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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NINETY-FIRST SESSION

H. F. No. 1901

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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; requiring school board policy on student deaths; proposing
1.3 coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 123B.

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

1.5 Section 1. [123B.301] BOARD POLICY ON DECEASED STUDENTS.

1.6 (a) A local school board or charter school board of directors must adopt a policy that
1.7 provides how the school district or charter school will respond to the death of an enrolled
1.8 student. The policy must address:

1.9 (1) district communications with students, parents and guardians, teachers, and staff
1.10 regarding notice of a student death;

1.11 (2) the availability of grief counseling for students;

1.12 (3) remembrances during a graduation ceremony or other school event; and

1.13 (4) physical memorials, including benches and trees.

1.14 (b) A local school board or charter school board of directors may consult with the
1.15 department's School Safety Technical Assistance Council when developing the policy
1.16 required under this section.

1.17 EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective for the 2020-2021 school year and later.