

1.1 A bill for an act

1.2 relating to education; establishing a P-20 education partnership; proposing
1.3 coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 127A.

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

1.5 Section 1. [127A.70] MINNESOTA P-20 EDUCATION PARTNERSHIP.

1.6 Subdivision 1. Establishment; membership. A P-20 education partnership is
1.7 established to create a seamless system of education that maximizes achievements of
1.8 all students, from early childhood through elementary, secondary, and postsecondary
1.9 education, while promoting the efficient use of financial and human resources. The
1.10 partnership shall consist of major statewide educational groups or constituencies or
1.11 noneducational statewide organizations with a stated interest in P-20 education. The initial
1.12 membership of the partnership includes the members serving on the Minnesota P-16
1.13 Education Partnership and four legislators appointed as follows:

1.14 (1) one senator from the majority party and one senator from the minority party,
1.15 appointed by the senate Subcommittee on Committees of the Committee on Rules and
1.16 Administration; and

1.17 (2) one member of the house of representatives appointed by the speaker of the
1.18 house and one member appointed by the minority leader of the house.

1.19 Prospective members may be nominated by any partnership member and new
1.20 members will be added with the approval of a two-thirds majority of the partnership. The
1.21 partnership will also seek input from nonmember organizations whose expertise can help
1.22 inform the partnership's work. The partnership shall select a chair from its membership.

2.1 Partnership members shall be represented by the chief executives, presidents, or
2.2 other formally designated leaders of their respective organizations, or their designees. The
2.3 partnership shall meet at least three times during each calendar year.

2.4 Subd. 2. **Powers and duties; report.** The partnership shall develop
2.5 recommendations to the governor and the legislature designed to maximize the
2.6 achievement of all P-20 students while promoting the efficient use of state resources,
2.7 thereby helping the state realize the maximum value for its investment. These
2.8 recommendations may include, but are not limited to, strategies, policies, or other actions
2.9 focused on:

2.10 (1) improving the quality of and access to education at all points from preschool
2.11 through the graduate education;

2.12 (2) improving preparation for, and transitions to, postsecondary education and
2.13 work; and

2.14 (3) ensuring educator quality by creating rigorous standards for teacher recruitment,
2.15 teacher preparation, induction and mentoring of beginning teachers, and continuous
2.16 professional development for career teachers.

2.17 By January 15 of each year, the partnership shall submit a report to the governor
2.18 and to the chairs and ranking minority members of the legislative committees and
2.19 divisions with jurisdiction over P-20 education policy and finance that summarizes the
2.20 partnership's progress in meeting its goals and identifies the need for any draft legislation
2.21 when necessary to further the goals of the partnership to maximize student achievement
2.22 while promoting efficient use of resources.

2.23 Until the partnership determines otherwise, the commissioner of education shall
2.24 provide the necessary staff support and meeting space for meetings of the partnership.

2.25 Members of the partnership may not receive any compensation or reimbursement for
2.26 expenses for their service in the partnership.

2.27 Subd. 3. **Expiration.** Notwithstanding section 15.059, subdivision 5, the partnership
2.28 is permanent and does not expire.

2.29 **Sec. 2. ORGANIZATIONAL DEADLINES FOR P-20 PARTNERSHIP.**

2.30 The appointing authorities under Minnesota Statutes, section 127A.70, shall
2.31 complete their appointments no later than September 1, 2009. The chairs of the P-16
2.32 partnership shall convene the first meeting of the P-20 partnership no later than October
2.33 1, 2009.