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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NINETY-FIRST SESSION

H. F. No. 3482

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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Education Policy  
03/12/2020 Adoption of Report: Placed on the General Register as Amended  
Read for the Second Time

1.1 A bill for an act  
1.2 relating to education; defining and prohibiting seclusion; proposing coding for  
1.3 new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 121A.

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

1.5 Section 1. 121A.583 SECLUSION.

1.6 (a) "Seclusion" as used in this section means confining a student alone in a room from  
1.7 which egress is barred by an adult locking or closing the door in the room or preventing the  
1.8 student from leaving the room. Removing a student from an activity to a location where the  
1.9 student cannot participate in or observe the activity is not seclusion.

1.10 (b) A school employee or other agent of a district must not use seclusion for any reason,  
1.11 including to punish or discipline a student, except as provided in sections 125A.0941 and  
1.12 125A.0942.

1.13 EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective July 1, 2020.