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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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H. F. No. 724

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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

relating to education; allowing a parent to opt their child out of a face covering requirement; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 121A.

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

Section 1. [121A.80] FACE COVERING OPT OUT.

A school district or charter school that requires students to wear face coverings in school buildings or on school grounds must allow a parent to opt their child out of the face covering requirement. A parent may opt their child out of a face covering requirement by notifying the school board, principal, or a person having administrative control of a school site. A school district or charter school must not require a parent to provide a reason for the parent's election or to provide any evidence regarding any fact related to the child's health or education status. A school district or charter school must not discipline or otherwise treat differently any child whose parent has opted their child out of a face covering requirement.

1.14 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.

Section 1.