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H. F. No. 817

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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; expanding eligibility for postsecondary enrollment options;
1.3 amending Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 124D.09, subdivision 5a.

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

1.5 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 124D.09, subdivision 5a, is amended to read:

1.6 Subd. 5a. Authorization; career or technical education. A 9th, 10th, 11th, or 12th
1.7 grade pupil enrolled in a district or an American Indian-controlled tribal contract or grant
1.8 school eligible for aid under section 124D.83, except a foreign exchange pupil enrolled in
1.9 a district under a cultural exchange program, may enroll in a career or technical education
1.10 course offered by a Minnesota state college or university. A 9th or 10th grade pupil applying
1.11 for enrollment in a career or technical education course under this subdivision must have
1.12 received a passing score on the 8th grade Minnesota Comprehensive Assessment in reading
1.13 as a condition of enrollment. A current 9th or 10th grade pupil who did not take the 8th
1.14 grade Minnesota Comprehensive Assessment in reading may substitute another reading
1.15 assessment accepted by the enrolling postsecondary institution. A secondary pupil may
1.16 enroll in the pupil's first postsecondary options enrollment course under this subdivision.
1.17 A student who is refused enrollment by a Minnesota state college or university under this
1.18 subdivision may apply to an eligible institution offering a career or technical education
1.19 course. The postsecondary institution must give priority to its students according to
1.20 subdivision 9. If a secondary student receives a grade of "C" or better in the career or
1.21 technical education course taken under this subdivision, the postsecondary institution must
1.22 allow the student to take additional postsecondary courses for secondary credit at that
1.23 institution, not to exceed the limits in subdivision 8. A "career or technical course" is a

2.1 course that is part of a career and technical education program that provides individuals
2.2 with coherent, rigorous content aligned with academic standards and relevant technical
2.3 knowledge and skills needed to prepare for further education and careers in current and
2.4 emerging professions and provide technical skill proficiency, an industry recognized
2.5 credential, and a certificate, a diploma, or an associate degree.

2.6 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective for the 2021-2022 school year and later.