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Introduction and first reading
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OFFICIAL STATUS

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to education; foster care; requiring a student in foster care to be enrolled
1.3 in school; requiring a report on foster youth school enrollment; amending Minnesota
1.4 Statutes 2018, section 257.0725; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota
1.5 Statutes, chapter 120A.

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

1.7 Section 1. 120A.21 ENROLLMENT OF A STUDENT IN FOSTER CARE.

1.8 A student who is placed in foster care must be enrolled in school within seven school
1.9 days of their placement in the foster home. According to section 124D.08, subdivision 2b,
1.10 if the student's foster home is in another district, the student may remain enrolled in the
1.11 prior district.

1.12 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 257.0725, is amended to read:

1.13 **257.0725 ANNUAL REPORT.**

1.14 The commissioner of human services shall publish an annual report on child maltreatment
1.15 and on children in out-of-home placement. The commissioner shall confer with counties,
1.16 child welfare organizations, child advocacy organizations, the courts, and other groups on
1.17 how to improve the content and utility of the department's annual report. In regard to child
1.18 maltreatment, the report shall include the number and kinds of maltreatment reports received
1.19 and any other data that the commissioner determines is appropriate to include in a report
1.20 on child maltreatment. In regard to children in out-of-home placement, the report shall
1.21 include, by county and statewide, information on legal status, living arrangement, age, sex,
1.22 race, accumulated length of time in placement, reason for most recent placement, race of
1.23 family with whom placed, school enrollments within seven days of placement pursuant to

- 2.1 section 120A.21, and other information deemed appropriate on all children in out-of-home
- 2.2 placement. Out-of-home placement includes placement in any facility by an authorized
- 2.3 child-placing agency.