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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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H. F. No. **261**

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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; allowing school districts to begin the school year before  
1.3 Labor Day; amending Minnesota Statutes 2012, section 120A.40.  
1.4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

1.5 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2012, section 120A.40, is amended to read:

1.6 **120A.40 SCHOOL CALENDAR.**

1.7 ~~(a) Except for learning programs during summer, flexible learning year programs~~  
1.8 ~~authorized under sections 124D.12 to 124D.127, and learning year programs under section~~  
1.9 ~~124D.128, A district must not may commence an elementary or secondary school year~~  
1.10 ~~before Labor Day, except as provided under paragraph (b). Days devoted to and may hold~~  
1.11 ~~teachers' workshops may be held before Labor Day. Districts that enter into cooperative~~  
1.12 ~~agreements are encouraged to adopt similar school calendars.~~

1.13 ~~(b) A district may begin the school year on any day before Labor Day:~~

1.14 ~~(1) to accommodate a construction or remodeling project of \$400,000 or more~~  
1.15 ~~affecting a district school facility;~~

1.16 ~~(2) if the district has an agreement under section 123A.30, 123A.32, or 123A.35~~  
1.17 ~~with a district that qualifies under clause (1); or~~

1.18 ~~(3) if the district agrees to the same schedule with a school district in an adjoining~~  
1.19 ~~state.~~

1.20 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective for the 2013-2014 school year and  
1.21 later.