subdivision 6.

206.32 Subd. 5. **Expiration.** The working group expires on March 1, 2020, or upon submission  
206.33 of the report required under subdivision 2, clause (6), whichever is later.

207.1 Sec. 17. APPROPRIATIONS.

207.2 Subdivision 1. Department of Education. The sums indicated in this section are  
 207.3 appropriated from the general fund to the Department of Education for the specified purposes.

207.4 Subd. 2. Safe schools aid. (a) For safe schools aid under Minnesota Statutes, section  
 207.5 126C.44:

207.6 \$ 5,769,000 ..... 2020

207.7 \$ 18,601,000 ..... 2021

207.8 (b) For fiscal year 2020 only, each district's safe schools state aid equals its safe schools  
 207.9 revenue for fiscal year 2020 minus the safe schools levy certified by the school district for  
 207.10 taxes payable in 2019.

207.11 Subd. 3. Support our students grant program. (a) For grants to eligible schools under  
 207.12 the support our students grant program:

207.13 \$ 5,000,000 ..... 2020

207.14 \$ 5,000,000 ..... 2021

207.15 (b) To the extent practicable, the commissioner shall ensure funds are available in each  
 207.16 year of the six-year grant period to each qualifying entity. Up to \$100,000 in each fiscal  
 207.17 year may be retained by the commissioner for administration of the grant program.

207.18 (c) Any balance in the first year does not cancel but is available in the second year. This  
 207.19 is a onetime appropriation.

207.20 Subd. 4. Title IX training and compliance. For costs related to sexual harassment and  
 207.21 sex discrimination training and compliance under Minnesota Statutes, section 121A.032:

207.22 \$ 145,000 ..... 2020

207.23 \$ 147,000 ..... 2021

207.24 Any balance in the first year does not cancel but is available in the second year.

207.25 Subd. 5. Innovative mental health grants; level 4 programs. (a) For transfer to the  
 207.26 commissioner of human services for additional school-linked mental health grants:

207.27 \$ 2,700,000 ..... 2020

207.28 \$ 2,700,000 ..... 2021

207.29 (b) Of the appropriations in paragraph (a), the commissioner of human services must  
 207.30 first award grants to eligible providers for programs established under Laws 2017, First  
 207.31 Special Session chapter 5, article 2, section 56. The commissioner may award any remaining  
 207.32 funds to eligible providers serving students in other federal instructional level 4 programs.

208.1 (c) The commissioner of human services may designate a portion of the awards granted  
 208.2 under this subdivision for school staff development activities for licensed and unlicensed  
 208.3 staff supporting families in meeting their children's needs, including assistance navigating  
 208.4 the health care, social service, and juvenile justice systems.

208.5 (d) Any balance in the first year does not cancel but is available in the second year.

208.6 Subd. 6. **Trauma-informed school incentive aid.** (a) For grants to fund trauma-informed  
 208.7 and systematic professional development for all staff who work with students, including all  
 208.8 administration, to support students with adverse childhood experiences, and to promote  
 208.9 restorative practices and nonexclusionary discipline in school districts and charter schools:

208.10       \$       3,000,000   ..... 2020

208.11       \$       3,000,000   ..... 2021

208.12 (b) Of the appropriations in paragraph (a), \$150,000 per year is for each of 20 selected  
 208.13 school sites.

208.14 (c) The commissioner must select schools to receive grant funds. Preference must be  
 208.15 given to schools identified for comprehensive support under the Every Student Succeeds  
 208.16 Act, schools within districts with large discipline disparities identified by the Minnesota  
 208.17 Department of Human Rights, or schools without a quality compensation plan or other plan  
 208.18 under Minnesota Statutes, section 122A.40, subdivision 8, or 122A.41, subdivision 5. The  
 208.19 commissioner must provide grant recipients with a list of all grant recipients and facilitate  
 208.20 communication among recipients to encourage recipients to share best practices.

208.21 (d) Trauma-informed support program plans and allocation of grant funds must be  
 208.22 negotiated by the school district and the exclusive representative of the teachers. Plans to  
 208.23 implement trauma-informed support programs may include:

208.24 (1) hiring social workers, counselors, school psychologists, nurses, paraprofessionals,  
 208.25 or trauma coaches;

208.26 (2) mentoring programs;

208.27 (3) extra professional development days;

208.28 (4) family home visiting programs; or

208.29 (5) other outreach to students or families who have experienced trauma or adverse  
 208.30 childhood experiences.

208.31 (e) A school district that receives a grant under this subdivision and the exclusive  
 208.32 representative of teachers in the district must:



209.1 (1) assess the outcomes of the grant. The assessment must include data on suspensions  
209.2 and expulsions, attendance, and academic achievement and growth; and

209.3 (2) report to the commissioner on efforts to share best practices with other grant recipients.

209.4 (f) Any balance in the first year does not cancel but is available in the second year.

209.5 **Subd. 7. Working group on links between health disparities and educational**

209.6 **achievement.** (a) For transfer to the commissioner of health for purposes of the working

209.7 group examining links between health disparities and disparities in educational achievement

209.8 for children from American Indian communities and communities of color and the report

209.9 with recommendations to address disparities:

209.10 §           143,000     .....   2020

209.11 (b) Any balance in the first year does not cancel but is available in the second year. This  
209.12 is a onetime appropriation.

209.13 **Sec. 18. REVISOR INSTRUCTION.**

209.14 The revisor of statutes shall codify Laws 2016, chapter 189, article 25, section 56, as

209.15 amended, as Minnesota Statutes, section 121A.395, in the next publication of Minnesota

209.16 Statutes.

209.17 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 1, 2019.

## 209.18 **ARTICLE 6**

### 209.19 **FACILITIES, FUND TRANSFERS, AND ACCOUNTING**

209.20 **Section 1.** Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 121A.335, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

209.21 **Subd. 3. Frequency of testing.** (a) The plan under subdivision 2 must include a testing  
209.22 schedule for every building serving prekindergarten through grade 12 students. The schedule  
209.23 must require that each building be tested at least once every five years. A school district or  
209.24 charter school must begin testing school buildings by July 1, 2018, and complete testing of  
209.25 all buildings that serve students within five years.

209.26 (b) A school district or charter school that finds lead at a specific location providing  
209.27 cooking or drinking water within a facility must formulate, make publicly available, and  
209.28 implement a plan that is consistent with established guidelines and recommendations to  
209.29 ensure that student exposure to lead is minimized. This includes, when a school district or  
209.30 charter school finds the presence of lead at a level where action should be taken as set by

210.1 the guidance in any water source that can provide cooking or drinking water, immediately  
210.2 shutting off the water source or making it unavailable until the hazard has been minimized.

210.3 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 1, 2019.

210.4 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 121A.335, subdivision 5, is amended to read:

210.5 Subd. 5. **Reporting.** A school district or charter school that has tested its buildings for  
210.6 the presence of lead shall make the results of the testing available to the public for review  
210.7 and must notify parents of the availability of the information. School districts and charter  
210.8 schools must follow the actions outlined in guidance from the commissioners of health and  
210.9 education. If a test conducted under subdivision 3, paragraph (a), reveals the presence of  
210.10 lead, the school district or charter must, within 30 days of receiving the test result, directly  
210.11 notify parents of the test result and whether the level of lead was above or below the level  
210.12 set in guidance by the state. The school district or charter school must make the water source  
210.13 unavailable until the hazard has been minimized.

210.14 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 1, 2019.

210.15 Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 123B.52, subdivision 6, is amended to read:

210.16 Subd. 6. **Disposing of surplus school computers.** (a) Notwithstanding section 471.345,  
210.17 governing school district contracts made upon sealed bid or otherwise complying with the  
210.18 requirements for competitive bidding, other provisions of this section governing school  
210.19 district contracts, or other law to the contrary, a school district under this subdivision may  
210.20 dispose of school computers, including a tablet device.

210.21 (b) A school district may dispose of a surplus school computer and related equipment  
210.22 if the district disposes of the surplus property by conveying the property and title to:

210.23 (1) another school district;

210.24 (2) the state Department of Corrections;

210.25 (3) the Board of Trustees of the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities; or

210.26 (4) the family of a student residing in the district whose total family income meets the  
210.27 federal definition of poverty.

210.28 (c) If surplus school computers are not disposed of under paragraph (b), upon adoption  
210.29 of a written resolution of the school board, when updating or replacing school computers,  
210.30 including tablet devices, used primarily by students, a school district may sell or give used  
210.31 computers or tablets to qualifying students at the price specified in the written resolution.

211.1 A student is eligible to apply to the school board for a computer or tablet under this  
211.2 subdivision if the student is currently enrolled in the school and intends to enroll in the  
211.3 school in the year following the receipt of the computer or tablet. If more students apply  
211.4 for computers or tablets than are available, the school must first qualify students whose  
211.5 families are eligible for free or reduced-price meals, and then dispose of the remaining  
211.6 computers or tablets by lottery.

211.7 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 1, 2019.

211.8 Sec. 4. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 123B.571, is amended to read:

211.9 **123B.571 RADON TESTING.**

211.10 Subdivision 1. **Voluntary Plan.** The commissioners of health and education may jointly  
211.11 develop a plan to encourage school districts and charter schools to accurately and efficiently  
211.12 test for the presence of radon in public school buildings serving students in kindergarten  
211.13 through grade 12. For purposes of this section, buildings also include the Minnesota State  
211.14 Academies in Faribault and the Perpich Center for Arts Education in Golden Valley. To the  
211.15 extent possible, the commissioners ~~shall~~ must base the plan on the standards established by  
211.16 the United States Environmental Protection Agency.

211.17 Subd. 2. **Radon testing.** A school district may include radon testing as a part of its  
211.18 ten-year facility plan under section 123B.595, subdivision 4. If a school district receives  
211.19 authority to use long-term facilities maintenance revenue to conduct radon testing, the  
211.20 district shall conduct the testing according to the radon testing plan developed by the  
211.21 commissioners of health and education.

211.22 Subd. 3. **Reporting.** A school district ~~that has tested~~ or charter school must test its school  
211.23 buildings for the presence of radon shall and must report the results of its tests to the  
211.24 Department of Health in a form and manner prescribed by the commissioner of health. A  
211.25 school district that has tested for the presence of radon shall must also report the results of  
211.26 its testing at a school board meeting, make the results of the testing available to the public  
211.27 for review, and notify parents of the availability of the information.

211.28 Subd. 4. **Testing requirements.** (a) A school district or charter school must adopt a  
211.29 radon testing schedule requiring a short-term or long-term test be conducted in every building  
211.30 serving students at least once every five years. A school district or charter school must begin  
211.31 testing school buildings by July 1, 2020, and complete testing of all buildings that serve  
211.32 students within five years.

212.1 (b) Tests must be conducted with certified radon testing devices as listed by either the  
212.2 National Radon Proficiency Program or the National Radon Safety Board. Tests must test  
212.3 all frequently occupied rooms with ground contact and rooms immediately above unoccupied  
212.4 spaces that are in contact with the ground, such as crawl spaces and tunnels.

212.5 (c) If a radon test shows that a frequently occupied room has a radon level at or above  
212.6 four picocuries per liter, a school district or charter school must mitigate or take corrective  
212.7 action, and retest after corrective measures to show radon reductions. A school district or  
212.8 charter school must follow the Radon Mitigation Standards for Schools and Large Buildings  
212.9 released by the American National Standards Institute/American Association of Radon  
212.10 Scientists and Technologists. The district or charter school must conduct follow-up testing  
212.11 within two years.

212.12 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 1, 2019.

212.13 Sec. 5. **[123B.651] ENERGY USE REDUCTION AND REPORTING FOR PUBLIC**  
212.14 **SCHOOLS.**

212.15 Beginning October 1, 2019, each public school or school district reporting on behalf of  
212.16 a public school may enter and maintain monthly utility consumption data into the Minnesota  
212.17 B3 benchmarking program for all buildings under its custodial control. Reporting by a third  
212.18 party, including automatic reporting by an electric or gas utility, may be used to meet this  
212.19 requirement. A school or school district must not be penalized for failure to comply with  
212.20 this section.

212.21 Sec. 6. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 124E.03, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

212.22 Subd. 2. **Certain federal, state, and local requirements.** (a) A charter school shall  
212.23 meet all federal, state, and local health and safety requirements applicable to school districts.

212.24 (b) A school must comply with statewide accountability requirements governing standards  
212.25 and assessments in chapter 120B.

212.26 (c) A charter school must comply with the Minnesota Public School Fee Law, sections  
212.27 123B.34 to 123B.39.

212.28 (d) A charter school is a district for the purposes of tort liability under chapter 466.

212.29 (e) A charter school must comply with the Pledge of Allegiance requirement under  
212.30 section 121A.11, subdivision 3.

213.1 (f) A charter school and charter school board of directors must comply with chapter 181  
213.2 governing requirements for employment.

213.3 (g) A charter school must comply with continuing truant notification under section  
213.4 260A.03.

213.5 (h) A charter school must develop and implement a teacher evaluation and peer review  
213.6 process under section 122A.40, subdivision 8, paragraph (b), clauses (2) to (13), and place  
213.7 students in classrooms in accordance with section 122A.40, subdivision 8, paragraph (d).  
213.8 The teacher evaluation process in this paragraph does not create any additional employment  
213.9 rights for teachers.

213.10 (i) A charter school must adopt a policy, plan, budget, and process, consistent with  
213.11 section 120B.11, to review curriculum, instruction, and student achievement and strive for  
213.12 the world's best workforce.

213.13 (j) A charter school is subject to and must comply with the Pupil Fair Dismissal Act,  
213.14 sections 121A.40 to 121A.56.

213.15 (k) A charter school is subject to and must comply with the uniform municipal contracting  
213.16 law according to section 471.345 in the same manner as school districts.

213.17 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 1, 2019.

213.18 Sec. 7. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 126C.40, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

213.19 Subdivision 1. **To lease building or land.** (a) When an independent or a special school  
213.20 district or a group of independent or special school districts finds it economically  
213.21 advantageous to rent or lease a building or land for any instructional purposes or for school  
213.22 storage or furniture repair, and it determines that the operating capital revenue authorized  
213.23 under section 126C.10, subdivision 13, is insufficient for this purpose, it may apply to the  
213.24 commissioner for permission to make an additional capital expenditure levy for this purpose.  
213.25 An application for permission to levy under this subdivision must contain financial  
213.26 justification for the proposed levy, the terms and conditions of the proposed lease, and a  
213.27 description of the space to be leased and its proposed use.

213.28 (b) The criteria for approval of applications to levy under this subdivision must include:  
213.29 the reasonableness of the price, the appropriateness of the space to the proposed activity,  
213.30 the feasibility of transporting pupils to the leased building or land, conformity of the lease  
213.31 to the laws and rules of the state of Minnesota, and the appropriateness of the proposed  
213.32 lease to the space needs and the financial condition of the district. The commissioner must  
213.33 not authorize a levy under this subdivision in an amount greater than the cost to the district

214.1 of renting or leasing a building or land for approved purposes. The proceeds of this levy  
214.2 must not be used for custodial or other maintenance services. A district may not levy under  
214.3 this subdivision for the purpose of leasing or renting a district-owned building or site to  
214.4 itself.

214.5 (c) For agreements finalized after July 1, 1997, a district may not levy under this  
214.6 subdivision for the purpose of leasing: (1) a newly constructed building used primarily for  
214.7 regular kindergarten, elementary, or secondary instruction; or (2) a newly constructed  
214.8 building addition or additions used primarily for regular kindergarten, elementary, or  
214.9 secondary instruction that contains more than 20 percent of the square footage of the  
214.10 previously existing building.

214.11 (d) Notwithstanding paragraph (b), a district may levy under this subdivision for the  
214.12 purpose of leasing or renting a district-owned building or site to itself only if the amount is  
214.13 needed by the district to make payments required by a lease purchase agreement, installment  
214.14 purchase agreement, or other deferred payments agreement authorized by law, and the levy  
214.15 meets the requirements of paragraph (c). A levy authorized for a district by the commissioner  
214.16 under this paragraph may be in the amount needed by the district to make payments required  
214.17 by a lease purchase agreement, installment purchase agreement, or other deferred payments  
214.18 agreement authorized by law, provided that any agreement include a provision giving the  
214.19 school districts the right to terminate the agreement annually without penalty.

214.20 (e) Except as provided in paragraph (j), the total levy under this subdivision for a district  
214.21 for any year must not exceed \$212 times the adjusted pupil units for the fiscal year to which  
214.22 the levy is attributable.

214.23 (f) For agreements for which a review and comment have been submitted to the  
214.24 Department of Education after April 1, 1998, the term "instructional purpose" as used in  
214.25 this subdivision excludes expenditures on stadiums.

214.26 (g) The commissioner of education may authorize a school district to exceed the limit  
214.27 in paragraph (e) if the school district petitions the commissioner for approval. The  
214.28 commissioner shall grant approval to a school district to exceed the limit in paragraph (e)  
214.29 for not more than five years if the district meets the following criteria:

214.30 (1) the school district has been experiencing pupil enrollment growth in the preceding  
214.31 five years;

214.32 (2) the purpose of the increased levy is in the long-term public interest;

214.33 (3) the purpose of the increased levy promotes collocation of government services; and

215.1 (4) the purpose of the increased levy is in the long-term interest of the district by avoiding  
215.2 over construction of school facilities.

215.3 (h) A school district that is a member of an intermediate school district or other  
215.4 cooperative unit under section 123A.24, subdivision 2, or a joint powers district under  
215.5 section 471.59 may include in its authority under this section the costs associated with leases  
215.6 of administrative and classroom space for ~~intermediate school district~~ programs of the  
215.7 intermediate school district or other cooperative unit under section 123A.24, subdivision  
215.8 2, or joint powers district under section 471.59. This authority must not exceed \$65 times  
215.9 the adjusted pupil units of the member districts. This authority is in addition to any other  
215.10 authority authorized under this section. The intermediate school district, other cooperative  
215.11 unit, or joint powers district may specify which member districts will levy for lease costs  
215.12 under this paragraph.

215.13 ~~(i) In addition to the allowable capital levies in paragraph (a), for taxes payable in 2012~~  
215.14 ~~to 2023, a district that is a member of the "Technology and Information Education Systems"~~  
215.15 ~~data processing joint board, that finds it economically advantageous to enter into a lease~~  
215.16 ~~agreement to finance improvements to a building and land for a group of school districts~~  
215.17 ~~or special school districts for staff development purposes, may levy for its portion of lease~~  
215.18 ~~costs attributed to the district within the total levy limit in paragraph (e). The total levy~~  
215.19 ~~authority under this paragraph shall not exceed \$632,000.~~

215.20 ~~(j)~~ (i) Notwithstanding paragraph (a), a district may levy under this subdivision for the  
215.21 purpose of leasing administrative space if the district can demonstrate to the satisfaction of  
215.22 the commissioner that the lease cost for the administrative space is no greater than the lease  
215.23 cost for instructional space that the district would otherwise lease. The commissioner must  
215.24 deny this levy authority unless the district passes a resolution stating its intent to lease  
215.25 instructional space under this section if the commissioner does not grant authority under  
215.26 this paragraph. The resolution must also certify that the lease cost for administrative space  
215.27 under this paragraph is no greater than the lease cost for the district's proposed instructional  
215.28 lease.

215.29 (j) For taxes payable in 2024 and later, a school district that qualifies for secondary  
215.30 sparsity revenue under section 126C.10, subdivision 7, and operates more than two high  
215.31 schools, annually may levy not more than \$500 times the adjusted pupil units for the fiscal  
215.32 year to which the levy is attributable for the purposes of this subdivision.

215.33 (k) Notwithstanding paragraph (a), for taxes payable in 2020 and later, a district may  
215.34 levy under this subdivision for the district's proportionate share of deferred maintenance

216.1 expenditures for a district-owned building or site leased to a cooperative unit under section  
216.2 123A.24, subdivision 2, or a joint powers district under section 471.59 for any instructional  
216.3 purposes or for school storage.

216.4 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective for taxes payable in 2020 and later.

216.5 Sec. 8. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 471.59, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

216.6 Subdivision 1. **Agreement.** (a) Two or more governmental units, by agreement entered  
216.7 into through action of their governing bodies, may jointly or cooperatively exercise any  
216.8 power common to the contracting parties or any similar powers, including those which are  
216.9 the same except for the territorial limits within which they may be exercised. The agreement  
216.10 may provide for the exercise of such powers by one or more of the participating governmental  
216.11 units on behalf of the other participating units.

216.12 (b) The term "governmental unit" as used in this section includes every city, county,  
216.13 town, school district, service cooperative under section 123A.21, independent nonprofit  
216.14 firefighting corporation, other political subdivision of this or another state, another state,  
216.15 federally recognized Indian tribe, the University of Minnesota, the Minnesota Historical  
216.16 Society, nonprofit hospitals licensed under sections 144.50 to 144.56, rehabilitation facilities  
216.17 and extended employment providers that are certified by the commissioner of employment  
216.18 and economic development, day and supported employment services licensed under chapter  
216.19 245D, and any agency of the state of Minnesota or the United States, and includes any  
216.20 instrumentality of a governmental unit. For the purpose of this section, an instrumentality  
216.21 of a governmental unit means an instrumentality having independent policy-making and  
216.22 appropriating authority.

216.23 Sec. 9. **FUND TRANSFERS.**

216.24 Subdivision 1. **Truman.** (a) Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes, section 123B.79,  
216.25 123B.80, or 124D.135, on June 30, 2019, Independent School District No. 458, Truman,  
216.26 may permanently transfer up to \$65,000 from the early childhood and family education  
216.27 reserve account in the community service fund to the undesignated general fund.

216.28 (b) Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes, section 123B.79, 123B.80, or 124D.16, on June  
216.29 30, 2019, Independent School District No. 458, Truman, may permanently transfer up to  
216.30 \$45,000 from the school readiness reserve account in the community service fund to the  
216.31 undesignated general fund.



217.1 Subd. 2. **Minnetonka.** Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes, section 123B.79, 123B.80,  
217.2 or 124D.20, subdivision 10, on June 30, 2019, Independent School District No. 276,  
217.3 Minnetonka, may permanently transfer up to \$3,300,000 from its community education  
217.4 reserve fund balance to its reserved for operating capital account in the general fund. The  
217.5 transferred funds must be used only to design, construct, furnish, and equip an early childhood  
217.6 classroom addition.

217.7 Subd. 3. **Hopkins.** (a) Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes, section 123B.79, 123B.80,  
217.8 or 124D.20, subdivision 10, on June 30, 2019, Independent School District No. 270, Hopkins,  
217.9 may permanently transfer up to \$500,000 from its community education reserve fund balance  
217.10 to its reserved for operating capital account in the general fund.

217.11 (b) The transfer funds must be used only to design, construct, furnish, and equip an early  
217.12 childhood classroom addition.

217.13 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.

217.14 Sec. 10. **SCHOOL PROGRAM COMBINATION; HOPKINS SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
217.15 **AND CHARTER SCHOOL.**

217.16 Subdivision 1. **Combination authorized.** Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, the  
217.17 boards of Independent School District No. 270, Hopkins, and the charter school, may convert  
217.18 a charter school's program to a school district program by mutually adopting a written  
217.19 resolution authorizing the combination. The written resolution must be submitted to the  
217.20 charter school's authorizer and the commissioner of education at least eight months prior  
217.21 to the combination. The effective date of the combination must be no earlier than July 1,  
217.22 2020, or later than July 1, 2024.

217.23 Subd. 2. **Closing books.** A charter school located within the geographic boundaries of  
217.24 Independent School District No. 270, Hopkins, that chooses to combine with the school  
217.25 district, must prepare and submit separate year-end reports for its last school year of operation  
217.26 prior to combination. In addition, Independent School District No. 270, Hopkins, and the  
217.27 charter school must provide any other information necessary for the combination to the  
217.28 commissioner of education in the form and manner specified by the commissioner.

217.29 Subd. 3. **Calculation of aids.** For any site-level school aids based on prior year data,  
217.30 the Department of Education may use the data for the charter school's last year of operations  
217.31 for the program's new site as a part of Independent School District No. 270, Hopkins.

217.32 Subd. 4. **Funds transferred.** The charter school must transfer its fund balances, assets,  
217.33 and liabilities to Independent School District No. 270, Hopkins, on the day of the

218.1 combination. Independent School District No. 270, Hopkins, must commit these funds and  
 218.2 spend them only for the benefit of the program operated by the district.

218.3 Subd. 5. **Affiliated building corporation.** The affiliated building corporation of the  
 218.4 charter school may transfer any of its remaining funds, including those from the sale of its  
 218.5 property, to Independent School District No. 270, Hopkins, and the school district must  
 218.6 commit any amounts transferred for the benefit of the program operated by the district.

218.7 Subd. 6. **Levy.** In addition to its other school property tax levies, Independent School  
 218.8 District No. 270, Hopkins, may levy on net tax capacity an amount not to exceed \$50,000  
 218.9 per year for taxes payable in 2020 through taxes payable in 2024.

218.10 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.

218.11 Sec. 11. **APPROPRIATIONS.**

218.12 Subdivision 1. **Department of Education.** The sums indicated in this section are  
 218.13 appropriated from the general fund to the Department of Education for the fiscal years  
 218.14 designated.

218.15 Subd. 2. **Debt service equalization aid.** For debt service equalization aid under  
 218.16 Minnesota Statutes, section 123B.53, subdivision 6:

218.17 \$ 20,684,000 ..... 2020

218.18 \$ 20,363,000 ..... 2021

218.19 The 2020 appropriation includes \$2,292,000 for 2019 and \$18,392,000 for 2020.

218.20 The 2021 appropriation includes \$2,043,000 for 2020 and \$18,320,000 for 2021.

218.21 Subd. 3. **Long-term facilities maintenance equalized aid.** For long-term facilities  
 218.22 maintenance equalized aid under Minnesota Statutes, section 123B.595, subdivision 9:

218.23 \$ 105,315,000 ..... 2020

218.24 \$ 108,276,000 ..... 2021

218.25 The 2020 appropriation includes \$10,464,000 for 2019 and \$94,851,000 for 2020.

218.26 The 2021 appropriation includes \$10,539,000 for 2020 and \$97,737,000 for 2021.

218.27 Subd. 4. **Equity in telecommunications access.** (a) For equity in telecommunications  
 218.28 access:

218.29 \$ 3,750,000 ..... 2020

218.30 \$ 3,750,000 ..... 2021

219.1 (b) If the appropriation amount is insufficient, the commissioner shall reduce the  
 219.2 reimbursement rate in Minnesota Statutes, section 125B.26, subdivisions 4 and 5, and the  
 219.3 revenue for fiscal years 2020 and 2021 shall be prorated.

219.4 (c) Any balance in the first year does not cancel but is available in the second year.

219.5 Subd. 5. **Early repayment aid incentive.** (a) For incentive grants for a district that  
 219.6 repaid the full outstanding original principal on its capital loan by November 30, 2016,  
 219.7 under Laws 2011, First Special Session chapter 11, article 4, section 8, as amended by Laws  
 219.8 2016, chapter 189, article 30, section 22:

219.9	\$	<u>2,350,000</u>	<u>.....</u>	<u>2020</u>
219.10	\$	<u>2,350,000</u>	<u>.....</u>	<u>2021</u>

219.11 (b) Of this amount, \$150,000 is for a grant to Independent School District No. 36,  
 219.12 Kelliher; \$180,000 is for a grant to Independent School District No. 95, Cromwell; \$495,000  
 219.13 is for a grant to Independent School District No. 299, Caledonia; \$220,000 is for a grant to  
 219.14 Independent School District No. 306, Laporte; \$150,000 is for a grant to Independent School  
 219.15 District No. 362, Littlefork; \$650,000 is for a grant to Independent School District No. 682,  
 219.16 Roseau; and \$505,000 is for a grant to Independent School District No. 2580, East Central.

219.17 (c) The grant may be used for any school-related purpose.

219.18 (d) The base for fiscal year 2022 is \$0.

219.19 Subd. 6. **Maximum effort loan aid.** For aid payments to schools under Minnesota  
 219.20 Statutes, section 477A.09.

219.21	\$	<u>3,291,000</u>	<u>.....</u>	<u>2020</u>
219.22	\$	<u>3,291,000</u>	<u>.....</u>	<u>2021</u>

219.23 The base for fiscal year 2022 is \$3,291,000 and the base for fiscal year 2023 is \$0.

219.24 **ARTICLE 7**

219.25 **NUTRITION AND LIBRARIES**

219.26 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 124D.111, is amended to read:

219.27 **124D.111 SCHOOL MEALS POLICIES; LUNCH AID; FOOD SERVICE**  
 219.28 **ACCOUNTING.**

219.29 Subdivision 1. ~~School lunch aid computation~~ **meals policies.** (a) Each Minnesota  
 219.30 participant in the national school lunch program must adopt and post to its website, or the  
 219.31 website of the organization where the meal is served, a school meals policy.

220.1 (b) The policy must be in writing and clearly communicate student meal charges when  
220.2 payment cannot be collected at the point of service. The policy must be reasonable and  
220.3 well-defined and maintain the dignity of students by prohibiting lunch shaming or otherwise  
220.4 ostracizing the student.

220.5 (c) The policy must address whether the participant uses a collection agency to collect  
220.6 unpaid school meals debt.

220.7 (d) The policy must ensure that once a participant has placed a meal on a tray or otherwise  
220.8 served the meal to a student, the meal may not be subsequently withdrawn from the student  
220.9 by the cashier or other school official, whether or not the student has an outstanding meals  
220.10 balance.

220.11 (e) The policy must ensure that a student who has been determined eligible for free and  
220.12 reduced-price lunch must always be served a reimbursable meal even if the student has an  
220.13 outstanding debt.

220.14 (f) If a school contracts with a third party for its meal services, it must provide the vendor  
220.15 with its school meals policy. Any contract between the school and a third-party provider  
220.16 entered into or modified after July 1, 2019, must ensure that the third-party provider adheres  
220.17 to the participant's school meals policy.

220.18 **Subd. 1a. School lunch aid amounts.** Each school year, the state must pay participants  
220.19 in the national school lunch program the amount of 12.5 cents for each full paid and free  
220.20 student lunch and 52.5 cents for each reduced-price lunch served to students.

220.21 **Subd. 2. Application.** A school district, charter school, nonpublic school, or other  
220.22 participant in the national school lunch program shall apply to the department for this  
220.23 payment on forms provided by the department.

220.24 **Subd. 2a. Federal child and adult care food program; criteria and notice.** The  
220.25 commissioner must post on the department's website eligibility criteria and application  
220.26 information for nonprofit organizations interested in applying to the commissioner for  
220.27 approval as a multisite sponsoring organization under the federal child and adult care food  
220.28 program. The posted criteria and information must inform interested nonprofit organizations  
220.29 about:

220.30 (1) the criteria the commissioner uses to approve or disapprove an application, including  
220.31 how an applicant demonstrates financial viability for the Minnesota program, among other  
220.32 criteria;

221.1 (2) the commissioner's process and time line for notifying an applicant when its  
221.2 application is approved or disapproved and, if the application is disapproved, the explanation  
221.3 the commissioner provides to the applicant; and

221.4 (3) any appeal or other recourse available to a disapproved applicant.

221.5 Subd. 3. **School food service fund.** (a) The expenses described in this subdivision must  
221.6 be recorded as provided in this subdivision.

221.7 (b) In each district, the expenses for a school food service program for pupils must be  
221.8 attributed to a school food service fund. Under a food service program, the school food  
221.9 service may prepare or serve milk, meals, or snacks in connection with school or community  
221.10 service activities.

221.11 (c) Revenues and expenditures for food service activities must be recorded in the food  
221.12 service fund. The costs of processing applications, accounting for meals, preparing and  
221.13 serving food, providing kitchen custodial services, and other expenses involving the preparing  
221.14 of meals or the kitchen section of the lunchroom may be charged to the food service fund  
221.15 or to the general fund of the district. The costs of lunchroom supervision, lunchroom custodial  
221.16 services, lunchroom utilities, and other administrative costs of the food service program  
221.17 must be charged to the general fund.

221.18 That portion of superintendent and fiscal manager costs that can be documented as  
221.19 attributable to the food service program may be charged to the food service fund provided  
221.20 that the school district does not employ or contract with a food service director or other  
221.21 individual who manages the food service program, or food service management company.  
221.22 If the cost of the superintendent or fiscal manager is charged to the food service fund, the  
221.23 charge must be at a wage rate not to exceed the statewide average for food service directors  
221.24 as determined by the department.

221.25 (d) Capital expenditures for the purchase of food service equipment must be made from  
221.26 the general fund and not the food service fund, unless the restricted balance in the food  
221.27 service fund at the end of the last fiscal year is greater than the cost of the equipment to be  
221.28 purchased.

221.29 (e) If the condition set out in paragraph (d) applies, the equipment may be purchased  
221.30 from the food service fund.

221.31 (f) If a deficit in the food service fund exists at the end of a fiscal year, and the deficit  
221.32 is not eliminated by revenues from food service operations in the next fiscal year, then the  
221.33 deficit must be eliminated by a permanent fund transfer from the general fund at the end of

222.1 that second fiscal year. However, if a district contracts with a food service management  
222.2 company during the period in which the deficit has accrued, the deficit must be eliminated  
222.3 by a payment from the food service management company.

222.4 (g) Notwithstanding paragraph (f), a district may incur a deficit in the food service fund  
222.5 for up to three years without making the permanent transfer if the district submits to the  
222.6 commissioner by January 1 of the second fiscal year a plan for eliminating that deficit at  
222.7 the end of the third fiscal year.

222.8 (h) If a surplus in the food service fund exists at the end of a fiscal year for three  
222.9 successive years, a district may recode for that fiscal year the costs of lunchroom supervision,  
222.10 lunchroom custodial services, lunchroom utilities, and other administrative costs of the food  
222.11 service program charged to the general fund according to paragraph (c) and charge those  
222.12 costs to the food service fund in a total amount not to exceed the amount of surplus in the  
222.13 food service fund.

222.14 Subd. 4. **No fees.** A participant that receives school lunch aid under this section must  
222.15 make lunch available without charge and must not deny a school lunch to all participating  
222.16 students who qualify for free or reduced-price meals, whether or not that student has an  
222.17 outstanding balance in the student's meals account attributable to a la carte purchases or for  
222.18 any other reason.

222.19 Subd. 5. **Respectful treatment.** (a) The participant must also provide meals to students  
222.20 in a respectful manner according to the policy adopted under subdivision 1. The participant  
222.21 must ensure that any reminders for payment of outstanding student meal balances do not  
222.22 demean or stigmatize any child participating in the school lunch program-, including but  
222.23 not limited to dumping meals, withdrawing a meal that has been served, announcing or  
222.24 listing students names publicly, or affixing stickers, stamps, or pins. The participant must  
222.25 not impose any other restriction prohibited under section 123B.37 due to unpaid student  
222.26 meal balances. The participant must not limit a student's participation in any school activities,  
222.27 graduation ceremonies or other graduation activities, field trips, athletics, activity clubs, or  
222.28 other extracurricular activities or access to materials, technology, or other items provided  
222.29 to students due to an unpaid student meal balance.

222.30 (b) If the commissioner or the commissioner's designee determines a participant has  
222.31 violated the requirement to provide meals to participating students in a respectful manner,  
222.32 the commissioner or the commissioner's designee must send a letter of noncompliance to  
222.33 the participant. The participant is required to respond and, if applicable, remedy the practice  
222.34 within 30 days.

223.1 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 1, 2019.

223.2 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 124D.1158, is amended to read:

223.3 **124D.1158 SCHOOL BREAKFAST PROGRAM.**

223.4 Subdivision 1. **Purpose.** The purpose of the school breakfast program is to provide  
223.5 affordable morning nutrition to children so that they can effectively learn. Public and  
223.6 nonpublic schools that participate in the federal school breakfast program may receive state  
223.7 breakfast aid. Schools shall encourage all children to eat a nutritious breakfast, either at  
223.8 home or at school, and shall work to eliminate barriers to breakfast participation at school  
223.9 such as inadequate facilities and transportation.

223.10 Subd. 1a. **Definitions.** (a) "Breakfast in the classroom" means a meal delivered to each  
223.11 classroom near the beginning of the student's school day.

223.12 (b) "Federal reimbursement rate for free breakfast" means the federal reimbursement  
223.13 rate for free breakfast for a Minnesota school not in severe need.

223.14 (c) "Full federal reimbursement of meals served" means that the reimbursement under  
223.15 the Community Eligibility Provision program under section 11(a)(1) of the Richard B.  
223.16 Russell National School Lunch Act, United States Code, title 42, section 1759a(a)(1), covers  
223.17 the full stated meal price for each meal served.

223.18 (d) "Grab and go" means a breakfast model where foods are available for students to  
223.19 take at the start of the school day or between morning classes to eat in the classroom or as  
223.20 otherwise designated by the school.

223.21 (e) "Participating student" means a student at the school site enrolled in:

223.22 (1) an approved voluntary prekindergarten program under section 124D.151;

223.23 (2) kindergarten; or

223.24 (3) grades 1 to 12.

223.25 (f) "Second chance breakfast" means food served for breakfast available later in the  
223.26 morning, including during recess or nutrition breaks.

223.27 Subd. 1b. **Breakfast after the bell program.** In order to increase participation in school  
223.28 breakfast programs, a school may establish a voluntary "breakfast after the bell" program.  
223.29 A breakfast after the bell program may include grab and go breakfasts, second chance  
223.30 breakfasts, or breakfasts in the classroom according to a plan developed by the participating  
223.31 school site.

224.1 Subd. 2. **Program; eligibility.** Each school year, public and nonpublic schools that  
224.2 participate in the federal school breakfast program are eligible for the state breakfast program.

224.3 Subd. 3. **Program reimbursement; regular school breakfast.** Each school year, the  
224.4 state must reimburse each participating school 30 cents for each reduced-price breakfast,  
224.5 55 cents for each fully paid breakfast served to students in grades 1 to 12, and ~~\$1.30~~ \$1.35  
224.6 for each fully paid breakfast served to a prekindergarten student enrolled in an approved  
224.7 voluntary prekindergarten program under section 124D.151 or a kindergarten student.

224.8 Subd. 3a. **Program reimbursement; voluntary breakfast after the bell.** (a) A school  
224.9 district where more than 40 percent of the students enrolled in the previous school year  
224.10 were eligible for free or reduced-price meals and that is required to offer a school breakfast  
224.11 program under section 124D.117, at its discretion, may elect, on a site by site basis, to  
224.12 receive funding for its breakfast programs under this subdivision or under subdivision 3,  
224.13 but not both. In order to receive aid under this subdivision, a school district with an eligible  
224.14 school site must apply to the commissioner in the form and manner specified by the  
224.15 commissioner and demonstrate to the commissioner's satisfaction that the school site is not  
224.16 eligible for full federal reimbursement of its meals served. A school district's application  
224.17 must include:

224.18 (1) documentation of engagement between the applicant school's administration and  
224.19 staff indicating support to implement a breakfast after the bell program; and

224.20 (2) a description of the breakfast after the bell program model that will be used at the  
224.21 school.

224.22 (b) Each school year, the state must reimburse each participating breakfast after the bell  
224.23 school an amount equal to the greater of zero, or the difference between:

224.24 (1) the product of the number of breakfasts served to participating students and the  
224.25 federal reimbursement rate for free breakfast; and

224.26 (2) the federal school breakfast program nonsevere reimbursements for the school.

224.27 Subd. 4. **No fees.** (a) A school that receives school breakfast aid under ~~this section~~  
224.28 subdivision 3 must make breakfast available without charge to all participating students at  
224.29 that school site in grades 1 to 12 who qualify for free or reduced-price meals and to all  
224.30 prekindergarten students enrolled in an approved voluntary prekindergarten program under  
224.31 section 124D.151 and all kindergarten students.

224.32 (b) A school that receives breakfast aid under subdivision 3a must make breakfast  
224.33 available without charge to all participating students.



225.1 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective for revenue for fiscal year 2020 and later.

225.2 Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 134.355, subdivision 5, is amended to read:

225.3 Subd. 5. **Base aid distribution.** ~~Five~~ Fifteen percent of the available aid funds shall be  
225.4 paid to each system as base aid for basic system services.

225.5 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective for state aid for fiscal year 2020 and  
225.6 later.

225.7 Sec. 4. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 134.355, subdivision 6, is amended to read:

225.8 Subd. 6. **Adjusted net tax capacity per capita distribution.** ~~Twenty-five~~ Fifteen percent  
225.9 of the available aid funds shall be distributed to regional public library systems based upon  
225.10 the adjusted net tax capacity per capita for each member county or participating portion of  
225.11 a county as calculated for the ~~second~~ third year preceding the fiscal year for which aid is  
225.12 provided. Each system's entitlement shall be calculated as follows:

225.13 ~~(a)~~ (1) multiply the adjusted net tax capacity per capita for each county or participating  
225.14 portion of a county by .0082<sub>2</sub>;

225.15 ~~(b)~~ (2) add sufficient aid funds that are available under this subdivision to raise the  
225.16 amount of the county or participating portion of a county with the lowest value calculated  
225.17 according to ~~paragraph (a)~~ clause (1) to the amount of the county or participating portion  
225.18 of a county with the next highest value calculated according to ~~paragraph (a)~~ clause (1).  
225.19 Multiply the amount of the additional aid funds by the population of the county or  
225.20 participating portion of a county<sub>2</sub>;

225.21 ~~(c)~~ (3) continue the process described in ~~paragraph (b)~~ clause (2) by adding sufficient  
225.22 aid funds that are available under this subdivision to the amount of a county or participating  
225.23 portion of a county with the next highest value calculated in ~~paragraph (a)~~ clause (1) to raise  
225.24 it and the amount of counties and participating portions of counties with lower values  
225.25 calculated in ~~paragraph (a)~~ clause (1) up to the amount of the county or participating portion  
225.26 of a county with the next highest value, until reaching an amount where funds available  
225.27 under this subdivision are no longer sufficient to raise the amount of a county or participating  
225.28 portion of a county and the amount of counties and participating portions of counties with  
225.29 lower values up to the amount of the next highest county or participating portion of a county<sub>2</sub>;  
225.30 and

225.31 ~~(d)~~ (4) if the point is reached using the process in ~~paragraphs (b) and (c)~~ clauses (2) and  
225.32 (3) at which the remaining aid funds under this subdivision are not adequate for raising the

226.1 amount of a county or participating portion of a county and all counties and participating  
226.2 portions of counties with amounts of lower value to the amount of the county or participating  
226.3 portion of a county with the next highest value, those funds are to be divided on a per capita  
226.4 basis for all counties or participating portions of counties that received aid funds under the  
226.5 calculation in ~~paragraphs (b) and (e)~~ clauses (2) and (3).

226.6 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective for state aid for fiscal year 2020 and  
226.7 later.

226.8 Sec. 5. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 134.355, subdivision 7, is amended to read:

226.9 Subd. 7. **Population determination.** A regional public library system's population shall  
226.10 be determined according to must be calculated using the most recent estimate available  
226.11 under section 477A.011, subdivision 3, at the time the aid amounts are calculated, which  
226.12 must be by April 1 in the year the calculation is made.

226.13 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective for state aid for fiscal year 2020 and  
226.14 later.

226.15 Sec. 6. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 134.355, subdivision 8, is amended to read:

226.16 Subd. 8. **Eligibility.** (a) A regional public library system may apply for regional library  
226.17 telecommunications aid on behalf of itself and member public libraries.

226.18 (b) The aid must be used for connections and other eligible non-voice-related e-rate  
226.19 program category one services. Aid may be used for e-rate program category two services  
226.20 as identified in the Federal Communication Commission's eligible services list for the current  
226.21 and preceding four funding years, if sufficient funds remain once category one needs are  
226.22 met in each funding year. If sufficient funds remain after meeting category one and category  
226.23 two needs in each funding year, aid may be used for other regional public library technology,  
226.24 network infrastructure, security, and telecommunications services including nonphone  
226.25 telecommunication services for remote self-service pickup locations for library materials  
226.26 on nonlibrary property.

226.27 (c) To be eligible, a regional public library system must be officially designated by the  
226.28 commissioner of education as a regional public library system as defined in section 134.34,  
226.29 subdivision 3, and each of its participating cities and counties must meet local support levels  
226.30 defined in section 134.34, subdivision 1. A public library building that receives aid under  
226.31 this section must be open a minimum of 20 hours per week. Exceptions to the minimum  
226.32 open hours requirement may be granted by the Department of Education on request of the

227.1 regional public library system for the following circumstances: short-term closing for  
 227.2 emergency maintenance and repairs following a natural disaster; in response to exceptional  
 227.3 economic circumstances; building repair or maintenance that requires public services areas  
 227.4 to be closed; or to adjust hours of public service to respond to documented seasonal use  
 227.5 patterns.

227.6 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.

227.7 Sec. 7. **APPROPRIATIONS.**

227.8 Subdivision 1. **Department of Education.** The sums indicated in this section are  
 227.9 appropriated from the general fund to the Department of Education for the fiscal years  
 227.10 designated. Any balance in the first year does not cancel but is available in the second year.

227.11 Subd. 2. **School lunch.** For school lunch aid under Minnesota Statutes, section 124D.111,  
 227.12 and Code of Federal Regulations, title 7, section 210.17:

227.13       \$     16,359,000     ..... 2020

227.14       \$     16,629,000     ..... 2021

227.15 Subd. 3. **School breakfast.** For traditional school breakfast aid under Minnesota Statutes,  
 227.16 section 124D.1158:

227.17       \$     11,273,000     ..... 2020

227.18       \$     11,733,000     ..... 2021

227.19 Subd. 4. **Breakfast after the bell.** (a) For school breakfast aid under Minnesota Statutes,  
 227.20 section 124D.1158:

227.21       \$     2,000,000     ..... 2020

227.22       \$     2,300,000     ..... 2021

227.23 (b) The base for fiscal year 2022 is \$2,600,000, and the base for fiscal year 2023 is  
 227.24 \$3,200,000.

227.25 (c) The commissioner of education must report to the education committees of the  
 227.26 legislature by February 15, 2021, on the outcomes and barriers of breakfast after the bell  
 227.27 programs. The report must list the number of schools and the number of participating students  
 227.28 by each type of breakfast after the bell program. The report must also identify the barriers  
 227.29 to participation in the breakfast after the bell program, including for those school sites that  
 227.30 are eligible for free breakfast but don't participate and school sites that are eligible for the  
 227.31 Community Eligibility Provision program but do not participate. The report must recommend

228.1 legislative actions that would simplify and eliminate barriers to participation in the breakfast  
 228.2 after the bell program and the Community Eligibility Provision program.

228.3 Subd. 5. **Kindergarten milk.** For kindergarten milk aid under Minnesota Statutes,  
 228.4 section 124D.118:

228.5 \$ 691,000 ..... 2020

228.6 \$ 691,000 ..... 2021

228.7 Subd. 6. **Summer school food service replacement aid.** For summer school food service  
 228.8 replacement aid under Minnesota Statutes, section 124D.119:

228.9 \$ 150,000 ..... 2020

228.10 \$ 150,000 ..... 2021

228.11 Subd. 7. **Regional library basic system support.** For regional library basic system  
 228.12 support aid under Minnesota Statutes, section 134.355:

228.13 \$ 17,170,000 ..... 2020

228.14 \$ 17,570,000 ..... 2021

228.15 The 2020 appropriation includes \$1,357,000 for 2019 and \$15,813,000 for 2020. The  
 228.16 2021 appropriation includes \$1,757,000 for 2020 and \$15,813,000 for 2021.

228.17 Subd. 8. **Multicounty, multitype library systems.** For aid under Minnesota Statutes,  
 228.18 sections 134.353 and 134.354, to multicounty, multitype library systems:

228.19 \$ 1,300,000 ..... 2020

228.20 \$ 1,300,000 ..... 2021

228.21 The 2020 appropriation includes \$130,000 for 2019 and \$1,170,000 for 2020.

228.22 The 2021 appropriation includes \$130,000 for 2020 and \$1,170,000 for 2021.

228.23 Subd. 9. **Electronic library for Minnesota.** For statewide licenses to online databases  
 228.24 selected in cooperation with the Minnesota Office of Higher Education for school media  
 228.25 centers, public libraries, state government agency libraries, and public or private college or  
 228.26 university libraries:

228.27 \$ 900,000 ..... 2020

228.28 \$ 900,000 ..... 2021

228.29 Any balance in the first year does not cancel but is available in the second year.

228.30 Subd. 10. **Regional library telecommunications aid.** For regional library  
 228.31 telecommunications aid under Minnesota Statutes, section 134.355:



230.1 charter school based early education program is a teacher, as defined in section 179A.03,  
230.2 subdivision 18.

230.3 Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 124D.151, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

230.4 Subd. 2. **Program requirements.** (a) A voluntary prekindergarten program provider  
230.5 must:

230.6 (1) provide instruction through play-based learning to foster children's social and  
230.7 emotional development, cognitive development, physical and motor development, and  
230.8 language and literacy skills, including the native language and literacy skills of English  
230.9 learners, to the extent practicable;

230.10 (2) measure each child's cognitive and social skills using a formative measure aligned  
230.11 to the state's early learning standards when the child enters and again before the child leaves  
230.12 the program, screening and progress monitoring measures, and ~~others~~ other age-appropriate  
230.13 versions from the state-approved menu of kindergarten entry profile measures;

230.14 (3) provide comprehensive program content including the implementation of curriculum,  
230.15 assessment, and instructional strategies aligned with the state early learning standards, and  
230.16 kindergarten through grade 3 academic standards;

230.17 (4) provide instructional content and activities that are of sufficient length and intensity  
230.18 to address learning needs including offering a program with at least 350 hours of instruction  
230.19 per school year for a prekindergarten student;

230.20 (5) provide voluntary prekindergarten instructional staff salaries comparable to the  
230.21 salaries of local kindergarten through grade 12 instructional staff;

230.22 (6) coordinate appropriate kindergarten transition with families, community-based  
230.23 prekindergarten programs, and school district kindergarten programs;

230.24 (7) involve parents in program planning and transition planning by implementing parent  
230.25 engagement strategies that include culturally and linguistically responsive activities in  
230.26 prekindergarten through third grade that are aligned with early childhood family education  
230.27 under section 124D.13;

230.28 (8) coordinate with relevant community-based services, including health and social  
230.29 service agencies, to ensure children have access to comprehensive services;

230.30 (9) coordinate with all relevant school district programs and services including early  
230.31 childhood special education, homeless students, and English learners;

230.32 (10) ensure staff-to-child ratios of one-to-ten and a maximum group size of 20 children;

231.1 (11) provide high-quality coordinated professional development, training, and coaching  
231.2 for both school district and community-based early learning providers that is informed by  
231.3 a measure of adult-child interactions and enables teachers to be highly knowledgeable in  
231.4 early childhood curriculum content, assessment, native and English language development  
231.5 programs, and instruction; and

231.6 (12) implement strategies that support the alignment of professional development,  
231.7 instruction, assessments, and prekindergarten through grade 3 curricula.

231.8 (b) A voluntary prekindergarten program must have teachers knowledgeable in early  
231.9 childhood curriculum content, assessment, native and English language programs, and  
231.10 instruction.

231.11 (c) Districts and charter schools must include their strategy for implementing and  
231.12 measuring the impact of their voluntary prekindergarten program under section 120B.11  
231.13 and provide results in their world's best workforce annual summary to the commissioner of  
231.14 education.

231.15 Sec. 4. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 124D.151, subdivision 4, is amended to read:

231.16 Subd. 4. **Eligibility.** A child who is four years of age as of September 1 in the calendar  
231.17 year in which the school year commences is eligible to participate in a voluntary  
231.18 prekindergarten program free of charge. An eligible four-year-old child served in a  
231.19 mixed-delivery system by a child care center, family child care program licensed under  
231.20 section 245A.03, or community-based organization may be charged a fee as long as the  
231.21 mixed-delivery partner was not awarded a seat for that child. Each eligible child must  
231.22 complete a health and developmental screening within 90 days of program enrollment under  
231.23 sections 121A.16 to 121A.19, and provide documentation of required immunizations under  
231.24 section 121A.15.

231.25 Sec. 5. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 124D.151, subdivision 5, is amended to read:

231.26 Subd. 5. **Application process; priority for high poverty schools.** (a) ~~To qualify for~~  
231.27 ~~program approval for fiscal year 2017, a district or charter school must submit an application~~  
231.28 ~~to the commissioner by July 1, 2016.~~ To qualify for program approval for fiscal year 2018  
231.29 ~~and later,~~ a district or charter school must submit an application to the commissioner by  
231.30 January 30 of the fiscal year prior to the fiscal year in which the program will be  
231.31 implemented. The application must include:

232.1 (1) a description of the proposed program, including the number of hours per week the  
232.2 program will be offered at each school site or mixed-delivery location;

232.3 (2) an estimate of the number of eligible children to be served in the program at each  
232.4 school site or mixed-delivery location; and

232.5 (3) a statement of assurances signed by the superintendent or charter school director that  
232.6 the proposed program meets the requirements of subdivision 2.

232.7 (b) The commissioner must review all applications submitted ~~for fiscal year 2017 by~~  
232.8 ~~August 1, 2016, and must review all applications submitted for fiscal year 2018 and later~~  
232.9 by March 1 of the fiscal year in which the applications are received and determine whether  
232.10 each application meets the requirements of paragraph (a).

232.11 (c) The commissioner must divide all applications for new or expanded voluntary  
232.12 prekindergarten programs under this section meeting the requirements of paragraph (a) and  
232.13 school readiness plus programs into ~~four~~ five groups as follows: the Minneapolis ~~and school~~  
232.14 district; the St. Paul school ~~districts~~ district; other school districts located in the metropolitan  
232.15 equity region as defined in section 126C.10, subdivision 28; school districts located in the  
232.16 rural equity region as defined in section 126C.10, subdivision 28; and charter schools.  
232.17 Within each group, the applications must be ordered by rank using a sliding scale based on  
232.18 the following criteria:

232.19 (1) concentration of kindergarten students eligible for free or reduced-price lunches by  
232.20 school site on October 1 of the previous school year. A school site may contract to partner  
232.21 with a community-based provider or Head Start under subdivision 3 or establish an early  
232.22 childhood center and use the concentration of kindergarten students eligible for free or  
232.23 reduced-price meals from a specific school site as long as those eligible children are  
232.24 prioritized and guaranteed services at the mixed-delivery site or early education center. For  
232.25 school district programs to be operated at locations that do not have free and reduced-price  
232.26 lunch concentration data for kindergarten programs for October 1 of the previous school  
232.27 year, including mixed-delivery programs, the school district average concentration of  
232.28 kindergarten students eligible for free or reduced-price lunches must be used for the rank  
232.29 ordering;

232.30 (2) presence or absence of a three- or four-star Parent Aware rated program within the  
232.31 school district or close proximity of the district. School sites with the highest concentration  
232.32 of kindergarten students eligible for free or reduced-price lunches that do not have a three-  
232.33 or four-star Parent Aware program within the district or close proximity of the district shall  
232.34 receive the highest priority, and school sites with the lowest concentration of kindergarten



233.1 students eligible for free or reduced-price lunches that have a three- or four-star Parent  
233.2 Aware rated program within the district or close proximity of the district shall receive the  
233.3 lowest priority; and

233.4 (3) whether the district has implemented a ~~mixed-delivery~~ mixed-delivery system.

233.5 (d) If the participation limit under subdivision 6 is higher than the participation limit for  
233.6 the previous year, the limit on participation for the programs as specified in subdivision 6  
233.7 must initially be allocated among the ~~four~~ five groups based on each group's percentage  
233.8 share of the statewide kindergarten enrollment on October 1 of the previous school year. If  
233.9 the participation limit is the same as the participation limit for the previous year, the  
233.10 participation limit must initially be allocated among the five groups based on each group's  
233.11 participation limit for the previous school year. Within each group, the participation limit  
233.12 ~~for fiscal years 2018 and 2019~~ must first be allocated to school sites approved for aid in the  
233.13 previous year to ensure that those sites are funded for the same number of participants as  
233.14 approved for the previous year. The remainder of the participation limit for each group must  
233.15 be allocated among school sites in priority order until that region's share of the participation  
233.16 limit is reached. If the participation limit is not reached for all groups, the remaining amount  
233.17 must be allocated to the highest priority school sites, as designated under this section, not  
233.18 funded in the initial allocation on a statewide basis. ~~For fiscal year 2020 and later, the~~  
233.19 ~~participation limit must first be allocated to school sites approved for aid in fiscal year 2017,~~  
233.20 ~~and then to school sites approved for aid in fiscal year 2018 based on the statewide rankings~~  
233.21 ~~under paragraph (c).~~

233.22 (e) Once a school site or a ~~mixed-delivery~~ mixed-delivery site under subdivision 3 is  
233.23 approved for aid under this subdivision, it shall remain eligible for aid if it continues to  
233.24 meet program requirements, regardless of changes in the concentration of students eligible  
233.25 for free or reduced-price lunches.

233.26 (f) If the total number of participants approved based on applications submitted under  
233.27 paragraph (a) is less than the participation limit under subdivision 6, the commissioner must  
233.28 notify all school districts and charter schools of the amount that remains available within  
233.29 30 days of the initial application deadline under paragraph (a), and complete a second round  
233.30 of allocations based on applications received within 60 days of the initial application deadline.

233.31 (g) Procedures for approving applications submitted under paragraph (f) shall be the  
233.32 same as specified in paragraphs (a) to (d), except that the allocations shall be made to the  
233.33 highest priority school sites not funded in the initial allocation on a statewide basis.

234.1 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective for applications for fiscal year 2020 and  
234.2 later.

234.3 Sec. 6. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 124D.151, subdivision 6, is amended to read:

234.4 Subd. 6. **Participation limits.** (a) Notwithstanding section 126C.05, subdivision 1,  
234.5 paragraph (d), the pupil units for a voluntary prekindergarten program for an eligible school  
234.6 district or charter school must not exceed 60 percent of the kindergarten pupil units for that  
234.7 school district or charter school under section 126C.05, subdivision 1, paragraph (e).

234.8 (b) In reviewing applications under subdivision 5, ~~the commissioner must limit the~~  
234.9 ~~estimated state aid entitlement approved under this section to \$27,092,000 for fiscal year~~  
234.10 ~~2017. If the actual state aid entitlement based on final data exceeds the limit in any year,~~  
234.11 ~~the aid of the participating districts must be prorated so as not to exceed the limit.~~

234.12 (e) ~~The commissioner must limit the total number of funded participants in the voluntary~~  
234.13 ~~prekindergarten program under this section to not more than 3,160.~~

234.14 (d) ~~Notwithstanding paragraph (e),~~ the commissioner must limit the total number of  
234.15 participants in the voluntary prekindergarten and school readiness plus programs under  
234.16 Laws 2017, First Special Session chapter 5, article 8, section 9 to not more than ~~6,160~~  
234.17 ~~participants for fiscal year 2018 and 7,160 participants for~~ per fiscal year 2019.

234.18 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective for revenue for fiscal year 2020 and later.

234.19 Sec. 7. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 124D.165, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

234.20 Subd. 2. **Family eligibility.** (a) For a family to receive an early learning scholarship,  
234.21 parents or guardians must meet the following eligibility requirements:

234.22 (1) have an eligible child; and

234.23 (2) have income equal to or less than 185 percent of federal poverty level income in the  
234.24 current calendar year, or be able to document their child's current participation in the free  
234.25 and reduced-price lunch program or Child and Adult Care Food Program, National School  
234.26 Lunch Act, United States Code, title 42, sections 1751 and 1766; the Food Distribution  
234.27 Program on Indian Reservations, Food and Nutrition Act, United States Code, title 7, sections  
234.28 2011-2036; Head Start under the federal Improving Head Start for School Readiness Act  
234.29 of 2007; Minnesota family investment program under chapter 256J; child care assistance  
234.30 programs under chapter 119B; the supplemental nutrition assistance program; or placement  
234.31 in foster care under section 260C.212. Parents or guardians are not required to provide

235.1 income verification under this clause if the child is an eligible child under paragraph (b),  
235.2 clause (4) or (5).

235.3 (b) An "eligible child" means a child who has not yet enrolled in kindergarten and is:

235.4 (1) ~~at least~~ from birth to age three ~~but not yet five years of age~~ on September 1 of the  
235.5 current school year;

235.6 (2) a sibling from birth to age ~~five~~ four of a child who has been awarded a scholarship  
235.7 under this section provided the sibling attends the same program as long as funds are  
235.8 available;

235.9 (3) the child of a parent under age 21 who is pursuing a high school degree or a course  
235.10 of study for a high school equivalency test; ~~or~~

235.11 ~~(4) homeless, in foster care, or in need of child protective services.~~

235.12 (4) a child in need of protective services or in foster care;

235.13 (5) designated as homeless under the federal McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance  
235.14 Act, United States Code, title 42, section 11434a; or

235.15 (6) a child not yet five years of age on September 1 of the current school year participating  
235.16 in a program with a designated number of scholarship slots under subdivision 3, paragraph  
235.17 (c).

235.18 (c) A child who has received a scholarship under this section must continue to receive  
235.19 a scholarship each year until that child is eligible for kindergarten under section 120A.20  
235.20 and as long as funds are available. This paragraph applies notwithstanding the age  
235.21 requirements under paragraph (b).

235.22 (d) Early learning scholarships may not be counted as earned income for the purposes  
235.23 of medical assistance under chapter 256B, MinnesotaCare under chapter 256L, Minnesota  
235.24 family investment program under chapter 256J, child care assistance programs under chapter  
235.25 119B, or Head Start under the federal Improving Head Start for School Readiness Act of  
235.26 2007.

235.27 (e) A child from an adjoining state whose family resides at a Minnesota address as  
235.28 assigned by the United States Postal Service, who has received developmental screening  
235.29 under sections 121A.16 to 121A.19, who intends to enroll in a Minnesota school district,  
235.30 and whose family meets the criteria of paragraph (a) is eligible for an early learning  
235.31 scholarship under this section.

236.1 Sec. 8. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 124D.165, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

236.2 Subd. 3. **Administration.** (a) The commissioner shall establish application timelines  
236.3 and determine the schedule for awarding scholarships that meets operational needs of eligible  
236.4 families and programs. The commissioner must give highest priority to applications from  
236.5 children who:

236.6 (1) have a parent under age 21 who is pursuing a high school diploma or a course of  
236.7 study for a high school equivalency test;

236.8 (2) are in foster care or otherwise in need of protection or services; or

236.9 (3) have experienced homelessness in the last 24 months, as defined under the federal  
236.10 McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act, United States Code, title 42, section 11434a.

236.11 The commissioner may prioritize applications on additional factors including family  
236.12 income, geographic location, and whether the child's family is on a waiting list for a publicly  
236.13 funded program providing early education or child care services.

236.14 (b) The commissioner shall establish a target for the average scholarship amount per  
236.15 child based on the results of the rate survey conducted under section 119B.02.

236.16 (c) A four-star rated program that has children eligible for a scholarship enrolled in or  
236.17 on a waiting list for a program beginning in July, August, or September may notify the  
236.18 commissioner, in the form and manner prescribed by the commissioner, each year of the  
236.19 program's desire to enhance program services or to serve more children than current funding  
236.20 provides. The commissioner may designate a predetermined number of scholarship slots  
236.21 for that program and notify the program of that number. ~~For fiscal year 2018 and later, the~~  
236.22 ~~statewide amount of funding directly designated by the commissioner must not exceed the~~  
236.23 ~~funding directly designated for fiscal year 2017. Beginning July 1, 2016,~~ A school district  
236.24 or Head Start program qualifying under this paragraph may use its established registration  
236.25 process to enroll scholarship recipients and may verify a scholarship recipient's family  
236.26 income in the same manner as for other program participants.

236.27 (d) A scholarship is awarded for a 12-month period. If the scholarship recipient has not  
236.28 been accepted and subsequently enrolled in a rated program within ten months of the  
236.29 awarding of the scholarship, the scholarship cancels and the recipient must reapply in order  
236.30 to be eligible for another scholarship. A child may not be awarded more than one scholarship  
236.31 in a 12-month period.

236.32 (e) A child over age three who receives a scholarship ~~who~~ and has not completed  
236.33 development screening under sections 121A.16 to 121A.19 must complete that screening

237.1 within 90 days of first attending an eligible program. A child who receives a scholarship  
237.2 before age three must complete the developmental screening no later than 90 days after the  
237.3 child's third birthday.

237.4 (f) For fiscal year 2017 and later, a school district or Head Start program enrolling  
237.5 scholarship recipients under paragraph (c) may apply to the commissioner, in the form and  
237.6 manner prescribed by the commissioner, for direct payment of state aid. Upon receipt of  
237.7 the application, the commissioner must pay each program directly for each approved  
237.8 scholarship recipient enrolled under paragraph (c) according to the metered payment system  
237.9 or another schedule established by the commissioner.

237.10 Sec. 9. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 124D.165, subdivision 4, is amended to read:

237.11 Subd. 4. **Early childhood program eligibility.** (a) In order to be eligible to accept an  
237.12 early learning scholarship, a program must:

237.13 (1) participate in the quality rating and improvement system under section 124D.142;  
237.14 and

237.15 (2) beginning July 1, 2020, have a three- or four-star rating in the quality rating and  
237.16 improvement system.

237.17 (b) Any program accepting scholarships must use the revenue to supplement and not  
237.18 supplant federal funding.

237.19 ~~(c) Notwithstanding paragraph (a), all Minnesota early learning foundation scholarship~~  
237.20 ~~program pilot sites are eligible to accept an early learning scholarship under this section.~~

237.21 Sec. 10. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 124D.165, is amended by adding a subdivision  
237.22 to read:

237.23 Subd. 6. **Early learning scholarship account.** (a) An account is established in the  
237.24 special revenue fund known as the "early learning scholarship account."

237.25 (b) Funds appropriated for early learning scholarships under this section must be  
237.26 transferred to the early learning scholarship account in the special revenue fund.

237.27 (c) Money in the account is annually appropriated to the commissioner for early learning  
237.28 scholarships under this section. Money in the account is available until spent. Any returned  
237.29 funds are available to be regranted.

237.30 (d) Up to \$950,000 annually is available to the commissioner for costs associated with  
237.31 administering and monitoring early learning scholarships.

238.1 Sec. 11. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 126C.05, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

238.2 Subdivision 1. **Pupil unit.** Pupil units for each Minnesota resident pupil under the age  
238.3 of 21 or who meets the requirements of section 120A.20, subdivision 1, paragraph (c), in  
238.4 average daily membership enrolled in the district of residence, in another district under  
238.5 sections 123A.05 to 123A.08, 124D.03, 124D.08, or 124D.68; in a charter school under  
238.6 chapter 124E; or for whom the resident district pays tuition under section 123A.18, 123A.22,  
238.7 123A.30, 123A.32, 123A.44, 123A.488, 123B.88, subdivision 4, 124D.04, 124D.05, 125A.03  
238.8 to 125A.24, 125A.51, or 125A.65, shall be counted according to this subdivision.

238.9 (a) A prekindergarten pupil with a disability who is enrolled in a program approved by  
238.10 the commissioner and has an individualized education program is counted as the ratio of  
238.11 the number of hours of assessment and education service to 825 times 1.0 with a minimum  
238.12 average daily membership of 0.28, but not more than 1.0 pupil unit.

238.13 (b) A prekindergarten pupil who is assessed but determined not to be disabled is counted  
238.14 as the ratio of the number of hours of assessment service to 825 times 1.0.

238.15 ~~(c) A kindergarten pupil with a disability who is enrolled in a program approved by the~~  
238.16 ~~commissioner is counted as the ratio of the number of hours of assessment and education~~  
238.17 ~~services required in the fiscal year by the pupil's individualized education program to 875,~~  
238.18 ~~but not more than one.~~

238.19 ~~(d)~~ (c) A prekindergarten pupil who is not included in paragraph (a) or (b) and is enrolled  
238.20 in an approved voluntary prekindergarten program under section 124D.151 is counted as  
238.21 the ratio of the number of hours of instruction to 850 times 1.0, but not more than 0.6 pupil  
238.22 units.

238.23 ~~(e)~~ (d) A kindergarten pupil who is not included in paragraph (c) is counted as 1.0 pupil  
238.24 unit if the pupil is enrolled in a free all-day, every day kindergarten program available to  
238.25 all kindergarten pupils at the pupil's school that meets the minimum hours requirement in  
238.26 section 120A.41, or is counted as .55 pupil unit, if the pupil is not enrolled in a free all-day,  
238.27 every day kindergarten program available to all kindergarten pupils at the pupil's school.

238.28 ~~(f)~~ (e) A pupil who is in any of grades 1 to 6 is counted as 1.0 pupil unit.

238.29 ~~(g)~~ (f) A pupil who is in any of grades 7 to 12 is counted as 1.2 pupil units.

238.30 ~~(h)~~ (g) A pupil who is in the postsecondary enrollment options program is counted as  
238.31 1.2 pupil units.

238.32 ~~(i) For fiscal years 2018 and 2019 only,~~ (h) A prekindergarten pupil who:

239.1 (1) is not included in paragraph (a), (b), or ~~(c)~~ (c);

239.2 (2) is enrolled in a school readiness plus program under Laws 2017, First Special Session  
239.3 chapter 5, article 8, section 9; and

239.4 (3) has one or more of the risk factors specified by the eligibility requirements for a  
239.5 school readiness plus program,

239.6 is counted as the ratio of the number of hours of instruction to 850 times 1.0, but not more  
239.7 than 0.6 pupil units. A pupil qualifying under this paragraph must be counted in the same  
239.8 manner as a voluntary prekindergarten student for all general education and other school  
239.9 funding formulas.

239.10 Sec. 12. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 245C.12, is amended to read:

239.11 **245C.12 BACKGROUND STUDY; TRIBAL ORGANIZATIONS.**

239.12 Subdivision 1. Access to data. ~~(a)~~ For the purposes of background studies completed  
239.13 by tribal organizations performing licensing activities otherwise required of the commissioner  
239.14 under this chapter, after obtaining consent from the background study subject, tribal licensing  
239.15 agencies shall have access to criminal history data in the same manner as county licensing  
239.16 agencies and private licensing agencies under this chapter.

239.17 Subd. 2. Adoptions; child foster care. ~~(b)~~ Tribal organizations may contract with the  
239.18 commissioner to obtain background study data on individuals under tribal jurisdiction related  
239.19 to adoptions according to section 245C.34. Tribal organizations may also contract with the  
239.20 commissioner to obtain background study data on individuals under tribal jurisdiction related  
239.21 to child foster care according to section 245C.34.

239.22 Subd. 3. Nursing facility. ~~(c)~~ For the purposes of background studies completed to  
239.23 comply with a tribal organization's licensing requirements for individuals affiliated with a  
239.24 tribally licensed nursing facility, the commissioner shall obtain criminal history data from  
239.25 the National Criminal Records Repository in accordance with section 245C.32.

239.26 Subd. 4. Child care. (a) Tribal organizations may contract with the commissioner to:

239.27 (1) conduct background studies on individuals affiliated with a child care program  
239.28 sponsored, managed, or licensed by a tribal organization; and

239.29 (2) obtain background study data on individuals affiliated with a child care program  
239.30 sponsored, managed, or licensed by a tribal organization.

239.31 (b) The commissioner must include a national criminal history record check in a  
239.32 background study conducted under paragraph (a).

240.1 (c) A tribally affiliated child care program that does not contract with the commissioner  
240.2 to conduct background studies is exempt from the relevant requirements in this chapter. For  
240.3 a background study conducted under this subdivision to be transferable to other child care  
240.4 entities, the study must include all components of studies for a certified license-exempt  
240.5 child care center under this chapter.

240.6 Sec. 13. [245C.125] BACKGROUND STUDY; HEAD START PROGRAMS.

240.7 (a) Head Start programs that receive funds under section 119A.52 may contract with  
240.8 the commissioner to:

240.9 (1) conduct background studies on individuals affiliated with a Head Start program; and

240.10 (2) obtain background study data on individuals affiliated with a Head Start program.

240.11 (b) The commissioner must include a national criminal history record check in a  
240.12 background study conducted under paragraph (a).

240.13 (c) A Head Start program site that does not contract with the commissioner, is not  
240.14 licensed, and is not registered to receive payments under chapter 119B is exempt from the  
240.15 relevant requirements in this chapter. Nothing in this section supersedes requirements for  
240.16 background studies in this chapter or chapter 119B or 245H that relate to licensed child care  
240.17 programs or programs registered to receive payments under chapter 119B. For a background  
240.18 study conducted under this section to be transferable to other child care entities, the study  
240.19 must include all components of studies for a certified license-exempt child care center under  
240.20 this chapter.

240.21 Sec. 14. Laws 2017, First Special Session chapter 5, article 8, section 8, the effective date,  
240.22 is amended to read:

240.23 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** Paragraph (i) of this section ~~expires at the end of fiscal year 2019~~  
240.24 does not expire.

240.25 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.

240.26 Sec. 15. Laws 2017, First Special Session chapter 5, article 8, section 9, subdivision 6, is  
240.27 amended to read:

240.28 Subd. 6. **No supplanting.** For a site first qualifying in fiscal year 2018 or ~~2019~~ later,  
240.29 mixed delivery revenue, including voluntary prekindergarten and school readiness plus  
240.30 program revenue, must be used to supplement not supplant existing state, federal, and local  
240.31 revenue for prekindergarten activities.



241.1 Sec. 16. Laws 2017, First Special Session chapter 5, article 8, section 10, subdivision 4,  
241.2 is amended to read:

241.3 Subd. 4. **Early learning scholarships.** (a) For the early learning scholarship program  
241.4 under Minnesota Statutes, section 124D.165:

241.5 \$ 70,209,000 ..... 2018

241.6 ~~70,209,000~~

241.7 \$ 60,709,000 ..... 2019

241.8 (b) Up to \$950,000 each year is for administration of this program.

241.9 (c) \$9,500,000 of the initial appropriation in fiscal year 2019 is canceled to the state  
241.10 general fund.

241.11 ~~(e)~~ (d) Any balance in the first year does not cancel but is available in the second year.

241.12 ~~(d) The base for fiscal year 2020 is \$70,709,000.~~

241.13 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.

241.14 Sec. 17. **LEGISLATIVE REPORT ON EARLY CARE AND EDUCATION**  
241.15 **COORDINATION.**

241.16 (a) By February 15, 2020, the commissioners of education, health, and human services  
241.17 must jointly submit a report in accordance with Minnesota Statutes, section 3.195 to the  
241.18 members and staff of the legislative committees with jurisdiction over early childhood,  
241.19 human services, and education on the outcome of the federal Preschool Development  
241.20 planning grant. The report must include how the state agencies plan to enhance coordination  
241.21 of state programs including:

241.22 (1) child care assistance programs under Minnesota Statutes, chapter 119B;

241.23 (2) early childhood developmental screening under Minnesota Statutes, section 121A.17;

241.24 (3) early childhood family education programs under Minnesota Statutes, section  
241.25 124D.13;

241.26 (4) early learning scholarships under section Minnesota Statutes, 124D.165;

241.27 (5) family home visiting programs under Minnesota Statutes, section 145A.17;

241.28 (6) Head Start and Early Head Start programs under Minnesota Statutes, sections 119A.50  
241.29 to 119A.545;

241.30 (7) kindergarten readiness assessment under Minnesota Statutes, section 124D.162;

242.1 (8) school readiness programs under Minnesota Statutes, sections 124D.15 and 124D.16;

242.2 (9) voluntary prekindergarten programs under Minnesota Statutes, section 124D.151;

242.3 and

242.4 (10) school readiness plus programs under Laws 2017, First Special Session chapter 5,

242.5 article 8, section 9.

242.6 (b) At a minimum, the report must:

242.7 (1) review and evaluate changes to child care assistance and early learning scholarship

242.8 program quality and administration, including eligibility, billing, payment, and child and

242.9 family identification;

242.10 (2) identify challenges and concerns among providers and among recipients of child

242.11 care assistance and early learning scholarships;

242.12 (3) consider the goals outlined in the Children's Cabinet's early childhood systems reform

242.13 effort and how the strategic plan intends to meet these goals;

242.14 (4) analyze layering and duplication of funds;

242.15 (5) develop recommendations for a consolidated universal application process; and

242.16 (6) develop recommendations for the design and implementation of a universal

242.17 identification system that applies to a child participating in one or more programs listed in

242.18 paragraph (a).

242.19 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.

242.20 Sec. 18. **APPROPRIATIONS.**

242.21 Subdivision 1. **Department of Education.** The sums indicated in this section are

242.22 appropriated from the general fund to the Department of Education for the fiscal years

242.23 designated.

242.24 Subd. 2. **School readiness.** (a) For revenue for school readiness programs under

242.25 Minnesota Statutes, sections 124D.15 and 124D.16:

242.26     \$      33,683,000      .....  2020

242.27     \$      33,683,000      .....  2021

242.28 (b) The 2020 appropriation includes \$3,368,000 for 2019 and \$30,315,000 for 2020.

242.29 (c) The 2021 appropriation includes \$3,368,000 for 2020 and \$30,315,000 for 2021.

243.1 Subd. 3. **Early learning scholarships.** (a) For the early learning scholarship program  
 243.2 under Minnesota Statutes, section 124D.165:

243.3 \$ 83,544,000 ..... 2020

243.4 \$ 83,544,000 ..... 2021

243.5 (b) Of these amounts, \$300,000 in fiscal year 2020 and \$300,000 in fiscal year 2021 are  
 243.6 for a transfer to the Office of MN.IT Services for a project manager to provide services for  
 243.7 the coordination of early childhood programs.

243.8 (c) This appropriation is subject to the requirements under Minnesota Statutes, section  
 243.9 124D.165, subdivision 6.

243.10 (d) The base for fiscal year 2022 is \$75,534,000.

243.11 Subd. 4. **Head Start program.** For Head Start programs under Minnesota Statutes,  
 243.12 section 119A.52:

243.13 \$ 25,100,000 ..... 2020

243.14 \$ 25,100,000 ..... 2021

243.15 Subd. 5. **Early childhood family education aid.** (a) For early childhood family education  
 243.16 aid under Minnesota Statutes, section 124D.135:

243.17 \$ 32,653,000 ..... 2020

243.18 \$ 34,072,000 ..... 2021

243.19 (b) The 2020 appropriation includes \$3,098,000 for 2019 and \$29,555,000 for 2020.

243.20 (c) The 2021 appropriation includes \$3,283,000 for 2020 and \$30,789,000 for 2021.

243.21 Subd. 6. **Developmental screening aid.** (a) For developmental screening aid under  
 243.22 Minnesota Statutes, sections 121A.17 and 121A.19:

243.23 \$ 3,639,000 ..... 2020

243.24 \$ 3,625,000 ..... 2021

243.25 (b) The 2020 appropriation includes \$363,000 for 2019 and \$3,276,000 for 2020.

243.26 (c) The 2021 appropriation includes \$364,000 for 2020 and \$3,261,000 for 2021.

243.27 Subd. 7. **Parent-child home program.** For a grant to the parent-child home program:

243.28 \$ 900,000 ..... 2020

243.29 \$ 900,000 ..... 2021

243.30 The grant must be used for an evidence-based and research-validated early childhood  
 243.31 literacy and school readiness program for children ages 16 months to four years at its existing

244.1 suburban program location. The program must include urban and rural program locations  
 244.2 for fiscal years 2020 and 2021.

244.3 Subd. 8. **Kindergarten entrance assessment initiative and intervention program.** For  
 244.4 the kindergarten entrance assessment initiative and intervention program under Minnesota  
 244.5 Statutes, section 124D.162:

244.6 \$ 281,000 ..... 2020

244.7 \$ 281,000 ..... 2021

244.8 Subd. 9. **Quality rating and improvement system.** (a) For transfer to the commissioner  
 244.9 of human services for the purposes of expanding the quality rating and improvement system  
 244.10 under Minnesota Statutes, section 124D.142, in greater Minnesota and increasing supports  
 244.11 for providers participating in the quality rating and improvement system:

244.12 \$ 1,750,000 ..... 2020

244.13 \$ 1,750,000 ..... 2021

244.14 (b) The amounts in paragraph (a) must be in addition to any federal funding under the  
 244.15 child care and development block grant authorized under Public Law 101-508 in that year  
 244.16 for the system under Minnesota Statutes, section 124D.142.

244.17 (c) Any balance in the first year does not cancel but is available in the second year.

244.18 Subd. 10. **Early childhood programs at tribal contract schools.** For early childhood  
 244.19 family education programs at tribal contract schools under Minnesota Statutes, section  
 244.20 124D.83, subdivision 4:

244.21 \$ 68,000 ..... 2020

244.22 \$ 68,000 ..... 2021

244.23 Subd. 11. **Metro Deaf School.** (a) For a grant to Metro Deaf School to provide services  
 244.24 to young children who have a primary disability of deaf or hard-of-hearing and who are not  
 244.25 eligible for funding under Minnesota Statutes, section 124E.11, paragraph (h):

244.26 \$ 100,000 ..... 2020

244.27 \$ 100,000 ..... 2021

244.28 (b) Any balance in the first year does not cancel but is available in the second year.

244.29 Subd. 12. **Reach Out and Read Minnesota.** (a) For a grant to support Reach Out and  
 244.30 Read Minnesota to expand a program that encourages early childhood development through  
 244.31 a network of health care clinics, and for the purchase of culturally and developmentally

245.1 appropriate books to sustain and expand the program in partnership with health clinics  
 245.2 statewide:

245.3           \$           105,000    ..... 2020

245.4           \$           100,000    ..... 2021

245.5           (b) The grant recipient must implement a program that includes:

245.6           (1) integrating children's books and parent education into well-child visits;

245.7           (2) creating literacy-rich environments at clinics, including books for visits outside of  
 245.8 Reach Out and Read Minnesota parameters or for waiting room use or volunteer readers to  
 245.9 model read-aloud techniques for parents where possible;

245.10          (3) working with public health clinics, federally qualified health centers, tribal sites,  
 245.11 community health centers, and clinics that belong to health care systems, as well as  
 245.12 independent clinics in underserved areas; and

245.13          (4) training medical professionals on speaking with parents of infants, toddlers, and  
 245.14 preschoolers on the importance of early literacy and numeracy.

245.15          (c) This is a onetime appropriation.

245.16          Subd. 13. **College savings account pilot program.** (a) For a matching grant to the city  
 245.17 of St. Paul to establish a pilot program that (1) creates a college savings account for every  
 245.18 child born to a resident of the city of St. Paul during the time period for which funds are  
 245.19 available, and (2) performs analysis of potential establishment of a statewide program or  
 245.20 program duplication by other cities.

245.21           \$           250,000    ..... 2020

245.22           \$           250,000    ..... 2021

245.23          (b) The city must administer the pilot program and partner with a qualified financial  
 245.24 institution to support current and potential pilot program participants and their families. The  
 245.25 city is the owner of an account established under this pilot program, but the beneficiary  
 245.26 must be the individual child.

245.27          (c) The city must use the grant money to establish and fund the accounts, to provide  
 245.28 incentives to current and potential pilot program participants and their families, and to  
 245.29 provide outreach and education to current and potential pilot program participants and their  
 245.30 families. The city may not use grant funds for the administrative costs of managing and  
 245.31 operating the pilot program.

246.1 (d) By February 15, 2021, the city must submit a report on the pilot program to the  
 246.2 commissioner of education and to the chairs, ranking minority members, and staff of the  
 246.3 legislative committees with primary jurisdiction over early childhood and education policy  
 246.4 and finance. At a minimum, the report must:

246.5 (1) provide a detailed review of pilot program design and features, including program  
 246.6 requirements, funding, and outreach and education activities;

246.7 (2) identify the number of accounts created in the pilot program, including basic  
 246.8 demographic information about account beneficiaries;

246.9 (3) provide analysis of savings program development throughout the state, which at a  
 246.10 minimum must examine:

246.11 (i) methods for program replication in other cities; and

246.12 (ii) options, models, or frameworks for implementation on a statewide basis, including  
 246.13 review of alternative policy approaches; and

246.14 (4) make recommendations regarding program expansion, if any, based on the analysis  
 246.15 under clause (3).

246.16 (e) The commissioner of education must provide reasonable technical assistance as  
 246.17 requested by the city for the analysis and recommendations under paragraph (d), clauses  
 246.18 (3) and (4).

246.19 (f) This is a onetime appropriation. Grant money provided under this subdivision must  
 246.20 be matched with money from nonstate sources. This appropriation is available until December  
 246.21 30, 2022.

246.22 (g) Any balance in the first year does not cancel but is available in the second year.

246.23 Subd. 14. **Educate parents partnership.** For the educate parents partnership under  
 246.24 Minnesota Statutes, section 124D.129:

246.25 \$ 49,000 ..... 2020

246.26 \$ 49,000 ..... 2021

246.27 Subd. 15. **Home visiting aid.** (a) For home visiting aid under Minnesota Statutes, section  
 246.28 124D.135:

246.29 \$ 521,000 ..... 2020

246.30 \$ 503,000 ..... 2021

246.31 (b) The 2020 appropriation includes \$54,000 for 2019 and \$467,000 for 2020.

247.1 (c) The 2021 appropriation includes \$51,000 for 2020 and \$452,000 for 2021.

247.2 **ARTICLE 9**

247.3 **COMMUNITY EDUCATION AND LIFELONG LEARNING**

247.4 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 124D.531, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

247.5 Subdivision 1. **State total adult basic education aid.** (a) The state total adult basic  
247.6 education aid for fiscal year ~~2011~~ 2020 equals ~~\$44,419,000~~ \$51,000,000, plus any amount  
247.7 that is not paid during the previous fiscal year as a result of adjustments under subdivision  
247.8 4, paragraph (a), or section 124D.52, subdivision 3. The state total adult basic education  
247.9 aid for later fiscal years equals:

247.10 (1) the state total adult basic education aid for the preceding fiscal year plus any amount  
247.11 that is not paid for during the previous fiscal year, as a result of adjustments under subdivision  
247.12 4, paragraph (a), or section 124D.52, subdivision 3; times

247.13 (2) the lesser of 1.03, or the greater of:

247.14 (i) ~~1.03~~ one plus the percent change in the formula allowance under section 126C.10,  
247.15 subdivision 2, from the previous fiscal year to the current fiscal year; or

247.16 (ii) the ~~average growth in~~ ratio of the state total contact hours over the prior ten program  
247.17 years for the previous year to the state total contact hours for the second previous year.

247.18 Three percent of the state total adult basic education aid must be set aside for adult basic  
247.19 education supplemental service grants under section 124D.522.

247.20 (b) The state total adult basic education aid, excluding basic population aid, equals the  
247.21 difference between the amount computed in paragraph (a), and the state total basic population  
247.22 aid under subdivision 2.

247.23 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective for revenue in fiscal year 2020 and later.

247.24 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 124D.55, is amended to read:

247.25 **124D.55 COMMISSIONER-SELECTED HIGH SCHOOL EQUIVALENCY TEST**  
247.26 **FEES.**

247.27 ~~The commissioner shall pay 60 percent of the fee that is charged to an eligible individual~~  
247.28 ~~for the full battery of the commissioner-selected high school equivalency tests, but not more~~  
247.29 ~~than \$40 for an eligible individual.~~

248.1 ~~For fiscal year 2017 only,~~ The commissioner shall pay 100 percent of the fee charged  
248.2 to an eligible individual for the full battery of ~~general education development (GED)~~ the  
248.3 commissioner-selected high school equivalency tests, but not more than the cost of one full  
248.4 battery of tests per year for any individual.

248.5 Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 124D.99, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

248.6 Subd. 3. **Administration; design.** (a) The commissioner shall establish program  
248.7 requirements, an application process and timeline for each tier of grants specified in  
248.8 subdivision 4, criteria for evaluation of applications, and a grant awards process. The  
248.9 commissioner's process must minimize administrative costs, minimize burdens for applicants  
248.10 and grant recipients, and provide a framework that permits flexibility in program design  
248.11 and implementation among grant recipients.

248.12 (b) To the extent practicable, the commissioner shall design the program to align with  
248.13 programs implemented or proposed by organizations in Minnesota that:

248.14 (1) identify and increase the capacity of organizations that are focused on achieving  
248.15 data-driven, locally controlled positive outcomes for children and youth throughout an entire  
248.16 neighborhood or geographic area through programs such as Strive Together, Promise  
248.17 Neighborhood, and the Education Partnerships Coalition members;

248.18 (2) build a continuum of educational family and community supports with academically  
248.19 rigorous schools at the center;

248.20 (3) maximize program efficiencies by integrating programmatic activities and eliminating  
248.21 administrative barriers;

248.22 (4) develop local infrastructure needed to sustain and scale up proven and effective  
248.23 solutions beyond the initial neighborhood or geographic area; ~~and~~

248.24 (5) utilize appropriate outcome measures based on unique community needs and interests  
248.25 and apply rigorous evaluation on a periodic basis to be used to both monitor outcomes and  
248.26 allow for continuous improvements to systems;

248.27 (6) collect and utilize data to improve student outcomes;

248.28 (7) share disaggregated performance data with the community to set community-level  
248.29 outcomes;

248.30 (8) employ continuous improvement processes;

248.31 (9) have a tribal entity, community foundation, higher education institution, or  
248.32 community-based organization as an anchor entity managing the partnership;



249.1 (10) convene a cross-sector leadership group and have a documented accountability  
 249.2 structure; and

249.3 (11) demonstrate use of nonstate funds, from multiple sources, including in-kind  
 249.4 contributions.

249.5 (c) A grant recipient's supportive services programming must address:

249.6 (1) kindergarten readiness and youth development;

249.7 (2) grade 3 reading proficiency;

249.8 (3) middle school mathematics;

249.9 (4) high school graduation;

249.10 ~~(4)~~ (5) postsecondary educational ~~attainment~~ enrollment;

249.11 (6) postsecondary education completion or attainment;

249.12 ~~(5)~~ (7) physical and mental health;

249.13 ~~(6)~~ (8) development of career skills and readiness;

249.14 ~~(7)~~ (9) parental engagement and development;

249.15 ~~(8)~~ (10) community engagement and programmatic alignment; and

249.16 ~~(9)~~ (11) reduction of remedial education.

249.17 (d) The commissioner, in consultation with grant recipients, must:

249.18 (1) develop and revise core indicators of progress toward outcomes specifying impacts  
 249.19 for each tier identified under subdivision 4;

249.20 (2) establish a reporting system for grant recipients to measure program outcomes using  
 249.21 data sources and program goals; and

249.22 (3) evaluate effectiveness based on the core indicators established by each partnership  
 249.23 for each tier.

249.24 Sec. 4. **APPROPRIATIONS.**

249.25 Subdivision 1. Department of Education. The sums indicated in this section are  
 249.26 appropriated from the general fund to the Department of Education for the fiscal years  
 249.27 designated. Any balances in the first year do not cancel but are available in the second year.

249.28 Subd. 2. Community education aid. For community education aid under Minnesota  
 249.29 Statutes, section 124D.20:

250.1           \$           330,000   ..... 2020

250.2           \$           257,000   ..... 2021

250.3           The 2020 appropriation includes \$40,000 for 2019 and \$290,000 for 2020.

250.4           The 2021 appropriation includes \$32,000 for 2020 and \$225,000 for 2021.

250.5           Subd. 3. **Adults with disabilities program aid.** For adults with disabilities programs  
 250.6 under Minnesota Statutes, section 124D.56:

250.7           \$           710,000   ..... 2020

250.8           \$           710,000   ..... 2021

250.9           The 2020 appropriation includes \$71,000 for 2019 and \$639,000 for 2020.

250.10          The 2021 appropriation includes \$71,000 for 2020 and \$639,000 for 2021.

250.11          Subd. 4. **Hearing-impaired adults.** For programs for hearing-impaired adults under  
 250.12 Minnesota Statutes, section 124D.57:

250.13          \$           70,000   ..... 2020

250.14          \$           70,000   ..... 2021

250.15          Subd. 5. **School-age care aid.** For school-age care aid under Minnesota Statutes, section  
 250.16 124D.22:

250.17          \$           1,000   ..... 2020

250.18          \$           1,000   ..... 2021

250.19          The 2020 appropriation includes \$0 for 2019 and \$1,000 for 2020.

250.20          The 2021 appropriation includes \$0 for 2020 and \$1,000 for 2021.

250.21          Subd. 6. **Tier 1 grants.** (a) For education partnership program Tier 1 sustaining grants  
 250.22 under Minnesota Statutes, section 124D.99:

250.23          \$           2,970,000   ..... 2020

250.24          \$           2,970,000   ..... 2021

250.25          (b) Of the amounts in paragraph (a), \$1,485,000 each year is for the Northside  
 250.26 Achievement Zone and \$1,485,000 each year is for the St. Paul Promise Neighborhood.

250.27          (c) The base for fiscal year 2022 is \$2,970,000.

250.28          (d) Any balance in the first year does not cancel but is available in the second year.

250.29          Subd. 7. **Tier 2 implementing grants.** (a) For Tier 2 implementing grants under  
 250.30 Minnesota Statutes, section 124D.99:



252.1 source of information and support for schools in addressing the needs of students with  
252.2 dyslexia and related disorders.

252.3 (b) The dyslexia specialist shall also act to must increase professional awareness and  
252.4 instructional competencies to meet the educational needs of students with dyslexia or  
252.5 identified with risk characteristics associated with dyslexia and shall must develop  
252.6 implementation guidance and make recommendations to the commissioner consistent with  
252.7 section 122A.06, subdivision 4, to be used to assist general education teachers and special  
252.8 education teachers to recognize educational needs and to improve literacy outcomes for  
252.9 students with dyslexia or identified with risk characteristics associated with dyslexia,  
252.10 including recommendations related to increasing the availability of online and asynchronous  
252.11 professional development programs and materials.

252.12 (c) The dyslexia specialist must provide guidance to school districts and charter schools  
252.13 on how to:

252.14 (1) access tools to screen and identify students showing characteristics associated with  
252.15 dyslexia in accordance with section 120B.12, subdivision 2, paragraph (a);

252.16 (2) implement screening for characteristics associated with dyslexia in accordance with  
252.17 section 120B.12, subdivision 2, paragraph (a), and in coordination with other early childhood  
252.18 screenings; and

252.19 (3) participate in professional development opportunities pertaining to intervention  
252.20 strategies and accommodations for students with dyslexia or characteristics associated with  
252.21 dyslexia.

252.22 (d) The dyslexia specialist must provide guidance to the Professional Educator Licensing  
252.23 and Standards Board on developing licensing renewal requirements under section 122A.187,  
252.24 subdivision 5, on understanding dyslexia, recognizing dyslexia characteristics in students,  
252.25 and using evidence-based best practices.

252.26 (e) Nothing in this subdivision limits the ability of the dyslexia specialist to do other  
252.27 dyslexia related work as directed by the commissioner.

252.28 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 122A.14, subdivision 9, is amended to read:

252.29 Subd. 9. **Fee.** Each person licensed by the Board of School Administrators shall pay the  
252.30 board a fee of ~~\$75~~ \$100, collected each fiscal year. When transmitting notice of the license  
252.31 fee, the board also must notify the licensee of the penalty for failing to pay the fee within  
252.32 the time specified by the board. The board may provide a lower fee for persons on retired  
252.33 or inactive status. After receiving notice from the board, any licensed school administrator

253.1 who does not pay the fee in the given fiscal year shall have all administrative licenses held  
 253.2 by the person automatically suspended, without the right to a hearing, until the fee has been  
 253.3 paid to the board. If the board suspends a licensed school administrator for failing to pay  
 253.4 the fee, it must immediately notify the district currently employing the school administrator  
 253.5 of the school administrator's suspension. The executive ~~secretary~~ director shall deposit the  
 253.6 fees in the ~~educator~~ administrator licensure account in the special revenue fund in the state  
 253.7 treasury.

253.8 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective for licenses issued or renewed on or after  
 253.9 July 1, 2019.

253.10 Sec. 3. **[122A.145] SPECIAL REVENUE FUND ACCOUNTS; ADMINISTRATOR**  
 253.11 **LICENSURE.**

253.12 An administrator licensure account is created in the special revenue fund. Fees received  
 253.13 by the Board of School Administrators under section 122A.14, subdivision 9, and Minnesota  
 253.14 Rules, chapter 3512, must be deposited in the administrator licensure account.

253.15 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 1, 2019.

253.16 Sec. 4. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 122A.175, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

253.17 Subdivision 1. **Educator licensure account.** An educator licensure account is created  
 253.18 in the special revenue fund. Applicant licensure fees received by the Department of  
 253.19 Education, or the Professional Educator Licensing and Standards Board, ~~or the Board of~~  
 253.20 ~~School Administrators~~ must be deposited in the educator licensure account. ~~Any funds~~  
 253.21 ~~appropriated from this account that remain unexpended at the end of the biennium cancel~~  
 253.22 ~~to the educator licensure account in the special revenue fund.~~

253.23 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 1, 2019.

253.24 Sec. 5. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 127A.052, is amended to read:

253.25 **127A.052 SCHOOL SAFETY CLIMATE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE CENTER.**

253.26 (a) The commissioner shall establish a school safety climate technical assistance center  
 253.27 at the department to help districts and schools under section 121A.031 provide a safe and  
 253.28 supportive learning environment and foster academic achievement for all students by focusing  
 253.29 on prevention, intervention, support, and recovery efforts to develop and maintain safe and  
 253.30 supportive schools. The center must work collaboratively with implicated state agencies

254.1 identified by the center and schools, communities, and interested individuals and  
254.2 organizations to determine how to best use available resources.

254.3 (b) The center's services shall include:

254.4 (1) evidence-based policy review, development, and dissemination;

254.5 (2) single, point-of-contact services designed for schools, parents, and students seeking  
254.6 information or other help;

254.7 (3) qualitative and quantitative data gathering, interpretation, and dissemination of  
254.8 summary data for existing reporting systems and student surveys and the identification and  
254.9 pursuit of emerging trends and issues;

254.10 (4) assistance to districts and schools in using Minnesota student survey results to inform  
254.11 intervention and prevention programs;

254.12 (5) education and skill building;

254.13 (6) multisector and multiagency planning and advisory activities incorporating best  
254.14 practices and research; and

254.15 (7) administrative and financial support for school and district planning, schools  
254.16 recovering from incidents of violence, and school and district violence prevention education.

254.17 (c) The center shall:

254.18 (1) compile and make available to all districts and schools evidence-based elements and  
254.19 resources to develop and maintain safe and supportive schools;

254.20 (2) establish and maintain a central repository for collecting and analyzing information  
254.21 about prohibited conduct under section 121A.031, including, but not limited to:

254.22 (i) training materials on strategies and techniques to prevent and appropriately address  
254.23 prohibited conduct under section 121A.031;

254.24 (ii) model programming;

254.25 (iii) remedial responses consistent with section 121A.031, subdivision 2, paragraph (i);  
254.26 and

254.27 (iv) other resources for improving the school climate and preventing prohibited conduct  
254.28 under section 121A.031;

254.29 (3) assist districts and schools to develop strategies and techniques for effectively  
254.30 communicating with and engaging parents in efforts to protect and deter students from  
254.31 prohibited conduct under section 121A.031; and

255.1 (4) solicit input from social media experts on implementing this section.

255.2 (d) The commissioner shall provide administrative services including personnel, budget,  
 255.3 payroll and contract services, and staff support for center activities including developing  
 255.4 and disseminating materials, providing seminars, and developing and maintaining a website.  
 255.5 Center staff shall include a center director, a data analyst coordinator, and trainers who  
 255.6 provide training to affected state and local organizations under a fee-for-service agreement.  
 255.7 The financial, administrative, and staff support the commissioner provides under this section  
 255.8 must be based on an annual budget and work program developed by the center and submitted  
 255.9 to the commissioner by the center director.

255.10 (e) School ~~safety~~ safety climate technical assistance center staff may consult with school safety  
 255.11 center staff at the Department of Public Safety in providing services under this section.

255.12 (f) The center is voluntary and advisory. The center does not have enforcement,  
 255.13 rulemaking, oversight, or regulatory authority.

255.14 ~~(g) The center expires on June 30, 2019.~~

255.15 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.

255.16 Sec. 6. Laws 2017, First Special Session chapter 5, article 11, section 9, subdivision 2, is  
 255.17 amended to read:

255.18 Subd. 2. **Department.** (a) For the Department of Education:

255.19	\$	27,158,000	.....	2018
255.20		<del>24,874,000</del>		
255.21	\$	<u>22,874,000</u>	.....	2019

255.22 Of these amounts:

255.23 (1) \$231,000 each year is for the Board of School Administrators, and beginning in fiscal  
 255.24 year 2020, the amount indicated is from the educator licensure account in the special revenue  
 255.25 fund;

255.26 (2) \$1,000,000 each year is for regional centers of excellence under Minnesota Statutes,  
 255.27 section 120B.115;

255.28 (3) \$500,000 each year is for the school safety technical assistance center under Minnesota  
 255.29 Statutes, section 127A.052;

255.30 (4) \$250,000 each year is for the School Finance Division to enhance financial data  
 255.31 analysis;

256.1 (5) \$720,000 each year is for implementing Minnesota's Learning for English Academic  
 256.2 Proficiency and Success Act under Laws 2014, chapter 272, article 1, as amended;

256.3 (6) \$2,750,000 in fiscal year 2018 and \$500,000 in fiscal year 2019 are for the Department  
 256.4 of Education's mainframe update;

256.5 (7) \$123,000 each year is for a dyslexia specialist; and

256.6 (8) \$2,000,000 ~~each year~~ in fiscal year 2018 is for legal fees and costs associated with  
 256.7 litigation.

256.8 (b) Any balance in the first year does not cancel but is available in the second year.

256.9 (c) None of the amounts appropriated under this subdivision may be used for Minnesota's  
 256.10 Washington, D.C. office.

256.11 (d) The expenditures of federal grants and aids as shown in the biennial budget document  
 256.12 and its supplements are approved and appropriated and shall be spent as indicated.

256.13 (e) This appropriation includes funds for information technology project services and  
 256.14 support subject to the provisions of Minnesota Statutes, section 16E.0466. Any ongoing  
 256.15 information technology costs will be incorporated into the service level agreement and will  
 256.16 be paid to the Office of MN.IT Services by the Department of Education under the rates  
 256.17 and mechanism specified in that agreement.

256.18 ~~(f) The agency's base is \$22,054,000 for fiscal year 2020 and \$21,965,000 for 2021.~~

256.19 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.

256.20 Sec. 7. **APPROPRIATIONS; DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION.**

256.21 **Subdivision 1. Department of Education.** Unless otherwise indicated, the sums indicated  
 256.22 in this section are appropriated from the general fund to the Department of Education for  
 256.23 the fiscal years designated. Any balance in the first year does not cancel but is available in  
 256.24 the second year.

256.25 **Subd. 2. Department.** (a) For the Department of Education:

256.26 \$ 31,778,000 ..... 2020

256.27 \$ 28,382,000 ..... 2021

256.28 **Of these amounts:**

256.29 (1) \$2,000,000 in fiscal year 2020 and \$3,000,000 in fiscal year 2021 and later are for  
 256.30 regional centers of excellence under Minnesota Statutes, section 120B.115;



- 257.1 (2) \$250,000 each year is for the School Finance Division to enhance financial data  
257.2 analysis;
- 257.3 (3) \$720,000 each year is for implementing Minnesota's Learning for English Academic  
257.4 Proficiency and Success Act under Laws 2014, chapter 272, article 1, as amended;
- 257.5 (4) \$123,000 each year is for a dyslexia specialist;
- 257.6 (5) \$4,700,000 in fiscal year 2020 is for legal fees and costs associated with litigation;
- 257.7 (6) \$400,000 in fiscal year 2020 and \$480,000 in fiscal year 2021 and later are for the  
257.8 Department of Education's mainframe update;
- 257.9 (7) \$171,000 in fiscal year 2020 and \$174,000 in fiscal year 2021 and later are to fund  
257.10 a Second Chance Agency director;
- 257.11 (8) \$406,000 in fiscal year 2020 and \$288,000 in fiscal year 2021 and later are for a  
257.12 maltreatment investigations program;
- 257.13 (9) \$822,000 each year is for the IT program and data integration;
- 257.14 (10) \$140,000 each year is for the turnaround arts program;
- 257.15 (11) \$222,000 in fiscal year 2020 and \$226,000 in fiscal year 2021 and later are for data  
257.16 analytics; and
- 257.17 (12) \$140,000 each year is to conduct stakeholder engagement and draft a plan to increase  
257.18 the number of national board certified teachers in Minnesota.
- 257.19 (b) None of the amounts appropriated under this subdivision may be used for Minnesota's  
257.20 Washington, D.C. office.
- 257.21 (c) The expenditures of federal grants and aids as shown in the biennial budget document  
257.22 and its supplements are approved and appropriated and shall be spent as indicated.
- 257.23 (d) This appropriation includes funds for information technology project services and  
257.24 support subject to the provisions of Minnesota Statutes, section 16E.0466. Any ongoing  
257.25 information technology costs will be incorporated into the service level agreement and will  
257.26 be paid to the Office of MN.IT Services by the Department of Education under the rates  
257.27 and mechanism specified in that agreement.
- 257.28 (e) Any balance in the first year does not cancel but is available in the second year.
- 257.29 (f) To account for the base adjustments provided in Laws 2018, chapter 211, article 21,  
257.30 section 1, paragraph (a), and section 3, paragraph (a), the base for fiscal year 2022 is  
257.31 \$28,402,000. The base for fiscal year 2023 is \$28,422,000.

258.1 Sec. 8. **APPROPRIATIONS; MINNESOTA STATE ACADEMIES.**

258.2 (a) The sums indicated in this section are appropriated from the general fund to the  
 258.3 Minnesota State Academies for the Deaf and the Blind for the fiscal years designated:

258.4 \$ 14,966,000 ..... 2020

258.5 \$ 14,872,000 ..... 2021

258.6 (b) Any balance in the first year does not cancel but is available in the second year.

258.7 (c) Of the amounts in paragraph (a), \$650,000 in fiscal year 2020 and \$505,000 in fiscal  
 258.8 year 2021 are for information technology improvements.

258.9 (d) To account for the base adjustments provided in Laws 2018, chapter 211, article 21,  
 258.10 section 1, paragraph (a), and section 3, paragraph (b), the base for fiscal year 2022 is  
 258.11 \$14,879,000. The base for fiscal year 2023 is \$14,886,000.

258.12 Sec. 9. **APPROPRIATIONS; PERPICH CENTER FOR ARTS EDUCATION.**

258.13 (a) The sums in this section are appropriated from the general fund to the Perpich Center  
 258.14 for Arts Education for the fiscal years designated:

258.15 \$ 8,172,000 ..... 2020

258.16 \$ 7,663,000 ..... 2021

258.17 (b) Any balance in the first year does not cancel but is available in the second year.

258.18 (c) Of the amounts in paragraph (a), \$960,000 in fiscal year 2020 and \$380,000 in fiscal  
 258.19 year 2021 are for information technology improvements. \$340,000 is included in the base  
 258.20 for fiscal year 2022, and \$285,000 is included in the base for fiscal year 2023 for this purpose.

258.21 (d) To account for onetime technology initiatives and for the base adjustments provided  
 258.22 in Laws 2018, chapter 211, article 21, section 1, paragraph (a), and section 3, paragraph  
 258.23 (c), the base for fiscal year 2022 is \$7,628,000. The base for fiscal year 2023 is \$7,579,000.

258.24 Sec. 10. **APPROPRIATIONS; BOARD OF SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS.**

258.25 (a) The sums indicated in this section are appropriated from the administrator licensure  
 258.26 account in the special revenue fund to the Board of School Administrators:

258.27 \$ 357,000 ..... 2020

258.28 \$ 347,000 ..... 2021

258.29 (b) For fiscal year 2020 only, if the amount in the administrator licensure account is  
 258.30 insufficient, the remainder of the appropriation must be made from the general fund.

259.1 (c) Any balance in the first year does not cancel but is available in the second year.

259.2 (d) The base for fiscal year 2022 is \$347,000.

259.3 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.

259.4 Sec. 11. **AWARENESS OF SEXUAL EXPLOITATION OF MINORS.**

259.5 \$12,000 in fiscal year 2020 is appropriated from the general fund to the Board of School  
 259.6 Administrators for a public awareness campaign directed toward school employees to raise  
 259.7 awareness of the sexual exploitation of youth and the maltreatment of minors. The awareness  
 259.8 campaign must emphasize the duties of mandatory reporters.

259.9 Sec. 12. **APPROPRIATIONS; PROFESSIONAL EDUCATOR LICENSING AND**  
 259.10 **STANDARDS BOARD.**

259.11 Subdivision 1. Professional Educator Licensing and Standards Board. (a) The sums  
 259.12 indicated in this section are appropriated from the educator licensure account in the special  
 259.13 revenue fund to the Professional Educator Licensing and Standards Board for the fiscal  
 259.14 years designated:

259.15 \$ 2,744,000 ..... 2020

259.16 \$ 2,719,000 ..... 2021

259.17 (b) This appropriation includes funds for information technology project services and  
 259.18 support subject to Minnesota Statutes, section 16E.0466. Any ongoing information  
 259.19 technology costs will be incorporated into an interagency agreement and will be paid to the  
 259.20 Office of MN.IT Services by the Professional Educator Licensing and Standards Board  
 259.21 under the mechanism specified in that agreement.

259.22 (c) Any balance in the first year does not cancel but is available in the second year.

259.23 (d) If the amount in the educator licensure account is insufficient, the remainder of the  
 259.24 appropriation must be made from the general fund.

259.25 (e) The base for fiscal year 2022 and later is \$2,719,000.

259.26 **Subd. 2. Licensure by portfolio.** For licensure by portfolio:

259.27 \$ 34,000 ..... 2020

259.28 \$ 34,000 ..... 2021

259.29 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.

260.1 Sec. 13. **REVISOR INSTRUCTION.**

260.2 (a) The revisor of statutes shall substitute the term "School Climate Technical Assistance  
 260.3 Center" for "School Safety Technical Assistance Center" wherever the term appears in  
 260.4 Minnesota Statutes.

260.5 (b) The revisor of statutes shall substitute the term "School Climate Technical Assistance  
 260.6 Council" for "School Safety Technical Assistance Council" wherever the term appears in  
 260.7 Minnesota Statutes.

260.8 Sec. 14. **REPEALER.**

260.9 Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 127A.051, subdivision 7, is repealed.

260.10 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.

260.11 **ARTICLE 11**

260.12 **FORECAST ADJUSTMENTS**

260.13 **A. GENERAL EDUCATION**

260.14 Section 1. Laws 2017, First Special Session chapter 5, article 1, section 19, subdivision  
 260.15 2, is amended to read:

260.16 Subd. 2. **General education aid.** For general education aid under Minnesota Statutes,  
 260.17 section 126C.13, subdivision 4:

260.18	\$	7,032,051,000	.....	2018
260.19		<del>7,227,809,000</del>		
260.20	\$	<u>7,253,606,000</u>	.....	2019

260.21 The 2018 appropriation includes \$686,828,000 for 2017 and \$6,345,223,000 for 2018.

260.22 The 2019 appropriation includes \$705,024,000 for 2018 and ~~\$6,522,785,000~~  
 260.23 \$6,548,582,000 for 2019.

260.24 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.

260.25 Sec. 2. Laws 2017, First Special Session chapter 5, article 1, section 19, subdivision 3, is  
 260.26 amended to read:

260.27 Subd. 3. **Enrollment options transportation.** For transportation of pupils attending  
 260.28 postsecondary institutions under Minnesota Statutes, section 124D.09, or for transportation  
 260.29 of pupils attending nonresident districts under Minnesota Statutes, section 124D.03:

261.1 \$ 29,000 ..... 2018

261.2 ~~31,000~~

261.3 \$ 22,000 ..... 2019

261.4 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.

261.5 Sec. 3. Laws 2017, First Special Session chapter 5, article 1, section 19, subdivision 4, is  
261.6 amended to read:

261.7 Subd. 4. **Abatement aid.** For abatement aid under Minnesota Statutes, section 127A.49:

261.8 \$ 2,374,000 ..... 2018

261.9 ~~2,163,000~~

261.10 \$ 2,939,000 ..... 2019

261.11 The 2018 appropriation includes \$262,000 for 2017 and \$2,112,000 for 2018.

261.12 The 2019 appropriation includes ~~\$234,000~~ \$468,000 for 2018 and ~~\$1,929,000~~ \$2,471,000  
261.13 for 2019.

261.14 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.

261.15 Sec. 4. Laws 2017, First Special Session chapter 5, article 1, section 19, subdivision 5, is  
261.16 amended to read:

261.17 Subd. 5. **Consolidation transition aid.** For districts consolidating under Minnesota  
261.18 Statutes, section 123A.485:

261.19 \$ 185,000 ..... 2018

261.20 ~~382,000~~

261.21 \$ 20,000 ..... 2019

261.22 The 2018 appropriation includes \$0 for 2017 and \$185,000 for 2018.

261.23 The 2019 appropriation includes \$20,000 for 2018 and ~~\$362,000~~ \$0 for 2019.

261.24 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.

261.25 Sec. 5. Laws 2017, First Special Session chapter 5, article 1, section 19, subdivision 6, is  
261.26 amended to read:

261.27 Subd. 6. **Nonpublic pupil education aid.** For nonpublic pupil education aid under  
261.28 Minnesota Statutes, sections 123B.40 to 123B.43 and 123B.87:

261.29 \$ 18,197,000 ..... 2018

261.30 ~~19,225,000~~

261.31 \$ 18,093,000 ..... 2019

262.1 The 2018 appropriation includes \$1,687,000 for 2017 and \$16,510,000 for 2018.

262.2 The 2019 appropriation includes \$1,834,000 for 2018 and ~~\$17,391,000~~ \$16,259,000 for  
 262.3 2019.

262.4 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.

262.5 Sec. 6. Laws 2017, First Special Session chapter 5, article 1, section 19, subdivision 7, is  
 262.6 amended to read:

262.7 Subd. 7. **Nonpublic pupil transportation.** For nonpublic pupil transportation aid under  
 262.8 Minnesota Statutes, section 123B.92, subdivision 9:

262.9	\$	18,372,000	.....	2018
262.10		<del>18,541,000</del>		
262.11	\$	<u>19,492,000</u>	.....	2019

262.12 The 2018 appropriation includes \$1,835,000 for 2017 and \$16,537,000 for 2018.

262.13 The 2019 appropriation includes \$1,837,000 for 2018 and ~~\$16,704,000~~ \$17,655,000 for  
 262.14 2019.

262.15 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.

262.16 Sec. 7. Laws 2017, First Special Session chapter 5, article 1, section 19, subdivision 9, is  
 262.17 amended to read:

262.18 Subd. 9. **Career and technical aid.** For career and technical aid under Minnesota  
 262.19 Statutes, section 124D.4531, subdivision 1b:

262.20	\$	4,561,000	.....	2018
262.21		<del>4,125,000</del>		
262.22	\$	<u>4,260,000</u>	.....	2019

262.23 The 2018 appropriation includes \$476,000 for 2017 and \$4,085,000 for 2018.

262.24 The 2019 appropriation includes \$453,000 for 2018 and ~~\$3,672,000~~ \$3,807,000 for  
 262.25 2019.

262.26 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.

263.1 **B. EDUCATION EXCELLENCE**

263.2 Sec. 8. Laws 2017, First Special Session chapter 5, article 2, section 57, subdivision 2, is  
 263.3 amended to read:

263.4 Subd. 2. **Achievement and integration aid.** For achievement and integration aid under  
 263.5 Minnesota Statutes, section 124D.862:

263.6	\$	71,249,000	.....	2018
263.7		<del>73,267,000</del>		
263.8	\$	<u>70,980,000</u>	.....	2019

263.9 The 2018 appropriation includes \$6,725,000 for 2017 and \$64,524,000 for 2018.

263.10 The 2019 appropriation includes \$7,169,000 for 2018 and ~~\$66,098,000~~ \$63,811,000 for  
 263.11 2019.

263.12 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.

263.13 Sec. 9. Laws 2017, First Special Session chapter 5, article 2, section 57, subdivision 3, is  
 263.14 amended to read:

263.15 Subd. 3. **Literacy incentive aid.** For literacy incentive aid under Minnesota Statutes,  
 263.16 section 124D.98:

263.17	\$	47,264,000	.....	2018
263.18		<del>47,763,000</del>		
263.19	\$	<u>45,987,000</u>	.....	2019

263.20 The 2018 appropriation includes \$4,597,000 for 2017 and \$42,667,000 for 2018.

263.21 The 2019 appropriation includes \$4,740,000 for 2018 and ~~\$43,023,000~~ \$41,247,000 for  
 263.22 2019.

263.23 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.

263.24 Sec. 10. Laws 2017, First Special Session chapter 5, article 2, section 57, subdivision 4,  
 263.25 is amended to read:

263.26 Subd. 4. **Interdistrict desegregation or integration transportation grants.** For  
 263.27 interdistrict desegregation or integration transportation grants under Minnesota Statutes,  
 263.28 section 124D.87:

263.29	\$	13,337,000	.....	2018
263.30		<del>14,075,000</del>		
263.31	\$	<u>13,193,000</u>	.....	2019

264.1 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.

264.2 Sec. 11. Laws 2017, First Special Session chapter 5, article 2, section 57, subdivision 5,  
264.3 is amended to read:

264.4 Subd. 5. **Tribal contract schools.** For tribal contract school aid under Minnesota Statutes,  
264.5 section 124D.83:

264.6 \$ 3,623,000 ..... 2018

264.7 ~~4,018,000~~

264.8 \$ 3,059,000 ..... 2019

264.9 The 2018 appropriation includes \$323,000 for 2017 and \$3,300,000 for 2018.

264.10 The 2019 appropriation includes \$366,000 for 2018 and ~~\$3,652,000~~ \$2,693,000 for  
264.11 2019.

264.12 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.

264.13 Sec. 12. Laws 2017, First Special Session chapter 5, article 2, section 57, subdivision 6,  
264.14 is amended to read:

264.15 Subd. 6. **American Indian education aid.** For American Indian education aid under  
264.16 Minnesota Statutes, section 124D.81, subdivision 2a:

264.17 \$ 9,244,000 ..... 2018

264.18 ~~9,464,000~~

264.19 \$ 9,573,000 ..... 2019

264.20 The 2018 appropriation includes \$886,000 for 2017 and \$8,358,000 for 2018.

264.21 The 2019 appropriation includes \$928,000 for 2018 and ~~\$8,536,000~~ \$8,645,000 for  
264.22 2019.

264.23 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.

264.24 Sec. 13. Laws 2017, First Special Session chapter 5, article 2, section 57, subdivision 21,  
264.25 is amended to read:

264.26 Subd. 21. **Charter school building lease aid.** For building lease aid under Minnesota  
264.27 Statutes, section 124E.22:

264.28 \$ 73,341,000 ..... 2018

264.29 ~~78,802,000~~

264.30 \$ 79,646,000 ..... 2019

264.31 The 2018 appropriation includes \$6,850,000 for 2017 and \$66,491,000 for 2018.



265.1 The 2019 appropriation includes ~~\$7,387,000~~ \$7,448,000 for 2018 and ~~\$71,415,000~~  
 265.2 \$72,198,000 for 2019.

265.3 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.

265.4 Sec. 14. Laws 2017, First Special Session chapter 5, article 2, section 57, subdivision 26,  
 265.5 is amended to read:

265.6 Subd. 26. **Alternative teacher compensation aid.** For alternative teacher compensation  
 265.7 aid under Minnesota Statutes, section 122A.415, subdivision 4:

265.8	\$	89,863,000	.....	2018
265.9		<del>89,623,000</del>		
265.10	\$	<u>89,783,000</u>	.....	2019

265.11 The 2018 appropriation includes \$8,917,000 for 2017 and \$80,946,000 for 2018.

265.12 The 2019 appropriation includes ~~\$8,994,000~~ \$9,015,000 for 2018 and ~~\$80,629,000~~  
 265.13 \$80,768,000 for 2019.

265.14 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.

265.15 **C. SPECIAL EDUCATION**

265.16 Sec. 15. Laws 2017, First Special Session chapter 5, article 4, section 12, subdivision 2,  
 265.17 as amended by Laws 2017, First Special Session chapter 7, section 12, is amended to read:

265.18 Subd. 2. **Special education; regular.** For special education aid under Minnesota Statutes,  
 265.19 section 125A.75:

265.20	\$	1,341,161,000	.....	2018
265.21		<del>1,426,827,000</del>		
265.22	\$	<u>1,513,013,000</u>	.....	2019

265.23 The 2018 appropriation includes \$156,403,000 for 2017 and \$1,184,758,000 for 2018.

265.24 The 2019 appropriation includes ~~\$166,667,000~~ \$204,145,000 for 2018 and  
 265.25 ~~\$1,260,160,000~~ \$1,308,868,000 for 2019.

265.26 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.

266.1 Sec. 16. Laws 2017, First Special Session chapter 5, article 4, section 12, subdivision 3,  
 266.2 is amended to read:

266.3 Subd. 3. **Aid for children with disabilities.** For aid under Minnesota Statutes, section  
 266.4 125A.75, subdivision 3, for children with disabilities placed in residential facilities within  
 266.5 the district boundaries for whom no district of residence can be determined:

266.6 \$ 1,597,000 ..... 2018

266.7 ~~1,830,000~~

266.8 \$ 1,217,000 ..... 2019

266.9 If the appropriation for either year is insufficient, the appropriation for the other year is  
 266.10 available.

266.11 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.

266.12 Sec. 17. Laws 2017, First Special Session chapter 5, article 4, section 12, subdivision 4,  
 266.13 is amended to read:

266.14 Subd. 4. **Travel for home-based services.** For aid for teacher travel for home-based  
 266.15 services under Minnesota Statutes, section 125A.75, subdivision 1:

266.16 \$ 508,000 ..... 2018

266.17 ~~532,000~~

266.18 \$ 417,000 ..... 2019

266.19 The 2018 appropriation includes \$48,000 for 2017 and \$460,000 for 2018.

266.20 The 2019 appropriation includes \$51,000 for 2018 and ~~\$481,000~~ \$366,000 for 2019.

266.21 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.

266.22 Sec. 18. Laws 2017, First Special Session chapter 5, article 4, section 12, subdivision 5,  
 266.23 is amended to read:

266.24 Subd. 5. **Court-placed special education revenue.** For reimbursing serving school  
 266.25 districts for unreimbursed eligible expenditures attributable to children placed in the serving  
 266.26 school district by court action under Minnesota Statutes, section 125A.79, subdivision 4:

266.27 \$ 46,000 ..... 2018

266.28 ~~47,000~~

266.29 \$ 30,000 ..... 2019

266.30 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.

267.1 **D. FACILITIES AND TECHNOLOGY**

267.2 Sec. 19. Laws 2017, First Special Session chapter 5, article 5, section 14, subdivision 2,  
267.3 is amended to read:

267.4 Subd. 2. **Debt service equalization aid.** For debt service equalization aid under  
267.5 Minnesota Statutes, section 123B.53, subdivision 6:

267.6 \$ 24,908,000 ..... 2018

267.7 ~~22,360,000~~

267.8 \$ 23,137,000 ..... 2019

267.9 The 2018 appropriation includes \$2,324,000 for 2017 and \$22,584,000 for 2018.

267.10 The 2019 appropriation includes \$2,509,000 for 2018 and ~~\$19,851,000~~ \$20,628,000 for  
267.11 2019.

267.12 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.

267.13 Sec. 20. Laws 2017, First Special Session chapter 5, article 5, section 14, subdivision 3,  
267.14 is amended to read:

267.15 Subd. 3. **Long-term facilities maintenance equalized aid.** For long-term facilities  
267.16 maintenance equalized aid under Minnesota Statutes, section 123B.595, subdivision 9:

267.17 \$ 80,179,000 ..... 2018

267.18 ~~103,460,000~~

267.19 \$ 102,823,000 ..... 2019

267.20 The 2018 appropriation includes \$5,815,000 for 2017 and \$74,364,000 for 2018.

267.21 The 2019 appropriation includes ~~\$8,262,000~~ \$8,645,000 for 2018 and ~~\$95,198,000~~  
267.22 \$94,178,000 for 2019.

267.23 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.

267.24 **E. NUTRITION**

267.25 Sec. 21. Laws 2017, First Special Session chapter 5, article 6, section 3, subdivision 2, is  
267.26 amended to read:

267.27 Subd. 2. **School lunch.** For school lunch aid under Minnesota Statutes, section 124D.111,  
267.28 and Code of Federal Regulations, title 7, section 210.17:

267.29 \$ 16,721,000 ..... 2018

267.30 ~~17,223,000~~

267.31 \$ 15,990,000 ..... 2019

268.1 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.

268.2 Sec. 22. Laws 2017, First Special Session chapter 5, article 6, section 3, subdivision 3, is  
 268.3 amended to read:

268.4 Subd. 3. **School breakfast.** For traditional school breakfast aid under Minnesota Statutes,  
 268.5 section 124D.1158:

268.6 \$ 10,601,000 ..... 2018

268.7 ~~11,359,000~~

268.8 \$ 10,660,000 ..... 2019

268.9 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.

268.10 Sec. 23. Laws 2017, First Special Session chapter 5, article 6, section 3, subdivision 4, is  
 268.11 amended to read:

268.12 Subd. 4. **Kindergarten milk.** For kindergarten milk aid under Minnesota Statutes,  
 268.13 section 124D.118:

268.14 \$ 758,000 ..... 2018

268.15 ~~758,000~~

268.16 \$ 691,000 ..... 2019

268.17 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.

268.18 **F. EARLY CHILDHOOD AND FAMILY SUPPORT**

268.19 Sec. 24. Laws 2017, First Special Session chapter 5, article 8, section 10, subdivision 3,  
 268.20 is amended to read:

268.21 Subd. 3. **Mixed delivery prekindergarten programs.** (a) For mixed delivery  
 268.22 prekindergarten programs and school readiness plus programs:

268.23 \$ 21,429,000 ..... 2018

268.24 ~~28,571,000~~

268.25 \$ 2,381,000 ..... 2019

268.26 (b) The fiscal year 2018 appropriation includes \$0 for 2017 and \$21,429,000 for 2018.

268.27 (c) The fiscal year 2019 appropriation includes \$2,381,000 for 2018 and ~~\$26,190,000~~  
 268.28 \$0 for 2019.

268.29 (d) The commissioner must proportionately allocate the amounts appropriated in this  
 268.30 subdivision among each education funding program affected by the enrollment of mixed  
 268.31 delivery system prekindergarten pupils.

269.1 (e) The appropriation under this subdivision is reduced by any other amounts specifically  
 269.2 appropriated for those purposes.

269.3 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.

269.4 Sec. 25. Laws 2017, First Special Session chapter 5, article 8, section 10, subdivision 5a,  
 269.5 is amended to read:

269.6 Subd. 5a. **Early childhood family education aid.** For early childhood family education  
 269.7 aid under Minnesota Statutes, section 124D.135:

269.8 \$ 30,405,000 ..... 2018

269.9 ~~31,977,000~~

269.10 \$ 30,942,000 ..... 2019

269.11 The 2018 appropriation includes \$2,904,000 for 2017 and \$27,501,000 for 2018.

269.12 The 2019 appropriation includes \$3,055,000 for 2018 and ~~\$28,922,000~~ \$27,887,000 for  
 269.13 2019.

269.14 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.

269.15 Sec. 26. Laws 2017, First Special Session chapter 5, article 8, section 10, subdivision 6,  
 269.16 is amended to read:

269.17 Subd. 6. **Developmental screening aid.** For developmental screening aid under  
 269.18 Minnesota Statutes, sections 121A.17 and 121A.19:

269.19 \$ 3,606,000 ..... 2018

269.20 ~~3,629,000~~

269.21 \$ 3,632,000 ..... 2019

269.22 The 2018 appropriation includes \$358,000 for 2017 and \$3,248,000 for 2018.

269.23 The 2019 appropriation includes \$360,000 for 2018 and ~~\$3,269,000~~ \$3,272,000 for  
 269.24 2019.

269.25 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.

269.26 Sec. 27. Laws 2017, First Special Session chapter 5, article 8, section 10, subdivision 12,  
 269.27 is amended to read:

269.28 Subd. 12. **Home visiting aid.** For home visiting aid under Minnesota Statutes, section  
 269.29 124D.135:

270.1 \$ 527,000 ..... 2018

270.2 ~~571,000~~

270.3 \$ 553,000 ..... 2019

270.4 The 2018 appropriation includes \$0 for 2017 and \$527,000 for 2018.

270.5 The 2019 appropriation includes \$58,000 for 2018 and ~~\$513,000~~ \$495,000 for 2019.

270.6 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.

270.7 **G. COMMUNITY EDUCATION AND PREVENTION**

270.8 Sec. 28. Laws 2017, First Special Session chapter 5, article 9, section 2, subdivision 2, is  
270.9 amended to read:

270.10 Subd. 2. **Community education aid.** For community education aid under Minnesota  
270.11 Statutes, section 124D.20:

270.12 \$ 483,000 ..... 2018

270.13 ~~393,000~~

270.14 \$ 410,000 ..... 2019

270.15 The 2018 appropriation includes \$53,000 for 2017 and \$430,000 for 2018.

270.16 The 2019 appropriation includes \$47,000 for 2018 and ~~\$346,000~~ \$363,000 for 2019.

270.17 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.

270.18 **H. SELF-SUFFICIENCY AND LIFELONG LEARNING**

270.19 Sec. 29. Laws 2017, First Special Session chapter 5, article 10, section 6, subdivision 2,  
270.20 is amended to read:

270.21 Subd. 2. **Adult basic education aid.** For adult basic education aid under Minnesota  
270.22 Statutes, section 124D.531:

270.23 \$ 50,010,000 ..... 2018

270.24 ~~51,497,000~~

270.25 \$ 48,831,000 ..... 2019

270.26 The 2018 appropriation includes \$4,881,000 for 2017 and \$45,129,000 for 2018.

270.27 The 2019 appropriation includes \$5,014,000 for 2018 and ~~\$46,483,000~~ \$43,817,000 for  
270.28 2019.

270.29 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.

271.1 Sec. 30. Laws 2018, chapter 211, article 21, section 4, is amended to read:

271.2 Sec. 4. **EDUCATION APPROPRIATIONS.**

271.3 Subdivision 1. **Department of Education.** The sums indicated are appropriated from  
271.4 the general fund to the Department of Education for the fiscal years designated. These sums  
271.5 are in addition to appropriations made for the same purpose in any other law.

271.6 Subd. 2. **General education aid.** For general education aid under Minnesota Statutes,  
271.7 section 126C.13, subdivision 4:

271.8		<del>10,863,000</del>	
271.9	\$	<u>0</u>	..... 2019

271.10 The 2019 appropriation includes \$0 for 2018 and ~~\$10,863,000~~ \$0 for 2019.

**120B.299 DEFINITIONS.**

Subdivision 1. **Definitions.** The definitions in this section apply to this chapter.

Subd. 2. **Growth.** "Growth" compares the difference in a student's achievement score at two or more distinct points in time.

Subd. 3. **Value added.** "Value added" is the amount of achievement a student demonstrates above an established baseline. The difference between the student's score and the baseline defines value added.

Subd. 4. **Value-added growth.** "Value-added growth" is based on a student's growth score. In a value-added growth system, the student's first test is the baseline, and the difference between the student's first and next test scores within a defined period is the measure of value added. Value-added growth models use student-level data to measure what portion of a student's growth can be explained by inputs related to the educational environment.

Subd. 5. **Adequate yearly progress.** A school or district makes "adequate yearly progress" if, for every student subgroup under the federal 2001 No Child Left Behind Act in the school or district, its proficiency index or other approved adjustments for performance, based on statewide assessment scores, meets or exceeds federal expectations. To make adequate yearly progress, the school or district also must satisfy applicable federal requirements related to student attendance, graduation, and test participation rates.

Subd. 6. **State growth target.** (a) "State growth target" is the average year-two assessment scores for students with similar year-one assessment scores.

(b) The state growth targets for each grade and subject are benchmarked as follows until the assessment scale changes:

(1) beginning in the 2008-2009 school year, the state growth target for grades 3 through 8 is benchmarked to 2006-2007 and 2007-2008 school year data;

(2) beginning in the 2008-2009 school year the state growth target for grade 10 is benchmarked to 2005-2006 and 2006-2007 school year data;

(3) for the 2008-2009 school year, the state growth target for grade 11 is benchmarked to 2005-2006 school year data; and

(4) beginning in the 2009-2010 school year, the state growth target for grade 11 is benchmarked to 2005-2006 and 2006-2007 school year data.

(c) Each time before the assessment scale changes, a stakeholder group that includes assessment and evaluation directors and staff and researchers must recommend a new state growth target that the commissioner must consider when revising standards under section 120B.021, subdivision 4.

Subd. 7. **Low growth.** "Low growth" is an assessment score one-half standard deviation below the state growth target.

Subd. 8. **Medium growth.** "Medium growth" is an assessment score within one-half standard deviation above or below the state growth target.

Subd. 9. **High growth.** "High growth" is an assessment score one-half standard deviation or more above the state growth target.

Subd. 10. **Proficiency.** "Proficiency" for purposes of reporting growth on school performance report cards under section 120B.36, subdivision 1, means those students who, in the previous school year, scored at or above "meets standards" on the statewide assessments under section 120B.30. Each year, school performance report cards must separately display: (1) the numbers and percentages of students who achieved low growth, medium growth, and high growth and achieved proficiency in the previous school year; and (2) the numbers and percentages of students who achieved low growth, medium growth, and high growth and did not achieve proficiency in the previous school year.

Subd. 11. **Growth and progress toward proficiency.** The categories of low growth, medium growth, and high growth shall be used to indicate both (1) growth and (2) progress toward grade-level proficiency that is consistent with subdivision 10.



**122A.09 DUTIES.**

Subdivision 1. **Code of ethics.** The Professional Educator Licensing and Standards Board must develop by rule a code of ethics covering standards of professional teaching practices, including areas of ethical conduct and professional performance and methods of enforcement.

**122A.182 TIER 2 LICENSE.**

Subd. 2. **Coursework.** (a) A candidate for a Tier 2 license must meet the coursework requirement by demonstrating completion of two of the following:

- (1) at least eight upper division or graduate-level credits in the relevant content area;
- (2) field-specific methods of training, including coursework;
- (3) at least two years of teaching experience in a similar content area in any state, as determined by the board;
- (4) a passing score on the pedagogy and content exams under section 122A.185; or
- (5) completion of a state-approved teacher preparation program.

(b) For purposes of paragraph (a), "upper division" means classes normally taken at the junior or senior level of college which require substantial knowledge and skill in the field. Candidates must identify the upper division credits that fulfill the requirement in paragraph (a), clause (1).

**122A.63 GRANTS TO PREPARE INDIAN TEACHERS.**

Subd. 7. **Loan forgiveness.** The loan may be forgiven if the recipient is employed as a teacher, as defined in section 122A.40 or 122A.41, in an eligible school or program in Minnesota. One-fourth of the principal of the outstanding loan amount shall be forgiven for each year of eligible employment, or a pro rata amount for eligible employment during part of a school year, part-time employment as a substitute teacher, or other eligible part-time teaching. Loans for \$2,500 or less may be forgiven at the rate of up to \$1,250 per year. The following schools and programs are eligible for the purposes of loan forgiveness:

- (1) a school or program operated by a school district;
  - (2) a tribal contract school eligible to receive aid according to section 124D.83;
  - (3) a Head Start program;
  - (4) an early childhood family education program;
  - (5) a program providing educational services to children who have not entered kindergarten;
- or
- (6) a program providing educational enrichment services to American Indian students in grades kindergarten through 12.

If a person has an outstanding loan obtained through this program, the duty to make payments of principal and interest may be deferred during any time period the person is enrolled at least one-half time in an advanced degree program in a field that leads to employment by a school district. To defer loan obligations, the person shall provide written notification to the commissioner of education and the recipients of the joint grant that originally authorized the loan. Upon approval by the commissioner and the joint grant recipients, payments shall be deferred.

The Minnesota Office of Higher Education shall approve the loan forgiveness program, loan deferral, and procedures to administer the program.

Subd. 8. **Revolving fund.** The Indian teacher preparation loan repayment revolving account is established in the state treasury. Any amounts repaid or contributed by a teacher who received a scholarship or loan under this program shall be deposited in the account. All money in the account is annually appropriated to the commissioner of education and shall be used to enable Indian students to participate in the program.

**126C.17 REFERENDUM REVENUE.**

Subd. 9a. **Board-approved referendum allowance.** Notwithstanding subdivision 9, a school district may convert up to \$300 per adjusted pupil unit of referendum authority from voter approved to board approved by a board vote. A district with less than \$300 per adjusted pupil unit of referendum authority after the local optional revenue subtraction under subdivision 1 may authorize

new referendum authority up to the difference between \$300 per adjusted pupil unit and the district's referendum authority. The board may authorize this levy for up to five years and may subsequently reauthorize that authority in increments of up to five years.

**127A.051 SCHOOL SAFETY TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE COUNCIL.**

Subd. 7. **Expiration.** The council expires on June 30, 2019.

**127A.14 COMMISSIONER PURCHASE OF ANNUITY FOR EMPLOYEES.**

Subdivision 1. **Purchase of annuity contract; allocation of portion of employee compensation.** At the request of an employee, the commissioner of education may negotiate and purchase an individual annuity contract from a company licensed to do business in the state of Minnesota for an employee for retirement or other purposes and may allocate a portion of the compensation otherwise payable to the employee as salary for the purpose of paying the entire premium due or to become due under such contract. The allocation shall be made in a manner which will qualify the annuity premiums, or a portion thereof, for the benefit afforded under section 403(b) of the current federal Internal Revenue Code or any equivalent provision of subsequent federal income tax law. The employee shall own such contract and the employee's rights thereunder shall be nonforfeitable except for failure to pay premiums.

Subd. 2. **Annuity account; appropriation.** All amounts so allocated shall be deposited in an annuity account which is hereby established in the state treasury. There is annually appropriated from the annuity account in the state treasury to the commissioner of education all moneys deposited therein for the payment of annuity premiums when due or for other application in accordance with the salary agreement entered into between the employee and the commissioner of education. The moneys in the annuity account in the state treasury are not subject to the budget, allotment, and incumbrance system provided for in chapter 16A and any act amendatory thereof.

**136D.93 OTHER MEMBERSHIP AND POWERS.**

In addition to the districts listed in sections 136D.21, 136D.71, and 136D.81, the agreement of an intermediate school district established under this chapter may provide for the membership of other school districts and cities, counties, and other governmental units as defined in section 471.59. In addition to the powers listed in sections 136D.25, 136D.73, and 136D.84, an intermediate school board may provide the services defined in section 123A.21, subdivisions 7 and 8.

*Laws 2017, First Special Session chapter 5, article 11, section 6*

Sec. 6. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 122A.21, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

Subd. 2. **Licensure via portfolio.** (a) An eligible candidate may use licensure via portfolio to obtain a professional five-year teaching license or to add a licensure field, consistent with applicable Board of Teaching licensure rules.

(b) A candidate for a professional five-year teaching license must submit to the Educator Licensing Division at the department one portfolio demonstrating pedagogical competence and one portfolio demonstrating content competence.

(c) A candidate seeking to add a licensure field must submit to the Educator Licensing Division at the department one portfolio demonstrating content competence.

(d) The Board of Teaching must notify a candidate who submits a portfolio under paragraph (b) or (c) within 90 calendar days after the portfolio is received whether or not the portfolio was approved. If the portfolio was not approved, the board must immediately inform the candidate how to revise the portfolio to successfully demonstrate the requisite competence. The candidate may resubmit a revised portfolio at any time and the Educator Licensing Division at the department must approve or disapprove the portfolio within 60 calendar days of receiving it.

(e) A candidate must pay to the executive secretary of the Board of Teaching a \$300 fee for the first portfolio submitted for review and a \$200 fee for any portfolio submitted subsequently. ~~The revenue generated from Board of Teaching executive secretary must deposit the fee must be deposited in an education the educator licensure portfolio account in the special revenue fund.~~ The fees set by the Board of Teaching are nonrefundable for applicants not qualifying for a license. The Board of Teaching may waive or reduce fees for candidates based on financial need.

**EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 1, 2019.

**8710.2100 CODE OF ETHICS FOR MINNESOTA TEACHERS.**

Subpart 1. **Scope.** Each teacher, upon entering the teaching profession, assumes a number of obligations, one of which is to adhere to a set of principles which defines professional conduct. These principles are reflected in the following code of ethics, which sets forth to the education profession and the public it serves standards of professional conduct and procedures for implementation.

This code shall apply to all persons licensed according to rules established by the Professional Educator Licensing and Standards Board.

Subp. 2. **Standards of professional conduct.** The standards of professional conduct are as follows:

A. A teacher shall provide professional education services in a nondiscriminatory manner.

B. A teacher shall make reasonable effort to protect the student from conditions harmful to health and safety.

C. In accordance with state and federal laws, a teacher shall disclose confidential information about individuals only when a compelling professional purpose is served or when required by law.

D. A teacher shall take reasonable disciplinary action in exercising the authority to provide an atmosphere conducive to learning.

E. A teacher shall not use professional relationships with students, parents, and colleagues to private advantage.

F. A teacher shall delegate authority for teaching responsibilities only to licensed personnel.

G. A teacher shall not deliberately suppress or distort subject matter.

H. A teacher shall not knowingly falsify or misrepresent records or facts relating to that teacher's own qualifications or to other teachers' qualifications.

I. A teacher shall not knowingly make false or malicious statements about students or colleagues.

J. A teacher shall accept a contract for a teaching position that requires licensing only if properly or provisionally licensed for that position.