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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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H. F. No. **3556**

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The bill was referred to the Committee on Education Policy

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to education; requiring a minimum time for school lunch; amending
1.3 Minnesota Statutes 2023 Supplement, section 124D.111, by adding a subdivision.

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

1.5 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2023 Supplement, section 124D.111, is amended by adding
1.6 a subdivision to read:

1.7 Subd. 6. **Time for lunch.** A participant in the national school lunch program must
1.8 schedule a minimum of 15 minutes for a child to eat lunch after receiving the meal. The
1.9 minimum time to eat lunch does not include transition time to and from the cafeteria or
1.10 other place where lunch is served, waiting in a food service line, selecting the meal, returning
1.11 trays, or recess.

1.12 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 1, 2024.