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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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H. F. No. **246**

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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Education Policy

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to education finance; establishing a vocational enrichment program;
1.3 appropriating money; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter
1.4 124D.

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

1.6 Section 1. **[124D.4539] VOCATIONAL ENRICHMENT PROGRAM.**

1.7 Subdivision 1. **Vocational enrichment program.** A school district may establish a
1.8 vocational enrichment program that operates outside of the regular school day, including
1.9 over weekends or the summer, to provide instruction in vocational courses. The district
1.10 must first offer the program to enrolled secondary students but may broaden registration to
1.11 others if space permits.

1.12 Subd. 2. **Vocational enrichment grants.** (a) A school district must apply for a vocational
1.13 enrichment grant in the form and manner specified by the commissioner. The maximum
1.14 amount of a vocational enrichment grant equals the product of:

1.15 (1) \$5,117;

1.16 (2) 1.2;

1.17 (3) the number of students participating in the program; and

1.18 (4) the ratio of the actual hours of service provided to each student to 1,020.

1.19 (b) If applications for funding exceed the amount appropriated for the program, the
1.20 commissioner must prioritize grants to programs in the following pathways: welding;
1.21 construction trades; automotive technology; household electrical skills; heating, ventilation,
1.22 and air conditioning; plumbing; culinary arts; and agriculture.

2.1 Subd. 3. **Reporting.** By February 15 of each year following the receipt of a grant, a
 2.2 school district must report on its website and to the commissioner of education on the courses
 2.3 funded through the grant, the demographics of the participants in the program, and the
 2.4 outcome for course participants.

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

2.6 Sec. 2. **APPROPRIATIONS.**

2.7 Subdivision 1. **Department of Education.** The sums indicated in this section are
 2.8 appropriated from the general fund to the Department of Education in the fiscal year
 2.9 designated.

2.10 Subd. 3. **Vocational enrichment revenue.** For vocational enrichment grants to school
 2.11 districts and charter schools:

2.12 \$ 2020

2.13 \$ 2021

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