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A bill for an act

1.1 relating to state government; providing for funding and policy in early childhood,
1.2 kindergarten through grade 12, and adult education, including general education,
1.3 education excellence, standards and assessments, charter schools, special
1.4 education, facilities and technology, nutrition and accounting, libraries, early
1.5 childhood education, prevention, self-sufficiency and lifelong learning, state
1.6 agencies, and forecast adjustments; modifying an income tax credit; modifying
1.7 a sales tax exemption; requiring rulemaking; requiring reports; appropriating
1.8 money; amending Minnesota Statutes 2014, sections 5A.03; 13.32, subdivision
1.9 5; 120B.02, subdivision 2; 120B.021, subdivision 4; 120B.022, subdivisions 1,
1.10 1a, 1b; 120B.024, subdivision 2; 120B.11, subdivision 9; 120B.12, subdivision
1.11 4a; 120B.125; 120B.13, subdivision 4; 120B.30, subdivisions 1, 1a, 3, 4, by
1.12 adding subdivisions; 120B.31, subdivision 4; 120B.36, subdivision 1; 121A.17,
1.13 subdivisions 3, 5; 122A.09, subdivision 4, by adding subdivisions; 122A.14,
1.14 subdivision 3, by adding a subdivision; 122A.18, subdivision 2, by adding
1.15 a subdivision; 122A.20, subdivision 1; 122A.21, subdivision 2; 122A.23;
1.16 122A.245, subdivisions 1, 3, 7; 122A.30; 122A.31, subdivisions 1, 2; 122A.40,
1.17 subdivisions 8, 13; 122A.41, subdivisions 5, 6; 122A.413, subdivisions 1, 2;
1.18 122A.414, subdivisions 1, 1a, 2, 2a, 2b, 3; 122A.415; 122A.60; 122A.61,
1.19 subdivision 1; 122A.69; 123A.24, subdivision 1; 123B.53, subdivisions 1,
1.20 4; 123B.57; 123B.77, subdivision 3; 123B.88, subdivision 1; 124D.041,
1.21 subdivisions 1, 2; 124D.09, subdivisions 5, 5a, 8, 9, 12; 124D.10, subdivisions
1.22 1, 3, 4, 8, 12, 14, by adding a subdivision; 124D.11, subdivisions 1, 5, 9, by
1.23 adding subdivisions; 124D.12; 124D.122; 124D.15, subdivision 5; 124D.16,
1.24 subdivision 2; 124D.165, subdivision 2; 124D.59, subdivision 2; 124D.73,
1.25 subdivisions 3, 4; 124D.74, subdivisions 1, 6; 124D.75, subdivisions 1, 3, 9;
1.26 124D.76; 124D.78; 124D.79, subdivisions 1, 2; 124D.791, subdivision 4;
1.27 124D.81; 124D.83, subdivision 2; 124D.98; 125A.01; 125A.023, subdivisions
1.28 3, 4; 125A.027; 125A.03; 125A.08; 125A.085; 125A.0942, subdivision 3;
1.29 125A.11, subdivision 1; 125A.21; 125A.28; 125A.63, subdivisions 2, 3, 4, 5;
1.30 125A.75, subdivision 9; 125A.76, subdivisions 1, 2c; 125A.79, subdivisions 1,
1.31 5; 125B.26, subdivision 2; 126C.01, subdivision 2; 126C.10, subdivisions 1,
1.32 2, 2a, 13a; 126C.13, subdivisions 3a, 4; 126C.15, subdivisions 1, 2; 126C.17,
1.33 subdivisions 1, 2; 126C.48, subdivision 8; 127A.05, subdivision 6; 127A.353,
1.34 subdivision 2; 127A.45, subdivision 3; 127A.47, subdivision 7; 127A.49,
1.35 subdivision 1; 127A.70, subdivision 1; 134.355, subdivisions 8, 9, 10; 135A.101,
1.36 by adding a subdivision; 290.0671, subdivisions 1, 6a; 297A.70, subdivision 2;
1.37 Laws 2013, chapter 116, article 1, section 58, subdivisions 2, as amended, 3, as
1.38 amended, 4, as amended, 5, as amended, 6, as amended, 7, as amended, 11, as
1.39

2.1 amended; article 3, sections 35, subdivision 2; 37, subdivisions 3, as amended, 4,
 2.2 as amended, 5, as amended, 20, as amended; article 4, section 9, subdivision 2,
 2.3 as amended; article 5, section 31, subdivisions 2, as amended, 3, as amended, 4,
 2.4 as amended; article 6, section 12, subdivisions 2, as amended, 6, as amended;
 2.5 article 7, sections 19; 21, subdivisions 2, as amended, 3, as amended, 4, as
 2.6 amended; article 8, section 5, subdivisions 3, as amended, 4, as amended, 14,
 2.7 as amended; Laws 2014, chapter 312, article 16, sections 15; 16, subdivision 7;
 2.8 proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapters 120B; 123B;
 2.9 124D; 125A; 136D; repealing Minnesota Statutes 2014, sections 120B.128;
 2.10 123B.59; 123B.591; 125A.63, subdivision 1; 126C.12, subdivision 6; 126C.13,
 2.11 subdivisions 3a, 3b, 3c; 126C.41, subdivision 1.

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

2.13 **ARTICLE 1**

2.14 **GENERAL EDUCATION**

2.15 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 124D.11, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

2.16 Subdivision 1. **General education revenue.** (a) General education revenue must
 2.17 be paid to a charter school as though it were a district. The general education revenue
 2.18 for each adjusted pupil unit is the state average general education revenue per pupil
 2.19 unit, plus the referendum equalization aid allowance in the pupil's district of residence,
 2.20 minus an amount equal to the product of the formula allowance according to section
 2.21 126C.10, subdivision 2, times .0466, calculated without declining enrollment revenue,
 2.22 local optional revenue, basic skills revenue, extended time revenue, pension adjustment
 2.23 revenue, transition revenue, and transportation sparsity revenue, plus declining enrollment
 2.24 revenue, basic skills revenue, ~~extended time revenue~~, pension adjustment revenue, and
 2.25 transition revenue as though the school were a school district.

2.26 (b) For a charter school operating an extended day, extended week, or summer
 2.27 program, the general education revenue for each extended time pupil unit equals \$4,794
 2.28 in paragraph (a) is increased by an amount equal to 25 percent of the statewide average
 2.29 extended time revenue per adjusted pupil unit.

2.30 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective for fiscal year 2016 and later.

2.31 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 124D.12, is amended to read:

2.32 **124D.12 PURPOSE OF FLEXIBLE LEARNING YEAR PROGRAMS.**

2.33 Sections 124D.12 to 124D.127 authorize districts to evaluate, plan and employ
 2.34 the use of flexible learning year programs. It is anticipated that the open selection of
 2.35 the type of flexible learning year operation from a variety of alternatives will allow
 2.36 each district seeking to utilize this concept to suitably fulfill the educational needs of
 2.37 its pupils. These alternatives must include, but not be limited to, various 45-15 plans,

3.1 four-quarter plans, quinmester plans, extended learning year plans, and flexible all-year
 3.2 plans, and four-day week plans. A school district with an approved four-day week plan
 3.3 in the 2014-2015 school year may continue under a four-day week plan through the end
 3.4 of the 2019-2020 school year. Future approvals are contingent upon meeting the school
 3.5 district's performance goals established in the district's plan under section 120B.11.
 3.6 The commissioner must give a school district one school year's notice before revoking
 3.7 approval of its flexible learning year program.

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

3.9 Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 124D.122, is amended to read:

3.10 **124D.122 ESTABLISHMENT OF FLEXIBLE LEARNING YEAR PROGRAM.**

3.11 The board of any district or a consortium of districts, with the approval of the
 3.12 commissioner, may establish and operate a flexible learning year program in one or
 3.13 more of the day or residential facilities for children with a disability within the district.
 3.14 Consortiums may use a single application and evaluation process, though results, public
 3.15 hearings, and board approvals must be obtained for each district as required under
 3.16 appropriate sections. The commissioner must approve or disapprove of a flexible learning
 3.17 year application within 45 business days of receiving the application. If the commissioner
 3.18 disapproves the application, the commissioner must give the district or consortium
 3.19 detailed reasons for the disapproval.

3.20 Sec. 4. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 124D.59, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

3.21 Subd. 2. **English learner.** (a) "English learner" means a pupil in kindergarten through
 3.22 grade 12 who meets the requirements under subdivision 2a or the following requirements:

3.23 (1) the pupil, as declared by a parent or guardian first learned a language other than
 3.24 English, comes from a home where the language usually spoken is other than English, or
 3.25 usually speaks a language other than English; and

3.26 (2) the pupil is determined by a valid assessment measuring the pupil's English
 3.27 language proficiency and by developmentally appropriate measures, which might include
 3.28 observations, teacher judgment, parent recommendations, or developmentally appropriate
 3.29 assessment instruments, to lack the necessary English skills to participate fully in
 3.30 academic classes taught in English.

3.31 (b) A pupil enrolled in a Minnesota public school in any grade 4 through 12 who in
 3.32 the previous school year took a commissioner-provided assessment measuring the pupil's
 3.33 emerging academic English, shall be counted as an English learner in calculating English

4.1 learner pupil units under section 126C.05, subdivision 17, and shall generate state English
 4.2 learner aid under section 124D.65, subdivision 5, if the pupil scored below the state cutoff
 4.3 score or is otherwise counted as a nonproficient participant on the assessment measuring
 4.4 the pupil's emerging academic English, or, in the judgment of the pupil's classroom
 4.5 teachers, consistent with section 124D.61, clause (1), the pupil is unable to demonstrate
 4.6 academic language proficiency in English, including oral academic language, sufficient to
 4.7 successfully and fully participate in the general core curriculum in the regular classroom.

4.8 (c) Notwithstanding paragraphs (a) and (b), a pupil in kindergarten through grade
 4.9 12 shall not be counted as an English learner in calculating English learner pupil units
 4.10 under section 126C.05, subdivision 17, and shall not generate state English learner aid
 4.11 under section 124D.65, subdivision 5, if:

4.12 (1) the pupil is not enrolled during the current fiscal year in an educational program
 4.13 for English learners under sections 124D.58 to 124D.64; or

4.14 (2) the pupil has generated ~~six~~ seven or more years of average daily membership in
 4.15 Minnesota public schools since July 1, 1996.

4.16 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective for revenue for fiscal year 2017
 4.17 and later.

4.18 Sec. 5. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 126C.10, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

4.19 Subdivision 1. **General education revenue.** ~~(a) For fiscal years 2013 and 2014, the~~
 4.20 ~~general education revenue for each district equals the sum of the district's basic revenue,~~
 4.21 ~~extended time revenue, gifted and talented revenue, small schools revenue, basic skills~~
 4.22 ~~revenue, secondary sparsity revenue, elementary sparsity revenue, transportation sparsity~~
 4.23 ~~revenue, total operating capital revenue, equity revenue, alternative teacher compensation~~
 4.24 ~~revenue, and transition revenue.~~

4.25 ~~(b) For fiscal year 2015 and later,~~ The general education revenue for each district
 4.26 equals the sum of the district's basic revenue, extended time revenue, gifted and
 4.27 talented revenue, declining enrollment revenue, local optional revenue, small schools
 4.28 revenue, basic skills revenue, secondary sparsity revenue, elementary sparsity revenue,
 4.29 transportation sparsity revenue, total operating capital revenue, equity revenue, pension
 4.30 adjustment revenue, and transition revenue.

4.31 Sec. 6. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 126C.10, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

4.32 Subd. 2. **Basic revenue.** ~~For fiscal year 2014, the basic revenue for each district~~
 4.33 ~~equals the formula allowance times the adjusted marginal cost pupil units for the school~~
 4.34 ~~year. For fiscal year 2015 and later,~~ The basic revenue for each district equals the formula

5.1 allowance times the adjusted pupil units for the school year. ~~The formula allowance for~~
 5.2 ~~fiscal year 2013 is \$5,224. The formula allowance for fiscal year 2014 is \$5,302. The~~
 5.3 ~~formula allowance for fiscal year 2015 and later is \$5,831. The formula allowance for~~
 5.4 ~~fiscal year 2016 is \$5,948. The formula allowance for fiscal year 2017 and later is \$6,067.~~

5.5 Sec. 7. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 126C.10, subdivision 2a, is amended to read:

5.6 Subd. 2a. **Extended time revenue.** (a) ~~A school district's extended time revenue for~~
 5.7 ~~fiscal year 2014 is equal to the product of \$4,601 and the sum of the adjusted marginal~~
 5.8 ~~cost pupil units of the district for each pupil in average daily membership in excess of 1.0~~
 5.9 ~~and less than 1.2 according to section 126C.05, subdivision 8. A school district's extended~~
 5.10 ~~time revenue for fiscal year 2015 and later is equal to the product of \$5,017~~ \$5,117 ~~and the~~
 5.11 ~~sum of the adjusted pupil units of the district for each pupil in average daily membership~~
 5.12 ~~in excess of 1.0 and less than 1.2 according to section 126C.05, subdivision 8.~~

5.13 (b) A school district's extended time revenue may be used for extended day
 5.14 programs, extended week programs, summer school, vacation break academies such as
 5.15 spring break academies and summer term academies, and other programming authorized
 5.16 under the learning year program.

5.17 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective for fiscal year 2016 and later.

5.18 Sec. 8. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 126C.10, subdivision 13a, is amended to read:

5.19 Subd. 13a. **Operating capital levy.** To obtain operating capital revenue ~~for fiscal~~
 5.20 ~~year 2015 and later~~, a district may levy an amount not more than the product of its operating
 5.21 capital revenue for the fiscal year times the lesser of one or the ratio of its adjusted net tax
 5.22 capacity per adjusted ~~marginal cost~~ pupil unit to the operating capital equalizing factor. The
 5.23 operating capital equalizing factor equals \$14,500 for fiscal years 2015 and 2016, \$14,740
 5.24 for fiscal year 2017, \$17,473 for fiscal year 2018, and \$20,510 for fiscal year 2019 and later.

5.25 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective for revenue in fiscal year 2016 and
 5.26 later.

5.27 Sec. 9. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 126C.13, subdivision 3a, is amended to read:

5.28 Subd. 3a. **Student achievement rate.** The commissioner must establish the student
 5.29 achievement rate by ~~July 1~~ September 30 of each year for levies payable in the following
 5.30 year. The student achievement rate must be a rate, rounded up to the nearest hundredth of
 5.31 a percent, that, when applied to the adjusted net tax capacity for all districts, raises the
 5.32 amount specified in this subdivision. The student achievement rate must be the rate that

6.1 raises \$20,000,000 for fiscal year 2015 ~~and later years~~, 2016, and 2017 and \$10,000,000
 6.2 for fiscal year 2018. The student achievement rate may not be changed due to changes or
 6.3 corrections made to a district's adjusted net tax capacity after the rate has been established.

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

6.5 Sec. 10. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 126C.13, subdivision 4, is amended to read:

6.6 Subd. 4. **General education aid.** ~~(a) For fiscal years 2013 and 2014 only, a district's~~
 6.7 ~~general education aid is the sum of the following amounts:~~

6.8 ~~(1) general education revenue, excluding equity revenue, total operating capital~~
 6.9 ~~revenue, alternative teacher compensation revenue, and transition revenue;~~

6.10 ~~(2) operating capital aid under section 126C.10, subdivision 13b;~~

6.11 ~~(3) equity aid under section 126C.10, subdivision 30;~~

6.12 ~~(4) alternative teacher compensation aid under section 126C.10, subdivision 36;~~

6.13 ~~(5) transition aid under section 126C.10, subdivision 33;~~

6.14 ~~(6) shared time aid under section 126C.01, subdivision 7;~~

6.15 ~~(7) referendum aid under section 126C.17, subdivisions 7 and 7a; and~~

6.16 ~~(8) online learning aid according to section 124D.096.~~

6.17 ~~(b)~~ For fiscal year 2015 and later, a district's general education aid equals:

6.18 (1) general education revenue, excluding operating capital revenue, equity revenue,
 6.19 local optional revenue, and transition revenue, minus the student achievement levy,
 6.20 multiplied times the ratio of the actual amount of student achievement levy levied to the
 6.21 permitted student achievement levy; plus

6.22 (2) operating capital aid under section 126C.10, subdivision 13b;

6.23 ~~(2)~~ (3) equity aid under section 126C.10, subdivision 30; plus

6.24 ~~(3)~~ (4) transition aid under section 126C.10, subdivision 33; plus

6.25 ~~(4)~~ (5) shared time aid under section 126C.10, subdivision 7; plus

6.26 ~~(5)~~ (6) referendum aid under section 126C.17, subdivisions 7 and 7a; plus

6.27 ~~(6)~~ (7) online learning aid under section 124D.096; plus

6.28 ~~(7)~~ (8) local optional aid according to section 126C.10, subdivision 2d, paragraph (d).

6.29 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective for fiscal year 2015 and later.

6.30 Sec. 11. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 126C.15, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

6.31 Subd. 2. **Building allocation.** (a) A district or cooperative must allocate its
 6.32 compensatory revenue to each school building in the district or cooperative where
 6.33 the children who have generated the revenue are served unless the school district or

7.1 cooperative has received permission under Laws 2005, First Special Session chapter 5,
 7.2 article 1, section 50, to allocate compensatory revenue according to student performance
 7.3 measures developed by the school board.

7.4 (b) Notwithstanding paragraph (a), a district or cooperative may allocate up to ~~five~~
 7.5 50 percent of the amount of compensatory revenue that the district receives to school
 7.6 sites according to a plan adopted by the school board, ~~and a district or cooperative may~~
 7.7 ~~allocate up to an additional five percent of its compensatory revenue for activities under~~
 7.8 ~~subdivision 1, clause (10), according to a plan adopted by the school board.~~ The money
 7.9 reallocated under this paragraph must be spent for the purposes listed in subdivision 1, but
 7.10 may be spent on students in any grade, including students attending school readiness or
 7.11 other prekindergarten programs.

7.12 (c) For the purposes of this section and section 126C.05, subdivision 3, "building"
 7.13 means education site as defined in section 123B.04, subdivision 1.

7.14 (d) Notwithstanding section 123A.26, subdivision 1, compensatory revenue
 7.15 generated by students served at a cooperative unit shall be paid to the cooperative unit.

7.16 (e) A district or cooperative with school building openings, school building
 7.17 closings, changes in attendance area boundaries, or other changes in programs or student
 7.18 demographics between the prior year and the current year may reallocate compensatory
 7.19 revenue among sites to reflect these changes. A district or cooperative must report to the
 7.20 department any adjustments it makes according to this paragraph and the department must
 7.21 use the adjusted compensatory revenue allocations in preparing the report required under
 7.22 section 123B.76, subdivision 3, paragraph (c).

7.23 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 1, 2015.

7.24 Sec. 12. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 126C.17, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

7.25 Subdivision 1. **Referendum allowance.** (a) A district's initial referendum allowance
 7.26 equals the result of the following calculations:

7.27 (1) multiply the referendum allowance the district would have received for fiscal
 7.28 year 2015 under Minnesota Statutes 2012, section 126C.17, subdivision 1, based on
 7.29 elections held before July 1, 2013, by the resident marginal cost pupil units the district
 7.30 would have counted for fiscal year 2015 under Minnesota Statutes 2012, section 126C.05;

7.31 (2) add to the result of clause (1) the adjustment the district would have received
 7.32 under Minnesota Statutes 2012, section 127A.47, subdivision 7, paragraphs (a), (b), and
 7.33 (c), based on elections held before July 1, 2013;

7.34 (3) divide the result of clause (2) by the district's adjusted pupil units for fiscal
 7.35 year 2015;

8.1 (4) add to the result of clause (3) any additional referendum allowance per adjusted
8.2 pupil unit authorized by elections held between July 1, 2013, and December 31, 2013;

8.3 (5) add to the result in clause (4) any additional referendum allowance resulting from
8.4 inflation adjustments approved by the voters prior to January 1, 2014;

8.5 (6) subtract from the result of clause (5), the sum of a district's actual local optional
8.6 levy and local optional aid under section 126C.10, subdivision 2e, divided by the adjusted
8.7 pupil units of the district for that school year; and

8.8 (7) if the result of clause (6) is less than zero, set the allowance to zero.

8.9 (b) A district's referendum allowance equals the sum of the district's initial
8.10 referendum allowance, plus any new referendum allowance authorized between July 1,
8.11 2013, and December 31, 2013, under subdivision 9a, plus any additional referendum
8.12 allowance per adjusted pupil unit authorized after December 31, 2013, minus any
8.13 allowances expiring in fiscal year 2016 or later, provided that the allowance may not be
8.14 less than zero. For a district with more than one referendum allowance for fiscal year
8.15 2015 under Minnesota Statutes 2012, section 126C.17, the allowance calculated under
8.16 paragraph (a), clause (3), must be divided into components such that the same percentage
8.17 of the district's allowance expires at the same time as the old allowances would have
8.18 expired under Minnesota Statutes 2012, section 126C.17. For a district with more than one
8.19 allowance for fiscal year 2015 that expires in the same year, the reduction under paragraph
8.20 (a), clause (6), to offset local optional revenue shall be made first from any allowances that
8.21 do not have an inflation adjustment approved by the voters.

8.22 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment for
8.23 fiscal year 2015 and later.

8.24 Sec. 13. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 126C.17, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

8.25 Subd. 2. **Referendum allowance limit.** (a) Notwithstanding subdivision 1, for
8.26 fiscal year 2015 and later, a district's referendum allowance must not exceed the annual
8.27 inflationary increase as calculated under paragraph (b) times the greatest of:

8.28 (1) \$1,845;

8.29 (2) the sum of the referendum revenue the district would have received for fiscal
8.30 year 2015 under Minnesota Statutes 2012, section 126C.17, subdivision 4, based on
8.31 elections held before July 1, 2013, and the adjustment the district would have received
8.32 under Minnesota Statutes 2012, section 127A.47, subdivision 7, paragraphs (a), (b), and
8.33 (c), based on elections held before July 1, 2013, divided by the district's adjusted pupil
8.34 units for fiscal year 2015;

9.1 (3) the product of the referendum allowance limit the district would have received
 9.2 for fiscal year 2015 under Minnesota Statutes 2012, section 126C.17, subdivision 2, and
 9.3 the resident marginal cost pupil units the district would have received for fiscal year 2015
 9.4 under Minnesota Statutes 2012, section 126C.05, subdivision 6, plus the adjustment the
 9.5 district would have received under Minnesota Statutes 2012, section 127A.47, subdivision
 9.6 7, paragraphs (a), (b), and (c), based on elections held before July 1, 2013, divided by
 9.7 the district's adjusted pupil units for fiscal year 2015; minus \$424 for a district receiving
 9.8 ~~local optional revenue under section 126C.10, subdivision 2d, paragraph (a), minus~~
 9.9 ~~\$212 for a district receiving local optional revenue under section 126C.10, subdivision~~
 9.10 ~~2d, paragraph (b); or~~

9.11 (4) for a newly reorganized district created after July 1, 2013, the referendum
 9.12 revenue authority for each reorganizing district in the year preceding reorganization
 9.13 divided by its adjusted pupil units for the year preceding reorganization.

9.14 (b) For purposes of this subdivision, for fiscal year 2016 and later, "inflationary
 9.15 increase" means one plus the percentage change in the Consumer Price Index for urban
 9.16 consumers, as prepared by the United States Bureau of Labor Standards, for the current
 9.17 fiscal year to fiscal year 2015. For fiscal year 2016 and later, for purposes of paragraph (a),
 9.18 clause (3), the inflationary increase equals one-fourth of the percentage increase in the
 9.19 formula allowance for that year compared with the formula allowance for fiscal year 2015.

9.20 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment for
 9.21 fiscal year 2015 and later.

9.22 Sec. 14. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 126C.48, subdivision 8, is amended to read:

9.23 Subd. 8. **Taconite payment and other reductions.** (1) Reductions in levies
 9.24 pursuant to subdivision 1 must be made prior to the reductions in clause (2).

9.25 (2) Notwithstanding any other law to the contrary, districts that have revenue
 9.26 pursuant to sections 298.018; 298.225; 298.24 to 298.28, except an amount distributed
 9.27 under sections 298.26; 298.28, subdivision 4, paragraphs (c), clause (ii), and (d); 298.34 to
 9.28 298.39; 298.391 to 298.396; 298.405; 477A.15; and any law imposing a tax upon severed
 9.29 mineral values must reduce the levies authorized by this chapter and chapters 120B, 122A,
 9.30 123A, 123B, 124A, 124D, 125A, and 127A, excluding the student achievement levy
 9.31 under section 126C.13, subdivision 3b, by 95 percent of the sum of the previous year's
 9.32 revenue specified under this clause and the amount attributable to the same production
 9.33 year distributed to the cities and townships within the school district under section 298.28,
 9.34 subdivision 2, paragraph (c).

10.1 (3) The amount of any voter approved referendum, facilities down payment, and
 10.2 debt levies shall not be reduced by more than 50 percent under this subdivision, except
 10.3 that payments under section 298.28, subdivision 7a, may reduce the debt service levy by
 10.4 more than 50 percent. In administering this paragraph, the commissioner shall first reduce
 10.5 the nonvoter approved levies of a district; then, if any payments, severed mineral value
 10.6 tax revenue or recognized revenue under paragraph (2) remains, the commissioner shall
 10.7 reduce any voter approved referendum levies authorized under section 126C.17; then, if
 10.8 any payments, severed mineral value tax revenue or recognized revenue under paragraph
 10.9 (2) remains, the commissioner shall reduce any voter approved facilities down payment
 10.10 levies authorized under section 123B.63 and then, if any payments, severed mineral value
 10.11 tax revenue or recognized revenue under paragraph (2) remains, the commissioner shall
 10.12 reduce any voter approved debt levies.

10.13 (4) Before computing the reduction pursuant to this subdivision of the health and
 10.14 safety levy authorized by sections 123B.57 and 126C.40, subdivision 5, the commissioner
 10.15 shall ascertain from each affected school district the amount it proposes to levy under
 10.16 each section or subdivision. The reduction shall be computed on the basis of the amount
 10.17 so ascertained.

10.18 (5) To the extent the levy reduction calculated under paragraph (2) exceeds the
 10.19 limitation in paragraph (3), an amount equal to the excess must be distributed from the
 10.20 school district's distribution under sections 298.225, 298.28, and 477A.15 in the following
 10.21 year to the cities and townships within the school district in the proportion that their
 10.22 taxable net tax capacity within the school district bears to the taxable net tax capacity of
 10.23 the school district for property taxes payable in the year prior to distribution. No city or
 10.24 township shall receive a distribution greater than its levy for taxes payable in the year prior
 10.25 to distribution. The commissioner of revenue shall certify the distributions of cities and
 10.26 towns under this paragraph to the county auditor by September 30 of the year preceding
 10.27 distribution. The county auditor shall reduce the proposed and final levies of cities and
 10.28 towns receiving distributions by the amount of their distribution. Distributions to the cities
 10.29 and towns shall be made at the times provided under section 298.27.

10.30 **Sec. 15. [136D.41] LISTED DISTRICTS MAY FORM INTERMEDIATE**
 10.31 **DISTRICT.**

10.32 Notwithstanding any other law to the contrary, two or more of the Independent School
 10.33 Districts Nos. 108, 110, 111, and 112 of Carver County, Independent School Districts Nos.
 10.34 716, 717, 719, 720, and 721 of Scott County, and Independent School District No. 2905 of
 10.35 Le Sueur County, whether or not contiguous, may enter into agreements to accomplish

11.1 jointly and cooperatively the acquisition, betterment, construction, maintenance, and
 11.2 operation of facilities for, and instruction in, special education, career and technical
 11.3 education, adult basic education, and alternative education. Each school district that
 11.4 becomes a party to such an agreement is a "participating school district" for purposes
 11.5 of sections 136D.41 to 136D.49. The agreement may provide for the exercise of these
 11.6 powers by a joint school board created as set forth in sections 136D.41 to 136D.49.

11.7 Sec. 16. **[136D.42] JOINT SCHOOL BOARD; MEMBERS; BYLAWS.**

11.8 Subdivision 1. **Board.** The agreement shall provide for a joint school board
 11.9 representing the parties to the agreement. The agreement shall specify the name of the
 11.10 board, the number and manner of election or appointment of its members, their terms and
 11.11 qualifications, and other necessary and desirable provisions.

11.12 Subd. 2. **Bylaws.** The board may adopt bylaws specifying the duties and powers of
 11.13 its officers and the meeting dates of the board, and containing such other provisions as
 11.14 may be usual and necessary for the efficient conduct of the business of the board.

11.15 Sec. 17. **[136D.43] STATUS OF JOINT SCHOOL BOARD.**

11.16 Subdivision 1. **Public agency.** The joint school board shall be a public agency of the
 11.17 participating school districts and may receive and disburse federal and state funds made
 11.18 available to it or to the participating school districts.

11.19 Subd. 2. **Liability.** No participating school district shall have individual liability
 11.20 for the debts and obligations of the board, nor shall any individual serving as a member
 11.21 of the board have such liability.

11.22 Subd. 3. **Tax exempt.** Any properties, real or personal, acquired, owned, leased,
 11.23 controlled, used, or occupied by the board for its purposes shall be exempt from taxation
 11.24 by the state or any of its political subdivisions.

11.25 Sec. 18. **[136D.44] JOINT BOARD HAS ALL POWERS OF MEMBER**
 11.26 **DISTRICTS.**

11.27 To effectuate the agreement, the joint school board shall have all the powers granted
 11.28 by law to any or all of the participating school districts.

11.29 Sec. 19. **[136D.45] AGREEMENT APPROVAL; NOTICE; PETITION;**
 11.30 **REFERENDUM.**

11.31 Subdivision 1. **Resolution.** The agreement shall, before it becomes effective, be
 11.32 approved by a resolution adopted by the school board of each school district named therein.

12.1 Subd. 2. **When effective.** Each resolution shall be published once in a newspaper
 12.2 published in the district, if there is one, or in a newspaper having general circulation in the
 12.3 district, and shall become effective 30 days after publication, unless within the 30-day
 12.4 period a petition for referendum on the resolution is filed with the school board, signed by
 12.5 qualified voters of the school district equal in number to five percent of the number of
 12.6 voters voting at the last annual school district election. In such case, the resolution shall
 12.7 not become effective until approved by a majority of the voters voting thereon at a regular
 12.8 or special election. The agreement may provide conditions under which it shall become
 12.9 effective even though it may not be approved in all districts.

12.10 Sec. 20. **[136D.46] DISTRICT CONTRIBUTIONS, DISBURSEMENTS,**
 12.11 **CONTRACTS.**

12.12 The participating school districts may contribute funds to the board. Disbursements
 12.13 shall be made by the board in accordance with sections 123B.14, 123B.143, and 123B.147.
 12.14 The board shall be subject to section 123B.52, subdivisions 1, 2, 3, and 5.

12.15 Sec. 21. **[136D.47] TERM OF AGREEMENT.**

12.16 The agreement shall state the term of its duration and may provide for the method of
 12.17 termination and distribution of assets after payment of all liabilities of the joint school
 12.18 board.

12.19 Sec. 22. **[136D.48] NON-POSTSECONDARY PROGRAMS; LICENSED**
 12.20 **DIRECTION.**

12.21 The board may also provide any other educational programs or other services
 12.22 requested by a participating district. However, these programs and services may not be
 12.23 postsecondary programs or services. Academic offerings shall be provided only under the
 12.24 direction of properly licensed academic supervisory personnel.

12.25 Sec. 23. **[136D.49] OTHER MEMBERSHIP AND POWERS.**

12.26 In addition to the districts listed in sections 136D.21, 136D.41, 136D.71, and
 12.27 136D.81, the agreement of an intermediate school district established under this chapter
 12.28 may provide for the membership of other school districts and cities, counties, and other
 12.29 governmental units as defined in section 471.59. In addition to the powers listed in
 12.30 sections 136D.25, 136D.73, and 136D.84, an intermediate school board may provide the
 12.31 services defined in section 123A.21, subdivisions 7 and 8.

13.1 Sec. 24. **COMPENSATORY REVENUE; INTERMEDIATE DISTRICT.**

13.2 For the 2015-2016 school year only, for an intermediate district formed under
 13.3 Minnesota Statutes, section 136D.41, the department must calculate compensatory
 13.4 revenue based on the October 1, 2014, enrollment counts for the South Metro Educational
 13.5 Cooperative.

13.6 Sec. 25. **SCHOOL DISTRICT LEVY ADJUSTMENTS.**

13.7 Subdivision 1. Tax rate adjustment. The commissioner of education must adjust
 13.8 each school district tax rate established under Minnesota Statutes, chapters 120B to 127A,
 13.9 by multiplying the rate by the ratio of the statewide total tax capacity for assessment year
 13.10 2014, as it existed prior to the passage of Regular Session 2015, House File No. 848, or
 13.11 a similarly styled bill passed in a special session to the statewide total tax capacity for
 13.12 assessment year 2014.

13.13 Subd. 2. Equalizing factors. The commissioner of education must adjust each
 13.14 school district equalizing factor established under Minnesota Statutes, chapters 120B to
 13.15 127A, by dividing the equalizing factor by the ratio of the statewide total tax capacity for
 13.16 assessment year 2014, as it existed prior to the passage of Regular Session 2015, House
 13.17 File No. 848, or a similarly styled bill passed in a special session, to the statewide total tax
 13.18 capacity for assessment year 2014.

13.19 Sec. 26. **INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 761, OWATONNA PUBLIC**
 13.20 **SCHOOLS; REFERENDUM REVENUE AUTHORIZATION.**

13.21 The referendum revenue authorization for Independent School District No. 761,
 13.22 Owatonna public schools, shall be set at \$1,082.70 per adjusted pupil unit for taxes
 13.23 payable in 2014 and adjusted thereafter for the annual inflationary increases calculated
 13.24 under Minnesota Statutes, section 126C.17, subdivision 2, paragraph (b), to reflect the
 13.25 intention of the school board and the understanding of the voters relating to the new
 13.26 authorization approved by the voters of that school district on November 5, 2013. This
 13.27 referendum will be applicable for seven years beginning with taxes payable in 2014 unless
 13.28 otherwise revoked or reduced as provided by law.

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

13.30 Sec. 27. **APPROPRIATIONS.**

14.1 Subdivision 1. **Department of Education.** The sums indicated in this section are
 14.2 appropriated from the general fund to the Department of Education for the fiscal years
 14.3 designated.

14.4 Subd. 2. **General education aid.** For general education aid under Minnesota
 14.5 Statutes, section 126C.13, subdivision 4:

14.6 \$ 6,624,310,000 2016

14.7 \$ 6,761,574,000 2017

14.8 The 2016 appropriation includes \$622,908,000 for 2015 and \$6,001,405,000 for
 14.9 2016.

14.10 The 2017 appropriation includes \$638,812,000 for 2016 and \$6,122,762,000 for
 14.11 2017.

14.12 Subd. 3. **Enrollment options transportation.** For transportation of pupils attending
 14.13 postsecondary institutions under Minnesota Statutes, section 124D.09, or for transportation
 14.14 of pupils attending nonresident districts under Minnesota Statutes, section 124D.03:

14.15 \$ 39,000 2016

14.16 \$ 42,000 2017

14.17 Subd. 4. **Abatement revenue.** For abatement aid under Minnesota Statutes, section
 14.18 127A.49:

14.19 \$ 2,740,000 2016

14.20 \$ 2,932,000 2017

14.21 The 2016 appropriation includes \$278,000 for 2015 and \$2,462,000 for 2016.

14.22 The 2017 appropriation includes \$273,000 for 2016 and \$2,659,000 for 2017.

14.23 Subd. 5. **Consolidation transition.** For districts consolidating under Minnesota
 14.24 Statutes, section 123A.485:

14.25 \$ 292,000 2016

14.26 \$ 165,000 2017

14.27 The 2016 appropriation includes \$22,000 for 2015 and \$270,000 for 2016.

14.28 The 2017 appropriation includes \$30,000 for 2016 and \$135,000 for 2017.

14.29 Subd. 6. **Nonpublic pupil education aid.** For nonpublic pupil education aid under
 14.30 Minnesota Statutes, sections 123B.40 to 123B.43 and 123B.87:

14.31 \$ 16,881,000 2016

14.32 \$ 17,460,000 2017

14.33 The 2016 appropriation includes \$1,575,000 for 2015 and \$15,306,000 for 2016.

15.1 The 2017 appropriation includes \$1,700,000 for 2016 and \$15,760,000 for 2017.

15.2 Subd. 7. **Nonpublic pupil transportation.** For nonpublic pupil transportation aid
 15.3 under Minnesota Statutes, section 123B.92, subdivision 9:

15.4 \$ 17,654,000 2016

15.5 \$ 17,792,000 2017

15.6 The 2016 appropriation includes \$1,816,000 for 2015 and \$15,838,000 for 2016.

15.7 The 2017 appropriation includes \$1,759,000 for 2016 and \$16,033,000 for 2017.

15.8 Subd. 8. **One-room schoolhouse.** For a grant to Independent School District No.
 15.9 690, Warroad, to operate the Angle Inlet School:

15.10 \$ 65,000 2016

15.11 \$ 65,000 2017

15.12 Subd. 9. **Career and technical aid.** For career and technical aid under Minnesota
 15.13 Statutes, section 124D.4531, subdivision 1b:

15.14 \$ 5,420,000 2016

15.15 \$ 4,405,000 2017

15.16 The 2016 appropriation includes \$574,000 for 2015 and \$4,846,000 for 2016.

15.17 The 2017 appropriation includes \$538,000 for 2016 and \$3,867,000 for 2017.

15.18 **Sec. 28. REPEALER.**

15.19 (a) Minnesota Statutes 2014, sections 126C.12, subdivision 6; and 126C.41,
 15.20 subdivision 1, are repealed.

15.21 (b) Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 126C.13, subdivisions 3a, 3b, and 3c, are
 15.22 repealed for taxes payable in 2018.

15.23 **ARTICLE 2**

15.24 **EDUCATION EXCELLENCE**

15.25 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 13.32, subdivision 5, is amended to read:

15.26 Subd. 5. **Directory information.** Information designated as directory information
 15.27 pursuant to the provisions of United States Code, title 20, section 1232g and Code of
 15.28 Federal Regulations, title 34, section 99.37 which are in effect on January 1, ~~2007~~ 3,
 15.29 2012, is public data on individuals, to the extent required under federal law. When
 15.30 conducting the directory information designation and notice process required by federal
 15.31 law, an educational agency or institution shall give parents and students notice of the
 15.32 right to refuse to let the agency or institution designate any or all data about the student

16.1 as directory information. This notice may be given by any means reasonably likely to
 16.2 inform the parents and students of the right.

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

16.4 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 120B.022, subdivision 1a, is amended to read:

16.5 Subd. 1a. **Foreign language and culture; proficiency certificates.** (a) World
 16.6 languages teachers and other school staff should develop and implement world languages
 16.7 programs that acknowledge and reinforce the language proficiency and cultural awareness
 16.8 that non-English language speakers already possess, and encourage students' proficiency
 16.9 in multiple world languages. Programs under this section must encompass indigenous
 16.10 American Indian languages and cultures, among other world languages and cultures. The
 16.11 department shall consult with postsecondary institutions in developing related professional
 16.12 development opportunities for purposes of this section.

16.13 (b) Any Minnesota public, charter, or nonpublic school may award Minnesota
 16.14 World Language Proficiency Certificates ~~or Minnesota World Language Proficiency High~~
 16.15 ~~Achievement Certificates~~, consistent with this subdivision.

16.16 (c) The Minnesota World Language Proficiency Certificate recognizes students who
 16.17 demonstrate listening, speaking, reading, and writing language skills at the American
 16.18 Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages' Intermediate-Low level on a valid and
 16.19 reliable assessment tool. ~~For languages listed as Category 3 by the United States Foreign~~
 16.20 ~~Service Institute or Category 4 by the United States Defense Language Institute, the~~
 16.21 ~~standard is Intermediate-Low for listening and speaking and Novice-High for reading~~
 16.22 ~~and writing.~~

16.23 (d) ~~The Minnesota World Language Proficiency High Achievement Certificate~~
 16.24 ~~recognizes students who demonstrate listening, speaking, reading, and writing language~~
 16.25 ~~skills at the American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages' Pre-Advanced level~~
 16.26 ~~for K-12 learners on a valid and reliable assessment tool. For languages listed as Category~~
 16.27 ~~3 by the United States Foreign Service Institute or Category 4 by the United States~~
 16.28 ~~Defense Language Institute, the standard is Pre-Advanced for listening and speaking and~~
 16.29 ~~Intermediate-Mid for reading and writing.~~

16.30 Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 120B.022, subdivision 1b, is amended to read:

16.31 Subd. 1b. **State bilingual and multilingual seals.** (a) Consistent with efforts to
 16.32 strive for the world's best workforce under sections 120B.11 and 124D.10, subdivision 8,
 16.33 paragraph (u), and close the academic achievement and opportunity gap under sections
 16.34 124D.861 and 124D.862, voluntary state bilingual and multilingual seals are established

17.1 to recognize high school ~~graduates~~ students who demonstrate ~~level 3~~ an advanced low
 17.2 level or an intermediate high level of functional native proficiency in listening, speaking,
 17.3 reading, and writing on either ~~the Foreign Services Institute language~~ assessments aligned
 17.4 with American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages' (ACTFL) proficiency
 17.5 tests guidelines or on equivalent valid and reliable assessments in one or more languages
 17.6 in addition to English. American Sign Language is a language other than English for
 17.7 purposes of this subdivision and a world language for purposes of subdivision 1a.

17.8 (b) In addition to paragraph (a), to be eligible to receive a seal:

17.9 (1) students must satisfactorily complete all required English language arts credits;
 17.10 and

17.11 (2) students ~~whose primary language is other than English~~ must demonstrate mastery
 17.12 of Minnesota's English language proficiency standards.

17.13 (c) Consistent with this subdivision, a high school ~~graduate~~ student who
 17.14 demonstrates an intermediate high ACTFL level of functional native proficiency in one
 17.15 language in addition to English is eligible to receive the state bilingual gold seal. A high
 17.16 school ~~graduate~~ student who demonstrates an intermediate high ACTFL level of functional
 17.17 native proficiency in more than one language in addition to English is eligible to receive
 17.18 the state multilingual gold seal. A high school student who demonstrates an advanced low
 17.19 ACTFL level of functional proficiency in one language in addition to English is eligible
 17.20 to receive the state bilingual platinum seal. A high school student who demonstrates
 17.21 an advanced-low ACTFL level of functional proficiency in more than one language in
 17.22 addition to English is eligible to receive the state multilingual platinum seal.

17.23 (d) School districts and charter schools, ~~in consultation with regional centers of~~
 17.24 ~~excellence under section 120B.115,~~ may give students periodic opportunities to
 17.25 demonstrate their level of proficiency in listening, speaking, reading, and writing in a
 17.26 language in addition to English. Where valid and reliable assessments are unavailable,
 17.27 a school district or charter school may rely on ~~a licensed foreign language immersion~~
 17.28 ~~teacher or a nonlicensed community expert under section 122A.25~~ evaluators trained in
 17.29 assessing under ACTFL proficiency guidelines to assess a student's level of foreign,
 17.30 heritage, or indigenous language proficiency under this section. School districts and
 17.31 charter schools must maintain appropriate records to identify high school ~~graduates~~
 17.32 students eligible to receive the state bilingual or multilingual seal gold and platinum seals.
 17.33 The school district or charter school must affix the appropriate seal to the transcript of
 17.34 each high school ~~graduate~~ student who meets the requirements of this subdivision and
 17.35 may affix the seal to the student's diploma. A school district or charter school must not
 17.36 charge the high school ~~graduate~~ student a fee for this seal.

18.1 (e) A school district or charter school may award elective course credits in world
 18.2 languages to a student who demonstrates the requisite proficiency in a language other
 18.3 than English under this section.

18.4 (f) A school district or charter school may award community service credit to a
 18.5 student who demonstrates ~~level 3~~ an intermediate high or advanced low ACTFL level of
 18.6 functional native proficiency in listening, speaking, reading, and writing in a language
 18.7 other than English and who participates in community service activities that are integrated
 18.8 into the curriculum, involve the participation of teachers, and support biliteracy in the
 18.9 school or local community.

18.10 (g) ~~The commissioner must develop a Web page for the electronic delivery of these~~
 18.11 ~~seals. The commissioner must list on the Web page those assessments that are equivalent~~
 18.12 ~~to the Foreign Services Institute language aligned to ACTFL proficiency tests guidelines.~~

18.13 (h) By August 1, 2015, the colleges and universities of the Minnesota State Colleges
 18.14 and Universities system must award foreign language credits to a student who receives a
 18.15 state bilingual seal or a state multilingual seal under this subdivision and may establish
 18.16 criteria to translate the seals into college credits based on the world language course
 18.17 equivalencies identified by the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities faculty and
 18.18 staff and, upon request from an enrolled student, the Minnesota State Colleges and
 18.19 Universities may award foreign language credits to a student who receives a Minnesota
 18.20 World Language Proficiency Certificate or a Minnesota World Language Proficiency
 18.21 High Achievement Certificate under subdivision 1a. A student who demonstrated the
 18.22 requisite level of language proficiency in grade 10, 11, or 12 to receive a seal or certificate
 18.23 and is enrolled in a Minnesota State Colleges and Universities institution must request
 18.24 college credits for the student's seal or proficiency certificate within three academic years
 18.25 after graduating from high school. The University of Minnesota is encouraged to award
 18.26 students foreign language academic credits consistent with this paragraph.

18.27 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment and
 18.28 applies beginning with students graduating in the 2014-2015 school year who demonstrate
 18.29 the requisite language proficiency in grade 10, 11, or 12.

18.30 Sec. 4. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 120B.12, subdivision 4a, is amended to read:

18.31 Subd. 4a. **Local literacy plan.** (a) Consistent with this section, a school district
 18.32 must adopt a local literacy plan to have every child reading at or above grade level no
 18.33 later than the end of grade 3, including English learners. The plan must be consistent with
 18.34 section 122A.06, subdivision 4, and include the following:

19.1 (1) a process to assess students' level of reading proficiency; and data to support the
 19.2 effectiveness of an assessment used to screen and identify a student's level of reading
 19.3 proficiency;

19.4 (2) a process to notify and involve parents; ~~intervene with;~~

19.5 (3) a description of how schools in the district will determine the proper reading
 19.6 intervention strategy for a student and the process for intensifying or modifying the
 19.7 reading strategy in order to obtain measurable reading progress;

19.8 (4) evidence-based intervention methods for students who are not reading at or
 19.9 above grade level; ~~and identify and meet~~ and progress monitoring to provide information
 19.10 on the effectiveness of the intervention; and

19.11 (5) identification of staff development needs, including a program to meet those
 19.12 needs.

19.13 (b) The district must post its literacy plan on the official school district Web site.

19.14 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective for fiscal year 2016 and later.

19.15 Sec. 5. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 120B.13, subdivision 4, is amended to read:

19.16 Subd. 4. **Rigorous course taking information; AP, IB, and PSEO.** The
 19.17 commissioner shall submit the following information on rigorous course taking,
 19.18 disaggregated by student subgroup, school district, and postsecondary institution, to the
 19.19 education committees of the legislature each year by February 1:

19.20 (1) the number of pupils enrolled in postsecondary enrollment options under section
 19.21 124D.09, including concurrent enrollment, career and technical education courses offered
 19.22 as a concurrent enrollment course, advanced placement, and international baccalaureate
 19.23 courses in each school district;

19.24 (2) the number of teachers in each district attending training programs offered by the
 19.25 college board, International Baccalaureate North America, Inc., or Minnesota concurrent
 19.26 enrollment programs;

19.27 (3) the number of teachers in each district participating in support programs;

19.28 (4) recent trends in the field of postsecondary enrollment options under section
 19.29 124D.09, including concurrent enrollment, advanced placement, and international
 19.30 baccalaureate programs;

19.31 (5) expenditures for each category in this section and under sections 124D.09 and
 19.32 124D.091, including career and technical education courses offered as a concurrent
 19.33 enrollment course; and

19.34 (6) other recommendations for the state program or the postsecondary enrollment
 19.35 options under section 124D.09, including concurrent enrollment.

20.1 Sec. 6. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 120B.30, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

20.2 Subd. 3. **Reporting.** The commissioner shall report test results publicly and to
20.3 stakeholders, including the performance achievement levels developed from students'
20.4 unweighted test scores in each tested subject and a listing of demographic factors that
20.5 strongly correlate with student performance, including student homelessness, as data are
20.6 available, among other factors. The test results must not include personally identifiable
20.7 information as defined in Code of Federal Regulations, title 34, section 99.3. The
20.8 commissioner shall also report data that compares performance results among school
20.9 sites, school districts, Minnesota and other states, and Minnesota and other nations. The
20.10 commissioner shall disseminate to schools and school districts a more comprehensive
20.11 report containing testing information that meets local needs for evaluating instruction and
20.12 curriculum. The commissioner shall disseminate to charter school authorizers a more
20.13 comprehensive report containing testing information that contains anonymized data where
20.14 cell count data are sufficient to protect student identity and that meets the authorizer's
20.15 needs in fulfilling its obligations under section 124D.10.

20.16 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment
20.17 and applies to school year reports for the 2015-2016 school year and later.

20.18 Sec. 7. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 120B.31, subdivision 4, is amended to read:

20.19 Subd. 4. **Student performance data.** In developing policies and assessment
20.20 processes to hold schools and districts accountable for high levels of academic standards
20.21 under section 120B.021, the commissioner shall aggregate student data over time to
20.22 report student performance and growth levels measured at the school, school district, and
20.23 statewide level. When collecting and reporting the performance data, the commissioner
20.24 shall organize and report the data so that state and local policy makers can understand the
20.25 educational implications of changes in districts' demographic profiles over time, including
20.26 student homelessness, as data are available, among other demographic factors. Any report
20.27 the commissioner disseminates containing summary data on student performance must
20.28 integrate student performance and the demographic factors that strongly correlate with
20.29 that performance.

20.30 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment
20.31 and applies to school year reports for the 2015-2016 school year and later.

20.32 Sec. 8. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 120B.36, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

21.1 Subdivision 1. **School performance reports.** (a) The commissioner shall report
 21.2 student academic performance under section 120B.35, subdivision 2; the percentages of
 21.3 students showing low, medium, and high growth under section 120B.35, subdivision
 21.4 3, paragraph (b); school safety and student engagement and connection under section
 21.5 120B.35, subdivision 3, paragraph (d); rigorous coursework under section 120B.35,
 21.6 subdivision 3, paragraph (c); the percentage of students under section 120B.35,
 21.7 subdivision 3, paragraph (b), clause (2), whose progress and performance levels are
 21.8 meeting career and college readiness benchmarks under sections 120B.30, subdivision 1,
 21.9 and 120B.35, subdivision 3, paragraph (e); longitudinal data on the progress of eligible
 21.10 districts in reducing disparities in students' academic achievement and realizing racial
 21.11 and economic integration under section 124D.861; the acquisition of English, and
 21.12 where practicable, native language academic literacy, including oral academic language,
 21.13 and the academic progress of English learners under section 124D.59, subdivisions
 21.14 2 and 2a; two separate student-to-teacher ratios that clearly indicate the definition of
 21.15 teacher consistent with sections 122A.06 and 122A.15 for purposes of determining these
 21.16 ratios; staff characteristics excluding salaries; student enrollment demographics; student
 21.17 homelessness and district mobility; and extracurricular activities. The report also must
 21.18 indicate a school's adequate yearly progress status under applicable federal law, and must
 21.19 not set any designations applicable to high- and low-performing schools due solely to
 21.20 adequate yearly progress status.

21.21 (b) The commissioner shall develop, annually update, and post on the department
 21.22 Web site school performance reports.

21.23 (c) The commissioner must make available performance reports by the beginning
 21.24 of each school year.

21.25 (d) A school or district may appeal its adequate yearly progress status in writing to
 21.26 the commissioner within 30 days of receiving the notice of its status. The commissioner's
 21.27 decision to uphold or deny an appeal is final.

21.28 (e) School performance data are nonpublic data under section 13.02, subdivision 9,
 21.29 until the commissioner publicly releases the data. The commissioner shall annually post
 21.30 school performance reports to the department's public Web site no later than September 1,
 21.31 except that in years when the reports reflect new performance standards, the commissioner
 21.32 shall post the school performance reports no later than October 1.

21.33 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment
 21.34 and applies to school year reports for the 2015-2016 school year and later.

21.35 Sec. 9. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 122A.09, subdivision 4, is amended to read:

22.1 Subd. 4. **License and rules.** (a) The board must adopt rules to license public school
22.2 teachers and interns subject to chapter 14.

22.3 (b) The board must ~~adopt rules requiring a person~~ require all candidates for teacher
22.4 licensure to pass demonstrate a passing score on a board-adopted skills examination
22.5 in reading, writing, and mathematics ~~or attain either a composite score composed of~~
22.6 ~~the average of the scores in English and writing, reading, and mathematics on the ACT~~
22.7 ~~Plus Writing recommended by the board, or an equivalent composite score composed~~
22.8 ~~of the average of the scores in critical reading, mathematics, and writing on the SAT~~
22.9 ~~recommended by the board, as a requirement for initial teacher licensure, except that the~~
22.10 ~~board may issue up to two~~ four temporary, one-year teaching licenses to an otherwise
22.11 qualified candidate who has not yet passed the board-adopted skills exam ~~or attained the~~
22.12 ~~requisite composite score on the ACT Plus Writing or SAT. Such rules~~ The board must
22.13 require college and universities offering a board-approved teacher preparation program
22.14 to provide remedial assistance to persons who did not achieve a qualifying score on the
22.15 board-adopted skills examination ~~or attain the requisite composite score on the ACT Plus~~
22.16 ~~Writing or SAT, including those for whom English is a second language. The requirement~~
22.17 to pass a board-adopted reading, writing, and mathematics skills examination ~~or attain the~~
22.18 ~~requisite composite score on the ACT Plus Writing or SAT does not apply to nonnative~~
22.19 ~~English speakers, as verified by qualified Minnesota school district personnel or Minnesota~~
22.20 ~~higher education faculty, who, after meeting the content and pedagogy requirements~~
22.21 ~~under this subdivision, apply for a teaching license to provide direct instruction in their~~
22.22 ~~native language or world language instruction under section 120B.022, subdivision 1. A~~
22.23 ~~teacher candidate's official ACT Plus Writing or SAT composite score report to the board~~
22.24 ~~must not be more than ten years old at the time of licensure~~ The Board of Teaching and
22.25 the entity administering the content, pedagogy, and skills examinations must allow any
22.26 individual who produces documentation of a disability in the form of an evaluation, 504
22.27 plan, or individual education program (IEP) to receive the same testing accommodations
22.28 on the content, pedagogy, and skills examinations that the applicant received during their
22.29 secondary or postsecondary education.

22.30 (c) The board must adopt rules to approve teacher preparation programs. The board,
22.31 upon the request of a postsecondary student preparing for teacher licensure or a licensed
22.32 graduate of a teacher preparation program, shall assist in resolving a dispute between the
22.33 person and a postsecondary institution providing a teacher preparation program when the
22.34 dispute involves an institution's recommendation for licensure affecting the person or the
22.35 person's credentials. At the board's discretion, assistance may include the application
22.36 of chapter 14.

23.1 (d) The board must provide the leadership and adopt rules for the redesign of teacher
23.2 education programs to implement a research based, results-oriented curriculum that
23.3 focuses on the skills teachers need in order to be effective. Among other components,
23.4 teacher preparation programs may provide a school-year-long student teaching program
23.5 that combines clinical opportunities with academic coursework and in-depth student
23.6 teaching experiences to offer students ongoing mentorship, coaching, and assessment,
23.7 help to prepare a professional development plan, and structured learning experiences.
23.8 The board shall implement new systems of teacher preparation program evaluation
23.9 to assure program effectiveness based on proficiency of graduates in demonstrating
23.10 attainment of program outcomes. Teacher preparation programs including alternative
23.11 teacher preparation programs under section 122A.245, among other programs, must
23.12 include a content-specific, board-approved, performance-based assessment that measures
23.13 teacher candidates in three areas: planning for instruction and assessment; engaging
23.14 students and supporting learning; and assessing student learning. The board's redesign
23.15 rules must include creating flexible, specialized teaching licenses, credentials, and other
23.16 endorsement forms to increase students' participation in language immersion programs,
23.17 world language instruction, career development opportunities, work-based learning, early
23.18 college courses and careers, career and technical programs, Montessori schools, and
23.19 project and place-based learning, among other career and college ready learning offerings.

23.20 (e) The board must adopt rules requiring candidates for initial licenses to pass an
23.21 examination of general pedagogical knowledge and examinations of licensure-specific
23.22 teaching skills. The rules shall be effective by September 1, 2001. The rules under this
23.23 paragraph also must require candidates for initial licenses to teach prekindergarten or
23.24 elementary students to pass, as part of the examination of licensure-specific teaching
23.25 skills, test items assessing the candidates' knowledge, skill, and ability in comprehensive,
23.26 scientifically based reading instruction under section 122A.06, subdivision 4, and their
23.27 knowledge and understanding of the foundations of reading development, the development
23.28 of reading comprehension, and reading assessment and instruction, and their ability to
23.29 integrate that knowledge and understanding.

23.30 (f) The board must adopt rules requiring teacher educators to work directly with
23.31 elementary or secondary school teachers in elementary or secondary schools to obtain
23.32 periodic exposure to the elementary or secondary teaching environment.

23.33 (g) The board must grant licenses to interns and to candidates for initial licenses
23.34 based on appropriate professional competencies that are aligned with the board's licensing
23.35 system and students' diverse learning needs. All teacher candidates must have preparation
23.36 in English language development and content instruction for English learners in order to be

24.1 able to effectively instruct the English learners in their classrooms. The board must include
24.2 these licenses in a statewide differentiated licensing system that creates new leadership
24.3 roles for successful experienced teachers premised on a collaborative professional culture
24.4 dedicated to meeting students' diverse learning needs in the 21st century, recognizes the
24.5 importance of cultural and linguistic competencies, including the ability to teach and
24.6 communicate in culturally competent and aware ways, and formalizes mentoring and
24.7 induction for newly licensed teachers provided through a teacher support framework.

24.8 (h) The board must design and implement an assessment system which requires a
24.9 candidate for an initial license and first continuing license to demonstrate the abilities
24.10 necessary to perform selected, representative teaching tasks at appropriate levels.

24.11 (i) The board must receive recommendations from local committees as established
24.12 by the board for the renewal of teaching licenses. The board must require licensed teachers
24.13 who are renewing a continuing license to include in the renewal requirements further
24.14 preparation in English language development and specially designed content instruction
24.15 in English for English learners.

24.16 (j) The board must grant life licenses to those who qualify according to requirements
24.17 established by the board, and suspend or revoke licenses pursuant to sections 122A.20 and
24.18 214.10. The board must not establish any expiration date for application for life licenses.

24.19 (k) The board must adopt rules that require all licensed teachers who are renewing
24.20 their continuing license to include in their renewal requirements further preparation in
24.21 the areas of using positive behavior interventions and in accommodating, modifying, and
24.22 adapting curricula, materials, and strategies to appropriately meet the needs of individual
24.23 students and ensure adequate progress toward the state's graduation rule.

24.24 (l) In adopting rules to license public school teachers who provide health-related
24.25 services for disabled children, the board shall adopt rules consistent with license or
24.26 registration requirements of the commissioner of health and the health-related boards who
24.27 license personnel who perform similar services outside of the school.

24.28 (m) The board must adopt rules that require all licensed teachers who are renewing
24.29 their continuing license to include in their renewal requirements further reading
24.30 preparation, consistent with section 122A.06, subdivision 4. The rules do not take effect
24.31 until they are approved by law. Teachers who do not provide direct instruction including, at
24.32 least, counselors, school psychologists, school nurses, school social workers, audiovisual
24.33 directors and coordinators, and recreation personnel are exempt from this section.

24.34 (n) The board must adopt rules that require all licensed teachers who are renewing
24.35 their continuing license to include in their renewal requirements further preparation,
24.36 first, in understanding the key warning signs of early-onset mental illness in children

25.1 and adolescents and then, during subsequent licensure renewal periods, preparation may
 25.2 include providing a more in-depth understanding of students' mental illness trauma,
 25.3 accommodations for students' mental illness, parents' role in addressing students' mental
 25.4 illness, Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders, autism, the requirements of section 125A.0942
 25.5 governing restrictive procedures, and de-escalation methods, among other similar topics.

25.6 (o) The board must adopt rules by January 1, 2016, to license applicants under
 25.7 sections 122A.23 and 122A.245. The rules must permit applicants to demonstrate their
 25.8 qualifications through the board's recognition of a teaching license from another state
 25.9 in a similar content field, completion of a state-approved teacher preparation program,
 25.10 teaching experience as the teacher of record in a similar licensure field, depth of content
 25.11 knowledge, depth of content methods or general pedagogy, subject-specific professional
 25.12 development and contribution to the field, or classroom performance as determined by
 25.13 documented student growth on normed assessments or documented effectiveness on
 25.14 evaluations. The rules must adopt criteria for determining a "similar content field" and
 25.15 "similar licensure area."

25.16 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment
 25.17 and applies to all candidates seeking initial teacher licensure, including those holding a
 25.18 temporary, one-year teaching license.

25.19 Sec. 10. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 122A.09, is amended by adding a
 25.20 subdivision to read:

25.21 **Subd. 4a. Teacher and administrator preparation and performance data;**
 25.22 **report.** (a) The Board of Teaching and the Board of School Administrators, in cooperation
 25.23 with the Minnesota Association of Colleges of Teacher Education and Minnesota colleges
 25.24 and universities offering board-adopted teacher or administrator preparation programs,
 25.25 annually must collect and report summary data on teacher and administrator preparation
 25.26 and performance outcomes, consistent with this subdivision. The Board of Teaching
 25.27 and the Board of School Administrators annually by June 1 must update and post the
 25.28 reported summary preparation and performance data on teachers and administrators from
 25.29 the preceding school years on a Web site hosted jointly by the boards.

25.30 (b) Publicly reported summary data on teacher preparation programs must include:
 25.31 student entrance requirements for each Board of Teaching-approved program, including
 25.32 grade point average for enrolling students in the preceding year; the average board-adopted
 25.33 skills examination or ACT or SAT scores of students entering the program in the preceding
 25.34 year; summary data on faculty qualifications, including at least the content areas of faculty
 25.35 undergraduate and graduate degrees and their years of experience either as kindergarten

26.1 through grade 12 classroom teachers or school administrators; the average time resident
26.2 and nonresident program graduates in the preceding year needed to complete the program;
26.3 the current number and percent of students by program who graduated, received a standard
26.4 Minnesota teaching license, and were hired to teach full time in their licensure field in a
26.5 Minnesota district or school in the preceding year; the number of content area credits and
26.6 other credits by undergraduate program that students in the preceding school year needed
26.7 to complete to graduate; students' pass rates on skills and subject matter exams required for
26.8 graduation in each program and licensure area in the preceding school year; survey results
26.9 measuring student and graduate satisfaction with the program in the preceding school
26.10 year; a standard measure of the satisfaction of school principals or supervising teachers
26.11 with the student teachers assigned to a school or supervising teacher; and information
26.12 under paragraphs (d) and (e). Program reporting must be consistent with subdivision 11.

26.13 (c) Publicly reported summary data on administrator preparation programs
26.14 approved by the Board of School Administrators must include: summary data on faculty
26.15 qualifications, including at least the content areas of faculty undergraduate and graduate
26.16 degrees and their years of experience either as kindergarten through grade 12 classroom
26.17 teachers or school administrators; the average time program graduates in the preceding
26.18 year needed to complete the program; the current number and percent of students who
26.19 graduated, received a standard Minnesota administrator license, and were employed as an
26.20 administrator in a Minnesota school district or school in the preceding year; the number of
26.21 credits by graduate program that students in the preceding school year needed to complete
26.22 to graduate; survey results measuring student, graduate, and employer satisfaction with
26.23 the program in the preceding school year; and information under paragraphs (f) and (g).
26.24 Program reporting must be consistent with section 122A.14, subdivision 10.

26.25 (d) School districts annually by October 1 must report to the Board of Teaching
26.26 the following information for all teachers who finished the probationary period and
26.27 accepted a continuing contract position with the district from September 1 of the previous
26.28 year through August 31 of the current year: the effectiveness category or rating of the
26.29 teacher on the summative evaluation under section 122A.40, subdivision 8, or 122A.41,
26.30 subdivision 5; the licensure area in which the teacher primarily taught during the
26.31 three-year evaluation cycle; and the teacher preparation program preparing the teacher in
26.32 the teacher's primary areas of instruction and licensure.

26.33 (e) School districts annually by October 1 must report to the Board of Teaching the
26.34 following information for all probationary teachers in the district who were released or
26.35 whose contracts were not renewed from September 1 of the previous year through August
26.36 31 of the current year: the licensure areas in which the probationary teacher taught; and

27.1 the teacher preparation program preparing the teacher in the teacher's primary areas of
 27.2 instruction and licensure.

27.3 (f) School districts annually by October 1 must report to the Board of School
 27.4 Administrators the following information for all school principals and assistant principals
 27.5 who finished the probationary period and accepted a continuing contract position with the
 27.6 district from September 1 of the previous year through August 31 of the current year: the
 27.7 effectiveness category or rating of the principal or assistant principal on the summative
 27.8 evaluation under section 123B.147, subdivision 3; and the principal preparation program
 27.9 providing instruction to the principal or assistant principal.

27.10 (g) School districts annually by October 1 must report to the Board of School
 27.11 Administrators all probationary school principals and assistant principals in the district
 27.12 who were released or whose contracts were not renewed from September 1 of the previous
 27.13 year through August 31 of the current year.

27.14 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 1, 2016.

27.15 Sec. 11. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 122A.09, is amended by adding a
 27.16 subdivision to read:

27.17 Subd. 11. **Teacher preparation program reporting.** By December 31, 2018, and
 27.18 annually thereafter, the Board of Teaching shall report and publish on its Web site the
 27.19 cumulative summary results of at least three consecutive years of data reported to the board
 27.20 under subdivision 4a, paragraph (b). Where the data are sufficient to yield statistically
 27.21 reliable information and the results would not reveal personally identifiable information
 27.22 about an individual teacher, the board shall report the data by teacher preparation program.

27.23 Sec. 12. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 122A.14, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

27.24 Subd. 3. **Rules for continuing education requirements.** The board shall
 27.25 adopt rules establishing continuing education requirements that promote continuous
 27.26 improvement and acquisition of new and relevant skills by school administrators.
 27.27 Continuing education programs, among other things, must provide school administrators
 27.28 with information and training about building coherent and effective English learner
 27.29 strategies that include relevant professional development, accountability for student
 27.30 progress, students' access to the general curriculum, and sufficient staff capacity to effect
 27.31 these strategies. ~~A retired school principal who serves as a substitute principal or assistant~~
 27.32 ~~principal for the same person on a day-to-day basis for no more than 15 consecutive~~
 27.33 ~~school days is not subject to continuing education requirements as a condition of serving~~
 27.34 ~~as a substitute principal or assistant principal.~~

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

28.2 Sec. 13. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 122A.14, is amended by adding a
28.3 subdivision to read:

28.4 Subd. 10. **Principal preparation program reporting.** By December 31, 2018, and
28.5 annually thereafter, the Board of School Administrators shall report and publish on its
28.6 Web site the cumulative summary results of three years of data reported to the board under
28.7 section 122A.09, subdivision 4a, paragraph (c), for each principal preparation program.

28.8 Sec. 14. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 122A.18, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

28.9 Subd. 2. **Teacher and support personnel qualifications.** (a) The Board of Teaching
28.10 must issue licenses under its jurisdiction to persons the board finds to be qualified and
28.11 competent for their respective positions, including those meeting the standards adopted
28.12 under section 122A.09, subdivision 4, paragraph (o).

28.13 (b) The board must require a ~~person to pass an~~ candidate for teacher licensure to
28.14 demonstrate a passing score on a board-adopted examination of skills in reading, writing,
28.15 and mathematics ~~or attain either a composite score composed of the average of the scores in~~
28.16 ~~English and writing, reading, and mathematics on the ACT Plus Writing recommended by~~
28.17 ~~the board, or an equivalent composite score composed of the average of the scores in critical~~
28.18 ~~reading, mathematics, and writing on the SAT recommended by the board, before being~~
28.19 ~~granted an initial teaching license to provide direct instruction to pupils in prekindergarten,~~
28.20 ~~elementary, secondary, or special education programs, except that the board may issue up~~
28.21 ~~to two~~ four temporary, one-year teaching licenses to an otherwise qualified candidate who
28.22 has not yet passed ~~the~~ a board-adopted skills exam ~~or attained the requisite composite score~~
28.23 ~~on the ACT Plus Writing or SAT.~~ At the request of the employing school district or charter
28.24 school, the Board of Teaching may issue a restricted license to an otherwise qualified
28.25 teacher not passing or demonstrating a passing score on a board-adopted skills examination
28.26 in reading, writing, and math. For purposes of this section, the restricted license issued by
28.27 the board is limited to the current subject or content matter the teacher is employed to teach
28.28 and limited to the district or charter school requesting the restricted license. If the board
28.29 denies the request, it must provide a detailed response to the school administrator as to the
28.30 reasons for the denial. The board must require colleges and universities offering a board
28.31 approved teacher preparation program to make available upon request remedial assistance
28.32 that includes a formal diagnostic component to persons enrolled in their institution who
28.33 did not achieve a qualifying score on ~~the~~ a board-adopted skills examination ~~or attain the~~
28.34 ~~requisite composite ACT Plus Writing or SAT score, including those for whom English is~~

29.1 a second language. The colleges and universities must make available assistance in the
29.2 specific academic areas of candidates' deficiency. School districts may make available
29.3 upon request similar, appropriate, and timely remedial assistance that includes a formal
29.4 diagnostic component to those persons employed by the district who completed their
29.5 teacher education program, who did not achieve a qualifying score on the a board-adopted
29.6 skills examination, ~~or attain the requisite composite ACT Plus Writing or SAT score,~~
29.7 and who received a temporary license to teach in Minnesota. The Board of Teaching
29.8 shall report annually to the education committees of the legislature on the total number
29.9 of teacher candidates during the most recent school year taking the a board-adopted
29.10 skills examination, the number who achieve a qualifying score on the examination, the
29.11 number who do not achieve a qualifying score on the examination, ~~the distribution of all~~
29.12 ~~candidates' scores, the number of candidates who have taken the examination at least once~~
29.13 ~~before, and the number of candidates who have taken the examination at least once before~~
29.14 ~~and achieve a qualifying score,~~ and the candidates who have not attained the requisite
29.15 ~~composite ACT Plus Writing or SAT score or have not passed a content or pedagogy~~
29.16 ~~exam, disaggregated by categories of race, ethnicity, and eligibility for financial aid.~~

29.17 (c) The Board of Teaching must grant continuing licenses only to those persons who
29.18 have met board criteria for granting a continuing license, which includes passing the a
29.19 board-adopted skills examination in reading, writing, and mathematics ~~or attaining the~~
29.20 ~~requisite composite ACT Plus Writing or SAT score consistent with paragraph (b), and the~~
29.21 exceptions in section 122A.09, subdivision 4, paragraph (b), that are consistent with this
29.22 paragraph. The requirement to pass a board-adopted reading, writing, and mathematics
29.23 skills examination, ~~or attain the requisite composite score on the ACT Plus Writing or SAT~~
29.24 does not apply to nonnative English speakers, as verified by qualified Minnesota school
29.25 district personnel or Minnesota higher education faculty, who, after meeting the content and
29.26 pedagogy requirements under this subdivision, apply for a teaching license to provide direct
29.27 instruction in their native language or world language instruction under section 120B.022,
29.28 subdivision 1. ~~A teacher candidate's official ACT Plus Writing or SAT composite score~~
29.29 ~~report to the board must not be more than ten years old at the time of licensure.~~

29.30 (d) All colleges and universities approved by the board of teaching to prepare persons
29.31 for teacher licensure must include in their teacher preparation programs a common core
29.32 of teaching knowledge and skills to be acquired by all persons recommended for teacher
29.33 licensure. Among other requirements, teacher candidates must demonstrate the knowledge
29.34 and skills needed to provide appropriate instruction to English learners to support and
29.35 accelerate their academic literacy, including oral academic language, and achievement in
29.36 content areas in a regular classroom setting. This common core shall meet the standards

30.1 developed by the interstate new teacher assessment and support consortium in its 1992
 30.2 "model standards for beginning teacher licensing and development." Amendments to
 30.3 standards adopted under this paragraph are covered by chapter 14. The board of teaching
 30.4 shall report annually to the education committees of the legislature on the performance
 30.5 of teacher candidates on common core assessments of knowledge and skills under this
 30.6 paragraph during the most recent school year.

30.7 Sec. 15. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 122A.18, is amended by adding a
 30.8 subdivision to read:

30.9 Subd. 4a. **Limited provisional licenses.** The board may grant two-year provisional
 30.10 licenses to licensure candidates in a field in which they were not previously licensed or in a
 30.11 field in which a shortage of licensed teachers exists. A shortage is defined as an inadequate
 30.12 supply of licensed personnel in a given licensure area as determined by the commissioner.

30.13 Sec. 16. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 122A.20, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

30.14 Subdivision 1. **Grounds for revocation, suspension, or denial.** (a) The Board of
 30.15 Teaching or Board of School Administrators, whichever has jurisdiction over a teacher's
 30.16 licensure, may, on the written complaint of the school board employing a teacher, a teacher
 30.17 organization, or any other interested person, refuse to issue, refuse to renew, suspend, or
 30.18 revoke a teacher's license to teach for any of the following causes:

- 30.19 (1) immoral character or conduct;
 30.20 (2) failure, without justifiable cause, to teach for the term of the teacher's contract;
 30.21 (3) gross inefficiency or willful neglect of duty;
 30.22 (4) failure to meet licensure requirements; or
 30.23 (5) fraud or misrepresentation in obtaining a license.

30.24 The written complaint must specify the nature and character of the charges.

30.25 (b) The Board of Teaching or Board of School Administrators, whichever
 30.26 has jurisdiction over a teacher's licensure, shall refuse to issue, refuse to renew, or
 30.27 automatically revoke a teacher's license to teach without the right to a hearing upon
 30.28 receiving a certified copy of a conviction showing that the teacher has been convicted
 30.29 of child abuse, as defined in section 609.185, sex trafficking in the first degree under
 30.30 section 609.322, subdivision 1, sex trafficking in the second degree under section 609.322,
 30.31 subdivision 1a, engaging in hiring, or agreeing to hire a minor to engage in prostitution
 30.32 under section 609.324, subdivision 1, sexual abuse under section 609.342, 609.343,
 30.33 609.344, 609.345, 609.3451, subdivision 3, or 617.23, subdivision 3, solicitation of
 30.34 children to engage in sexual conduct or communication of sexually explicit materials

31.1 to children under section 609.352, interference with privacy under section 609.746 or
 31.2 stalking under section 609.749 and the victim was a minor, using minors in a sexual
 31.3 performance under section 617.246, or possessing pornographic works involving a minor
 31.4 under section 617.247, or any other offense not listed in this paragraph that requires the
 31.5 person to register as a predatory offender under section 243.166, or a crime under a similar
 31.6 law of another state or the United States. The board shall send notice of this licensing
 31.7 action to the district in which the teacher is currently employed.

31.8 (c) A person whose license to teach has been revoked, not issued, or not renewed
 31.9 under paragraph (b), may petition the board to reconsider the licensing action if the
 31.10 person's conviction for child abuse or sexual abuse is reversed by a final decision of the
 31.11 Court of Appeals or the Supreme Court or if the person has received a pardon for the
 31.12 offense. The petitioner shall attach a certified copy of the appellate court's final decision or
 31.13 the pardon to the petition. Upon receiving the petition and its attachment, the board shall
 31.14 schedule and hold a disciplinary hearing on the matter under section 214.10, subdivision 2,
 31.15 unless the petitioner waives the right to a hearing. If the board finds that, notwithstanding
 31.16 the reversal of the petitioner's criminal conviction or the issuance of a pardon, the
 31.17 petitioner is disqualified from teaching under paragraph (a), clause (1), the board shall
 31.18 affirm its previous licensing action. If the board finds that the petitioner is not disqualified
 31.19 from teaching under paragraph (a), clause (1), it shall reverse its previous licensing action.

31.20 (d) For purposes of this subdivision, the Board of Teaching is delegated the authority
 31.21 to suspend or revoke coaching licenses.

31.22 Sec. 17. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 122A.21, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

31.23 Subd. 2. **Licensure via portfolio.** (a) An eligible candidate may use licensure
 31.24 via portfolio to obtain an initial licensure or to add a licensure field, consistent with the
 31.25 applicable Board of Teaching licensure rules.

31.26 (b) A candidate for initial licensure must submit to the Educator Licensing Division
 31.27 at the department one portfolio demonstrating pedagogical competence and one portfolio
 31.28 demonstrating content competence.

31.29 (c) A candidate seeking to add a licensure field must submit to the Educator
 31.30 Licensing Division at the department one portfolio demonstrating content competence.

31.31 (d) The Board of Teaching must notify a candidate who submits a portfolio under
 31.32 paragraph (b) or (c) within 90 calendar days after the portfolio is received whether or not
 31.33 the portfolio was approved. If the portfolio was not approved, the board must immediately
 31.34 inform the candidate how to revise the portfolio to successfully demonstrate the requisite
 31.35 competence. The candidate may resubmit a revised portfolio at any time and the Educator

32.1 Licensing Division at the department must approve or disapprove the portfolio within
 32.2 60 calendar days of receiving it.

32.3 (e) A candidate must pay to the executive secretary of the Board of Teaching a
 32.4 \$300 fee for the first portfolio submitted for review and a \$200 fee for any portfolio
 32.5 submitted subsequently. The fees must be paid to the executive secretary of the Board of
 32.6 Teaching. The revenue generated from the fee must be deposited in an education licensure
 32.7 portfolio account in the special revenue fund. The fees set by the Board of Teaching are
 32.8 nonrefundable for applicants not qualifying for a license. The Board of Teaching may
 32.9 waive or reduce fees for candidates based on financial need.

32.10 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment and
 32.11 applies to all portfolios submitted to the Educator Licensing Division at the department
 32.12 after that date.

32.13 Sec. 18. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 122A.23, is amended to read:

32.14 **122A.23 APPLICANTS TRAINED IN OTHER STATES.**

32.15 Subdivision 1. **Preparation equivalency.** When a license to teach is authorized to
 32.16 be issued to any holder of a diploma or a degree of a Minnesota state university, or of the
 32.17 University of Minnesota, or of a liberal arts university, or a technical training institution,
 32.18 such license may also, in the discretion of the Board of Teaching or the commissioner of
 32.19 education, whichever has jurisdiction, be issued to any holder of a diploma or a degree
 32.20 of a teacher training institution of equivalent rank and standing of any other state. The
 32.21 diploma or degree must be granted by virtue of completing ~~a course~~ coursework in teacher
 32.22 preparation ~~essentially equivalent in content to that required by such Minnesota state~~
 32.23 ~~university or the University of Minnesota or a liberal arts university in Minnesota or a~~
 32.24 ~~technical training institution~~ as preliminary to the granting of a diploma or a degree of the
 32.25 same rank and class. For purposes of granting a Minnesota teaching license to a person
 32.26 who receives a diploma or degree from a state-accredited, out-of-state teacher training
 32.27 program leading to licensure, the Board of Teaching must establish criteria and streamlined
 32.28 procedures by January 1, 2016, to recognize the experience and professional credentials of
 32.29 the person holding the out-of-state diploma or degree and allow that person to demonstrate
 32.30 to the board the person's qualifications for receiving a Minnesota teaching license based
 32.31 on performance measures the board adopts by January 1, 2016, under this section.

32.32 Subd. 2. **Applicants licensed in other states.** (a) Subject to the requirements
 32.33 of sections 122A.18, subdivision 8, and 123B.03, the Board of Teaching must issue a
 32.34 teaching license or a temporary teaching license under paragraphs ~~(b)~~ (c) to ~~(e)~~ (f) to an

33.1 applicant who holds at least a baccalaureate degree from a regionally accredited college
 33.2 or university and holds or held a ~~similar~~ an out-of-state teaching license that requires the
 33.3 applicant to successfully complete a teacher preparation program approved by the issuing
 33.4 state, which includes either (1) field-specific teaching methods and, student teaching, or
 33.5 essentially equivalent experience, or (2) at least two years of teaching experience as the
 33.6 teacher of record in a similar licensure field.

33.7 (b) The Board of Teaching may issue a standard license on the basis of teaching
 33.8 experience and examination requirements only.

33.9 (c) The Board of Teaching must issue a teaching license to an applicant who:

33.10 (1) successfully completed all exams and human relations preparation components
 33.11 required by the Board of Teaching; and

33.12 (2) holds or held an out-of-state teaching license to teach ~~the same~~ a similar content
 33.13 field and grade levels if the scope of the out-of-state license is no more than two grade
 33.14 levels less than a similar Minnesota license, and either (i) has completed field-specific
 33.15 teaching methods, student teaching, or equivalent experience, or (ii) has at least two years
 33.16 of teaching experience as the teacher of record in a similar licensure field.

33.17 ~~(e)~~ (d) The Board of Teaching, consistent with board rules and paragraph ~~(h)~~ (i),
 33.18 must issue up to ~~three~~ four one-year temporary teaching licenses to an applicant who holds
 33.19 or held an out-of-state teaching license to teach ~~the same~~ a similar content field and grade
 33.20 levels, where the scope of the out-of-state license is no more than two grade levels less
 33.21 than a similar Minnesota license, but has not successfully completed all exams and human
 33.22 relations preparation components required by the Board of Teaching.

33.23 ~~(d)~~ (e) The Board of Teaching, consistent with board rules, must issue up to ~~three~~
 33.24 four one-year temporary teaching licenses to an applicant who:

33.25 (1) successfully completed all exams and human relations preparation components
 33.26 required by the Board of Teaching; and

33.27 (2) holds or held an out-of-state teaching license to teach ~~the same~~ a similar content
 33.28 field and grade levels, where the scope of the out-of-state license is no more than two
 33.29 grade levels less than a similar Minnesota license, but has not completed field-specific
 33.30 teaching methods or student teaching or equivalent experience.

33.31 The applicant may complete field-specific teaching methods and student teaching
 33.32 or equivalent experience by successfully participating in a one-year school district
 33.33 mentorship program consistent with board-adopted standards of effective practice and
 33.34 Minnesota graduation requirements.

34.1 ~~(e)~~ (f) The Board of Teaching must issue a ~~temporary restricted~~ teaching license
 34.2 for a ~~term of up to three years~~ only in the content field or grade levels specified in the
 34.3 out-of-state license to an applicant who:

34.4 (1) successfully completed all exams and human relations preparation components
 34.5 required by the Board of Teaching; and

34.6 (2) holds or held an out-of-state teaching license where the out-of-state license is
 34.7 more limited in the content field or grade levels than a similar Minnesota license.

34.8 ~~(f)~~ (g) The Board of Teaching ~~must not issue to an applicant more than three~~
 34.9 ~~one-year temporary teaching licenses under this subdivision~~ may issue a two-year limited
 34.10 provisional license to an applicant under this subdivision to teach in a shortage area,
 34.11 consistent with section 122A.18, subdivision 4a.

34.12 ~~(g)~~ (h) The Board of Teaching ~~must not~~ may issue a license under this subdivision if
 34.13 the applicant has ~~not~~ attained the additional degrees, credentials, or licenses required in
 34.14 a particular licensure field and the applicant can demonstrate competency by obtaining
 34.15 qualifying scores on the board-adopted skills examination in reading, writing, and
 34.16 mathematics, and on applicable board-adopted rigorous content area and pedagogy
 34.17 examinations under section 122A.09, subdivision 4, paragraphs (a) and (e).

34.18 ~~(h)~~ (i) The Board of Teaching must require an applicant for a teaching license
 34.19 or a temporary teaching license under this subdivision to pass a board-adopted skills
 34.20 examination in reading, writing, and mathematics ~~or demonstrate, consistent with section~~
 34.21 ~~122A.09, subdivision 4, the applicant's attainment of either the requisite composite ACT~~
 34.22 ~~Plus Writing or SAT score~~ before the board issues the license unless, notwithstanding
 34.23 other provisions of this subdivision, an applicable board-approved National Association of
 34.24 State Directors of Teacher Education interstate reciprocity agreement exists to allow fully
 34.25 certified teachers from other states to transfer their certification to Minnesota.

34.26 Subd. 3. Teacher licensure agreements with adjoining states. (a) Notwithstanding
 34.27 any other law to the contrary, the Board of Teaching must enter into a National Association
 34.28 of State Directors of Teacher Education and Certification (NASDTEC) interstate
 34.29 agreement and other interstate agreements for teacher licensure to allow fully certified
 34.30 teachers from adjoining states to transfer their certification to Minnesota. The board must
 34.31 enter into these interstate agreements only after determining that the rigor of the teacher
 34.32 licensure or certification requirements in the adjoining state is commensurate with the
 34.33 rigor of Minnesota's teacher licensure requirements. The board may limit an interstate
 34.34 agreement to particular content fields or grade levels based on established priorities or
 34.35 identified shortages. This subdivision does not apply to out-of-state applicants holding
 34.36 only a provisional teaching license.

35.1 (b) The Board of Teaching must work with designated authorities in adjoining states
 35.2 to establish interstate teacher licensure agreements under this section.

35.3 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective August 1, 2015.

35.4 Sec. 19. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 122A.245, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

35.5 Subdivision 1. **Requirements.** (a) To improve academic excellence, improve ethnic
 35.6 and cultural diversity in the classroom, and close the academic achievement gap, the
 35.7 Board of Teaching must approve qualified teacher preparation programs under this section
 35.8 that are a means to acquire a two-year limited-term license, which the board may renew
 35.9 one time for an additional one-year term, and to prepare for acquiring a standard license.
 35.10 The following entities are eligible to participate under this section:

35.11 (1) a school district ~~or~~, charter school, or nonprofit corporation organized under
 35.12 chapter 317A for an education-related purpose that forms a partnership with a college or
 35.13 university that has a board-approved alternative teacher preparation program; or

35.14 (2) a school district or charter school, after consulting with a college or university
 35.15 with a board-approved teacher preparation program, that forms a partnership with a
 35.16 nonprofit corporation organized under chapter 317A for an education-related purpose that
 35.17 has a board-approved teacher preparation program.

35.18 (b) Before ~~participating in this program~~ becoming a teacher of record, a candidate
 35.19 must:

35.20 (1) have a bachelor's degree with a 3.0 or higher grade point average unless the
 35.21 board waives the grade point average requirement based on board-adopted criteria adopted
 35.22 by January 1, 2016;

35.23 (2) ~~pass the~~ demonstrate a passing score on a board-adopted reading, writing, and
 35.24 mathematics skills examination under section 122A.09, subdivision 4, paragraph (b); and

35.25 (3) obtain qualifying scores on applicable board-approved rigorous content area and
 35.26 pedagogy examinations under section 122A.09, subdivision 4, paragraph (e).

35.27 (c) The Board of Teaching must issue a two-year limited-term license to a person
 35.28 who enrolls in an alternative teacher preparation program.

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

35.30 Sec. 20. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 122A.245, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

35.31 Subd. 3. **Program approval; disapproval.** (a) The Board of Teaching must approve
 35.32 alternative teacher preparation programs under this section based on board-adopted

36.1 criteria that reflect best practices for alternative teacher preparation programs, consistent
36.2 with this section.

36.3 (b) The board must permit teacher candidates to demonstrate mastery of pedagogy
36.4 and content standards in school-based settings and through other nontraditional means.
36.5 "Nontraditional means" must include a portfolio of previous experiences, teaching
36.6 experience, educator evaluations, certifications marking the completion of education
36.7 training programs, and essentially equivalent demonstrations.

36.8 (c) The board must use nontraditional criteria to determine the qualifications of
36.9 program instructors.

36.10 (d) The board may permit instructors to hold a baccalaureate degree only.

36.11 ~~(b)~~ (e) If the Board of Teaching determines that a teacher preparation program under
36.12 this section does not meet the requirements of this section, it may revoke its approval
36.13 of the program after it notifies the program provider of any deficiencies and gives the
36.14 program provider an opportunity to remedy the deficiencies.

36.15 Sec. 21. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 122A.245, subdivision 7, is amended to read:

36.16 Subd. 7. **Standard license.** The Board of Teaching must issue a standard license
36.17 to an otherwise qualified teacher candidate under this section who successfully performs
36.18 throughout a program under this section, ~~successfully completes all required~~ obtains
36.19 qualifying scores on applicable board-adopted rigorous skills, pedagogy, and content
36.20 area examinations under section 122A.09, subdivision 4, paragraphs (a) and (e), and is
36.21 recommended for licensure under subdivision 5 or successfully demonstrates to the board
36.22 qualifications for licensure under subdivision 6.

36.23 Sec. 22. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 122A.30, is amended to read:

36.24 **122A.30 EXEMPTION FOR TECHNICAL COLLEGE EDUCATION**
36.25 **INSTRUCTORS.**

36.26 (a) Notwithstanding section 122A.15, subdivision 1, and upon approval of the local
36.27 employer school board, a person who teaches in a part-time vocational or career and
36.28 technical education program not more than 61 hours per fiscal year is exempt from a
36.29 license requirement. Nothing in this section shall exclude licensed career and technical
36.30 educators from the definition of "teacher" in section 122A.40, 122A.41, or 179A.03.

36.31 (b) This section expires June 30, 2020.

36.32 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment
36.33 and applies to all technical education instructors hired after that date.

37.1 Sec. 23. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 122A.40, subdivision 8, is amended to read:

37.2 Subd. 8. **Development, evaluation, and peer coaching for continuing contract**
37.3 **teachers.** (a) To improve student learning and success, a school board and an exclusive
37.4 representative of the teachers in the district, consistent with paragraph (b), may develop
37.5 a teacher evaluation and peer review process for probationary and continuing contract
37.6 teachers through joint agreement. If a school board and the exclusive representative of the
37.7 teachers do not agree to an annual teacher evaluation and peer review process, then the
37.8 school board and the exclusive representative of the teachers must implement the state
37.9 teacher evaluation plan under paragraph (c). The process must include having trained
37.10 observers serve as peer coaches or having teachers participate in professional learning
37.11 communities, consistent with paragraph (b).

37.12 (b) To develop, improve, and support qualified teachers and effective teaching
37.13 practices and improve student learning and success, the annual evaluation process for
37.14 teachers:

37.15 (1) must, for probationary teachers, provide for all evaluations required under
37.16 subdivision 5;

37.17 (2) must establish a three-year professional review cycle for each teacher that
37.18 includes an individual growth and development plan, a peer review process, and at least
37.19 one summative evaluation performed by a qualified and trained evaluator such as a school
37.20 administrator. For the years when a tenured teacher is not evaluated by a qualified and
37.21 trained evaluator, the teacher must be evaluated by a peer review;

37.22 (3) must be based on professional teaching standards established in rule;

37.23 (4) must coordinate staff development activities under sections 122A.60 and
37.24 122A.61 with this evaluation process and teachers' evaluation outcomes;

37.25 (5) may provide time during the school day and school year for peer coaching and
37.26 teacher collaboration;

37.27 (6) may include job-embedded learning opportunities such as professional learning
37.28 communities;

37.29 (7) may include mentoring and induction programs;

37.30 (8) must include an option for teachers to develop and present a portfolio
37.31 demonstrating evidence of reflection and professional growth, consistent with section
37.32 122A.18, subdivision 4, paragraph (b), and include teachers' own performance assessment
37.33 based on student work samples and examples of teachers' work, which may include video
37.34 among other activities for the summative evaluation;

37.35 (9) must use data from valid and reliable assessments aligned to state and local
37.36 academic standards and must use state and local measures of student growth and literacy

38.1 that may include value-added models or student learning goals to determine 35 percent of
38.2 teacher evaluation results;

38.3 (10) must use longitudinal data on student engagement and connection, and other
38.4 student outcome measures explicitly aligned with the elements of curriculum for which
38.5 teachers are responsible, including academic literacy, oral academic language, and
38.6 achievement of content areas of English learners;

38.7 (11) must require qualified and trained evaluators such as school administrators to
38.8 perform summative evaluations and ensure school districts and charter schools provide for
38.9 effective evaluator training specific to teacher development and evaluation;

38.10 (12) must give teachers not meeting professional teaching standards under clauses
38.11 (3) through (11) support to improve through a teacher improvement process that includes
38.12 established goals and timelines; and

38.13 (13) must discipline a teacher for not making adequate progress in the teacher
38.14 improvement process under clause (12) that may include a last chance warning,
38.15 termination, discharge, nonrenewal, transfer to a different position, a leave of absence, or
38.16 other discipline a school administrator determines is appropriate.

38.17 Data on individual teachers generated under this subdivision are personnel data
38.18 under section 13.43. The observation and interview notes of peer coaches may only be
38.19 disclosed to other school officials with the consent of the teacher being coached.

38.20 (c) The department, in consultation with parents who may represent parent
38.21 organizations and teacher and administrator representatives appointed by their respective
38.22 organizations, representing the Board of Teaching, the Minnesota Association of School
38.23 Administrators, the Minnesota School Boards Association, the Minnesota Elementary
38.24 and Secondary Principals Associations, Education Minnesota, and representatives of
38.25 the Minnesota Assessment Group, the Minnesota Business Partnership, the Minnesota
38.26 Chamber of Commerce, and Minnesota postsecondary institutions with research expertise
38.27 in teacher evaluation, must create and publish a teacher evaluation process that complies
38.28 with the requirements in paragraph (b) and applies to all teachers under this section and
38.29 section 122A.41 for whom no agreement exists under paragraph (a) for an annual teacher
38.30 evaluation and peer review process. The teacher evaluation process created under this
38.31 subdivision does not create additional due process rights for probationary teachers under
38.32 subdivision 5.

38.33 (d) Consistent with the measures of teacher effectiveness under this subdivision:

38.34 (1) for students in kindergarten through grade 4, a school administrator must not
38.35 place or approve the placement of a student in the classroom of a teacher who is in the
38.36 improvement process referenced in paragraph (b), clause (12), or has not had a summative

39.1 evaluation if, in the prior year, that student was in the classroom of a teacher who received
 39.2 discipline pursuant to paragraph (b), clause (13), unless no other teacher at the school
 39.3 teaches that grade; and

39.4 (2) for students in grades 5 through 12, a school administrator must not place
 39.5 or approve the placement of a student in the classroom of a teacher who is in the
 39.6 improvement process referenced in paragraph (b), clause (12), or has not had a summative
 39.7 evaluation if, in the prior year, that student was in the classroom of a teacher who received
 39.8 discipline pursuant to paragraph (b), clause (13), unless no other teacher at the school
 39.9 teaches that subject area and grade.

39.10 All data created and used under this paragraph retains its classification under chapter 13.

39.11 Sec. 24. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 122A.40, subdivision 13, is amended to read:

39.12 Subd. 13. **Immediate discharge.** (a) Except as otherwise provided in paragraph
 39.13 (b), a board may discharge a continuing-contract teacher, effective immediately, upon any
 39.14 of the following grounds:

39.15 (1) immoral conduct, insubordination, or conviction of a felony;

39.16 (2) conduct unbecoming a teacher which requires the immediate removal of the
 39.17 teacher from classroom or other duties;

39.18 (3) failure without justifiable cause to teach without first securing the written release
 39.19 of the school board;

39.20 (4) gross inefficiency which the teacher has failed to correct after reasonable written
 39.21 notice;

39.22 (5) willful neglect of duty; or

39.23 (6) continuing physical or mental disability subsequent to a 12 months leave of
 39.24 absence and inability to qualify for reinstatement in accordance with subdivision 12.

39.25 For purposes of this paragraph, conduct unbecoming a teacher includes an unfair
 39.26 discriminatory practice described in section 363A.13.

39.27 Prior to discharging a teacher under this paragraph, the board must notify the teacher
 39.28 in writing and state its ground for the proposed discharge in reasonable detail. Within
 39.29 ten days after receipt of this notification the teacher may make a written request for a
 39.30 hearing before the board and it shall be granted before final action is taken. The board
 39.31 may suspend a teacher with pay pending the conclusion of the hearing and determination
 39.32 of the issues raised in the hearing after charges have been filed which constitute ground for
 39.33 discharge. If a teacher has been charged with a felony and the underlying conduct that
 39.34 is the subject of the felony charge is a ground for a proposed immediate discharge, the
 39.35 suspension pending the conclusion of the hearing and determination of the issues may be

40.1 without pay. If a hearing under this paragraph is held, the board must reimburse the teacher
40.2 for any salary or compensation withheld if the final decision of the board or the arbitrator
40.3 does not result in a penalty to or suspension, termination, or discharge of the teacher.

40.4 (b) A board must discharge a continuing-contract teacher, effective immediately,
40.5 upon receipt of notice under section 122A.20, subdivision 1, paragraph (b), that the
40.6 teacher's license has been revoked due to a conviction for child abuse ~~or~~, as defined in
40.7 section 609.185; sex trafficking in the first degree under section 609.322, subdivision 1;
40.8 sex trafficking in the second degree under section 609.322, subdivision 1a; engaging
40.9 in hiring or agreeing to hire a minor to engage in prostitution under section 609.324,
40.10 subdivision 1; sexual abuse under section 609.342, 609.343, 609.344, 609.345, 609.3451,
40.11 subdivision 3, or 617.23, subdivision 3; solicitation of children to engage in sexual
40.12 conduct or communication of sexually explicit materials to children under section
40.13 609.352; interference with privacy under section 609.746 or stalking under section
40.14 609.749 and the victim was a minor; using minors in a sexual performance under section
40.15 617.246; possessing pornographic works involving a minor under section 617.247; or
40.16 any other offense not listed in this paragraph that requires the person to register as a
40.17 predatory offender under section 243.166, or a crime under a similar law of another state
40.18 or the United States.

40.19 (c) When a teacher is discharged under paragraph (b) or when the commissioner
40.20 makes a final determination of child maltreatment involving a teacher under section
40.21 626.556, subdivision 11, the school principal or other person having administrative
40.22 control of the school must include in the teacher's employment record the information
40.23 contained in the record of the disciplinary action or the final maltreatment determination,
40.24 consistent with the definition of public data under section 13.41, subdivision 5, and must
40.25 provide the Board of Teaching and the licensing division at the department with the
40.26 necessary and relevant information to enable the Board of Teaching and the department's
40.27 licensing division to fulfill their statutory and administrative duties related to issuing,
40.28 renewing, suspending, or revoking a teacher's license. Information received by the Board
40.29 of Teaching or the licensing division at the department under this paragraph is governed
40.30 by section 13.41 or other applicable law governing data of the receiving entity. In addition
40.31 to the background check required under section 123B.03, a school board or other school
40.32 hiring authority must contact the Board of Teaching and the department to determine
40.33 whether the teacher's license has been suspended or revoked, consistent with the discharge
40.34 and final maltreatment determinations identified in this paragraph. Unless restricted by
40.35 federal or state data practices law or by the terms of a collective bargaining agreement,
40.36 the responsible authority for a school district must disseminate to another school district

41.1 private personnel data on a current or former teacher employee or contractor of the district,
 41.2 including the results of background investigations, if the requesting school district seeks
 41.3 the information because the subject of the data has applied for employment with the
 41.4 requesting school district.

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

41.6 Sec. 25. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 122A.41, subdivision 5, is amended to read:

41.7 Subd. 5. **Development, evaluation, and peer coaching for continuing contract**
 41.8 **teachers.** (a) To improve student learning and success, a school board and an exclusive
 41.9 representative of the teachers in the district, consistent with paragraph (b), may develop an
 41.10 annual teacher evaluation and peer review process for probationary and nonprobationary
 41.11 teachers through joint agreement. If a school board and the exclusive representative of
 41.12 the teachers in the district do not agree to an annual teacher evaluation and peer review
 41.13 process, then the school board and the exclusive representative of the teachers must
 41.14 implement the state teacher evaluation plan developed under paragraph (c). The process
 41.15 must include having trained observers serve as peer coaches or having teachers participate
 41.16 in professional learning communities, consistent with paragraph (b).

41.17 (b) To develop, improve, and support qualified teachers and effective teaching
 41.18 practices and improve student learning and success, the annual evaluation process for
 41.19 teachers:

41.20 (1) must, for probationary teachers, provide for all evaluations required under
 41.21 subdivision 2;

41.22 (2) must establish a three-year professional review cycle for each teacher that
 41.23 includes an individual growth and development plan, a peer review process, and at least
 41.24 one summative evaluation performed by a qualified and trained evaluator such as a school
 41.25 administrator;

41.26 (3) must be based on professional teaching standards established in rule;

41.27 (4) must coordinate staff development activities under sections 122A.60 and
 41.28 122A.61 with this evaluation process and teachers' evaluation outcomes;

41.29 (5) may provide time during the school day and school year for peer coaching and
 41.30 teacher collaboration;

41.31 (6) may include job-embedded learning opportunities such as professional learning
 41.32 communities;

41.33 (7) may include mentoring and induction programs;

41.34 (8) must include an option for teachers to develop and present a portfolio
 41.35 demonstrating evidence of reflection and professional growth, consistent with section

42.1 122A.18, subdivision 4, paragraph (b), and include teachers' own performance assessment
42.2 based on student work samples and examples of teachers' work, which may include video
42.3 among other activities for the summative evaluation;

42.4 (9) must use data from valid and reliable assessments aligned to state and local
42.5 academic standards and must use state and local measures of student growth and literacy
42.6 that may include value-added models or student learning goals to determine 35 percent of
42.7 teacher evaluation results;

42.8 (10) must use longitudinal data on student engagement and connection and other
42.9 student outcome measures explicitly aligned with the elements of curriculum for which
42.10 teachers are responsible, including academic literacy, oral academic language, and
42.11 achievement of English learners;

42.12 (11) must require qualified and trained evaluators such as school administrators to
42.13 perform summative evaluations and ensure school districts and charter schools provide for
42.14 effective evaluator training specific to teacher development and evaluation;

42.15 (12) must give teachers not meeting professional teaching standards under clauses
42.16 (3) through (11) support to improve through a teacher improvement process that includes
42.17 established goals and timelines; and

42.18 (13) must discipline a teacher for not making adequate progress in the teacher
42.19 improvement process under clause (12) that may include a last chance warning,
42.20 termination, discharge, nonrenewal, transfer to a different position, a leave of absence, or
42.21 other discipline a school administrator determines is appropriate.

42.22 Data on individual teachers generated under this subdivision are personnel data
42.23 under section 13.43. The observation and interview notes of peer coaches may only be
42.24 disclosed to other school officials with the consent of the teacher being coached.

42.25 (c) The department, in consultation with parents who may represent parent
42.26 organizations and teacher and administrator representatives appointed by their respective
42.27 organizations, representing the Board of Teaching, the Minnesota Association of School
42.28 Administrators, the Minnesota School Boards Association, the Minnesota Elementary
42.29 and Secondary Principals Associations, Education Minnesota, and representatives of
42.30 the Minnesota Assessment Group, the Minnesota Business Partnership, the Minnesota
42.31 Chamber of Commerce, and Minnesota postsecondary institutions with research expertise
42.32 in teacher evaluation, must create and publish a teacher evaluation process that complies
42.33 with the requirements in paragraph (b) and applies to all teachers under this section and
42.34 section 122A.40 for whom no agreement exists under paragraph (a) for an annual teacher
42.35 evaluation and peer review process. The teacher evaluation process created under this

43.1 subdivision does not create additional due process rights for probationary teachers under
43.2 subdivision 2.

43.3 (d) Consistent with the measures of teacher effectiveness under this subdivision:

43.4 (1) for students in kindergarten through grade 4, a school administrator must not
43.5 place or approve the placement of a student in the classroom of a teacher who is in the
43.6 improvement process referenced in paragraph (b), clause (12), or has not had a summative
43.7 evaluation if, in the prior year, that student was in the classroom of a teacher who received
43.8 discipline pursuant to paragraph (b), clause (13), unless no other teacher at the school
43.9 teaches that grade; and

43.10 (2) for students in grades 5 through 12, a school administrator must not place
43.11 or approve the placement of a student in the classroom of a teacher who is in the
43.12 improvement process referenced in paragraph (b), clause (12), or has not had a summative
43.13 evaluation if, in the prior year, that student was in the classroom of a teacher who received
43.14 discipline pursuant to paragraph (b), clause (13), unless no other teacher at the school
43.15 teaches that subject area and grade.

43.16 All data created and used under this paragraph retains its classification under chapter 13.

43.17 Sec. 26. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 122A.41, subdivision 6, is amended to read:

43.18 Subd. 6. **Grounds for discharge or demotion.** (a) Except as otherwise provided
43.19 in paragraph (b), causes for the discharge or demotion of a teacher either during or after
43.20 the probationary period must be:

43.21 (1) immoral character, conduct unbecoming a teacher, or insubordination;

43.22 (2) failure without justifiable cause to teach without first securing the written release
43.23 of the school board having the care, management, or control of the school in which the
43.24 teacher is employed;

43.25 (3) inefficiency in teaching or in the management of a school, consistent with
43.26 subdivision 5, paragraph (b);

43.27 (4) affliction with a communicable disease must be considered as cause for removal
43.28 or suspension while the teacher is suffering from such disability; or

43.29 (5) discontinuance of position or lack of pupils.

43.30 For purposes of this paragraph, conduct unbecoming a teacher includes an unfair
43.31 discriminatory practice described in section 363A.13.

43.32 (b) A probationary or continuing-contract teacher must be discharged immediately
43.33 upon receipt of notice under section 122A.20, subdivision 1, paragraph (b), that the
43.34 teacher's license has been revoked due to a conviction for child abuse or, as defined in
43.35 section 609.185; sex trafficking in the first degree under section 609.322, subdivision 1;

44.1 sex trafficking in the second degree under section 609.322, subdivision 1a; engaging
 44.2 in hiring or agreeing to hire a minor to engage in prostitution under section 609.324,
 44.3 subdivision 1; sexual abuse under section 609.342, 609.343, 609.344, 609.345, 609.3451,
 44.4 subdivision 3, or 617.23, subdivision 3; solicitation of children to engage in sexual
 44.5 conduct or communication of sexually explicit materials to children under section
 44.6 609.352; interference with privacy under section 609.746 or stalking under section
 44.7 609.749 and the victim was a minor; using minors in a sexual performance under section
 44.8 617.246; possessing pornographic works involving a minor under section 617.247; or
 44.9 any other offense not listed in this paragraph that requires the person to register as a
 44.10 predatory offender under section 243.166, or a crime under a similar law of another state
 44.11 or the United States.

44.12 (c) When a teacher is discharged under paragraph (b) or when the commissioner
 44.13 makes a final determination of child maltreatment involving a teacher under section
 44.14 626.556, subdivision 11, the school principal or other person having administrative
 44.15 control of the school must include in the teacher's employment record the information
 44.16 contained in the record of the disciplinary action or the final maltreatment determination,
 44.17 consistent with the definition of public data under section 13.41, subdivision 5, and must
 44.18 provide the Board of Teaching and the licensing division at the department with the
 44.19 necessary and relevant information to enable the Board of Teaching and the department's
 44.20 licensing division to fulfill their statutory and administrative duties related to issuing,
 44.21 renewing, suspending, or revoking a teacher's license. Information received by the Board
 44.22 of Teaching or the licensing division at the department under this paragraph is governed
 44.23 by section 13.41 or other applicable law governing data of the receiving entity. In addition
 44.24 to the background check required under section 123B.03, a school board or other school
 44.25 hiring authority must contact the Board of Teaching and the department to determine
 44.26 whether the teacher's license has been suspended or revoked, consistent with the discharge
 44.27 and final maltreatment determinations identified in this paragraph. Unless restricted by
 44.28 federal or state data practices law or by the terms of a collective bargaining agreement,
 44.29 the responsible authority for a school district must disseminate to another school district
 44.30 private personnel data on a current or former teacher employee or contractor of the district,
 44.31 including the results of background investigations, if the requesting school district seeks
 44.32 the information because the subject of the data has applied for employment with the
 44.33 requesting school district.

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

44.35 Sec. 27. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 122A.413, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

45.1 Subdivision 1. **Qualifying plan.** A district ~~or~~, intermediate school district, or a
 45.2 cooperative unit, as defined in section 123A.24, subdivision 2, may develop an educational
 45.3 improvement plan for the purpose of qualifying for the alternative teacher professional pay
 45.4 system under section 122A.414. The plan must include measures for improving school
 45.5 district, intermediate school district, cooperative, school site, teacher, and individual
 45.6 student performance.

45.7 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective for revenue in fiscal year 2017 and
 45.8 later.

45.9 Sec. 28. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 122A.413, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

45.10 Subd. 2. **Plan components.** The educational improvement plan must be approved
 45.11 by the school board or governing board and have at least these elements:

45.12 (1) assessment and evaluation tools to measure student performance and progress,
 45.13 including the academic literacy, oral academic language, and achievement of English
 45.14 learners, among other measures;

45.15 (2) performance goals and benchmarks for improvement;

45.16 (3) measures of student attendance and completion rates;

45.17 (4) a rigorous research and practice-based professional development system, based
 45.18 on national and state standards of effective teaching practice applicable to all students
 45.19 including English learners with varied needs under section 124D.59, subdivisions 2 and
 45.20 2a, and consistent with section 122A.60, that is aligned with educational improvement and
 45.21 designed to achieve ongoing and schoolwide progress and growth in teaching practice;

45.22 (5) measures of student, family, and community involvement and satisfaction;

45.23 (6) a data system about students and their academic progress that provides parents
 45.24 and the public with understandable information;

45.25 (7) a teacher induction and mentoring program for probationary teachers that
 45.26 provides continuous learning and sustained teacher support; and

45.27 (8) substantial participation by the exclusive representative of the teachers in
 45.28 developing the plan.

45.29 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective for revenue in fiscal year 2017 and
 45.30 later.

45.31 Sec. 29. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 122A.414, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

45.32 Subdivision 1. **Restructured pay system.** A restructured alternative teacher
 45.33 professional pay system is established under subdivision 2 to provide incentives to

46.1 encourage teachers to improve their knowledge and instructional skills in order to improve
 46.2 student learning and for school districts, intermediate school districts, cooperative units,
 46.3 as defined in section 123A.24, subdivision 2, and charter schools to recruit and retain
 46.4 highly qualified teachers, encourage highly qualified teachers to undertake challenging
 46.5 assignments, and support teachers' roles in improving students' educational achievement.

46.6 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective for revenue in fiscal year 2017 and
 46.7 later.

46.8 Sec. 30. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 122A.414, subdivision 1a, is amended to read:

46.9 Subd. 1a. **Transitional planning year.** (a) To be eligible to participate in an
 46.10 alternative teacher professional pay system, a school district, intermediate school district,
 46.11 or site, at least one school year before it expects to fully implement an alternative pay
 46.12 system, must:

46.13 (1) submit to the department a letter of intent executed by the school district or
 46.14 intermediate school district and the exclusive representative of the teachers to complete a
 46.15 plan preparing for full implementation, consistent with subdivision 2, that may include,
 46.16 among other activities, training to evaluate teacher performance, a restructured school
 46.17 day to develop integrated ongoing site-based professional development activities, release
 46.18 time to develop an alternative pay system agreement, and teacher and staff training on
 46.19 using multiple data sources; and

46.20 (2) agree to use up to two percent of basic revenue for staff development purposes,
 46.21 consistent with sections 122A.60 and 122A.61, to develop the alternative teacher
 46.22 professional pay system agreement under this section.

46.23 (b) To be eligible to participate in an alternative teacher professional pay system, a
 46.24 charter school, at least one school year before it expects to fully implement an alternative
 46.25 pay system, must:

46.26 (1) submit to the department a letter of intent executed by the charter school and the
 46.27 charter school board of directors;

46.28 (2) submit the record of a formal vote by the teachers employed at the charter
 46.29 school indicating at least 70 percent of all teachers agree to implement the alternative
 46.30 pay system; and

46.31 (3) agree to use up to two percent of basic revenue for staff development purposes,
 46.32 consistent with sections 122A.60 and 122A.61, to develop the alternative teacher
 46.33 professional pay system.

47.1 (c) To be eligible to participate in an alternative teacher professional pay system,
 47.2 a cooperative, excluding intermediate school districts, at least one school year before it
 47.3 expects to fully implement an alternative pay system, must:

47.4 (1) submit to the department a letter of intent executed by the governing board
 47.5 of the cooperative; and

47.6 (2) submit the record of a formal vote by the teachers employed by the cooperative
 47.7 indicating at least 70 percent of all teachers agree to implement the alternative pay system.

47.8 (e) (d) The commissioner may waive the planning year if the commissioner
 47.9 determines, based on the criteria under subdivision 2, that the school district, intermediate
 47.10 school district, cooperative, site or charter school is ready to fully implement an alternative
 47.11 pay system.

47.12 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective for revenue in fiscal year 2017 and
 47.13 later.

47.14 Sec. 31. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 122A.414, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

47.15 Subd. 2. **Alternative teacher professional pay system.** (a) To participate in this
 47.16 program, a school district, intermediate school district, school site, or charter school must
 47.17 have an educational improvement plan under section 122A.413 and an alternative teacher
 47.18 professional pay system agreement under paragraph (b). A charter school participant also
 47.19 must comply with subdivision 2a.

47.20 (b) The alternative teacher professional pay system agreement must:

47.21 (1) describe how teachers can achieve career advancement and additional
 47.22 compensation;

47.23 (2) describe how the school district, intermediate school district, school site, or
 47.24 charter school will provide teachers with career advancement options that allow teachers
 47.25 to retain primary roles in student instruction and facilitate site-focused professional
 47.26 development that helps other teachers improve their skills;

47.27 (3) reform the "steps and lanes" salary schedule, prevent any teacher's compensation
 47.28 paid before implementing the pay system from being reduced as a result of participating in
 47.29 this system, base at least 60 percent of any compensation increase on teacher performance
 47.30 using:

47.31 (i) schoolwide student achievement gains under section 120B.35 or locally selected
 47.32 standardized assessment outcomes, or both;

47.33 (ii) measures of student growth and literacy that may include value-added models
 47.34 or student learning goals, consistent with section 122A.40, subdivision 8, clause (9), or
 47.35 122A.41, subdivision 5, clause (9), and other measures that include the academic literacy,

48.1 oral academic language, and achievement of English learners under section 122A.40,
 48.2 subdivision 8, clause (10), or 122A.41, subdivision 5, clause (10); and

48.3 (iii) an objective evaluation program under section 122A.40, subdivision 8,
 48.4 paragraph (b), clause (2), or 122A.41, subdivision 5, paragraph (b), clause (2);

48.5 (4) provide for participation in job-embedded learning opportunities such as
 48.6 professional learning communities to improve instructional skills and learning that are
 48.7 aligned with student needs under section 122A.413, consistent with the staff development
 48.8 plan under section 122A.60 and led during the school day by trained teacher leaders
 48.9 such as master or mentor teachers;

48.10 (5) allow any teacher in a participating school district, intermediate school district,
 48.11 school site, or charter school that implements an alternative pay system to participate in
 48.12 that system without any quota or other limit; and

48.13 (6) encourage collaboration rather than competition among teachers.

48.14 (c) The alternative teacher professional pay system may:

48.15 (1) include a hiring bonus or other added compensation for teachers who are
 48.16 identified as effective or highly effective under the local teacher professional review
 48.17 cycle and work in a hard-to-fill position or in a hard-to-staff school such as a school with
 48.18 a majority of students whose families meet federal poverty guidelines, a geographically
 48.19 isolated school, or a school identified by the state as eligible for targeted programs or
 48.20 services for its students; and

48.21 (2) include incentives for teachers to obtain a master's degree or other advanced
 48.22 certification in their content field of licensure, pursue the training or education necessary
 48.23 to obtain an additional licensure in shortage areas identified by the district or charter
 48.24 school, or help fund a "grow your own" new teacher initiative.

48.25 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment
 48.26 and applies to agreements approved or renegotiated after that date.

48.27 Sec. 32. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 122A.414, subdivision 2a, is amended to read:

48.28 Subd. 2a. **Charter school applications; cooperative applications.** (a) For charter
 48.29 school applications, the board of directors of a charter school that satisfies the conditions
 48.30 under subdivisions 2 and 2b must submit to the commissioner an application that contains:

48.31 (1) an agreement to implement an alternative teacher professional pay system
 48.32 under this section;

48.33 (2) a resolution by the charter school board of directors adopting the agreement; and

48.34 (3) the record of a formal vote by the teachers employed at the charter school
 48.35 indicating that at least 70 percent of all teachers agree to implement the alternative

49.1 teacher professional pay system, unless the charter school submits an alternative teacher
 49.2 professional pay system agreement under this section before the first year of operation.

49.3 ~~Alternative compensation revenue for a qualifying charter school must be calculated~~
 49.4 ~~under section 126C.10, subdivision 34, paragraphs (a) and (b).~~

49.5 (b) For cooperative unit applications, excluding intermediate school districts, the
 49.6 governing board of a cooperative unit that satisfies the conditions under subdivisions 2
 49.7 and 2b must submit to the commissioner an application that contains:

49.8 (1) an agreement to implement an alternative teacher professional pay system
 49.9 under this section;

49.10 (2) a resolution by the governing board adopting the agreement; and

49.11 (3) the record of a formal vote by the teachers employed at the cooperative unit
 49.12 indicating that at least 70 percent of all teachers agree to implement the alternative teacher
 49.13 professional pay system.

49.14 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective for revenue in fiscal year 2017 and
 49.15 later.

49.16 Sec. 33. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 122A.414, subdivision 2b, is amended to
 49.17 read:

49.18 Subd. 2b. **Approval process.** (a) Consistent with the requirements of this section and
 49.19 sections 122A.413 and 122A.415, the department must prepare and transmit to interested
 49.20 school districts, intermediate school districts, cooperatives, school sites, and charter
 49.21 schools a standard form for applying to participate in the alternative teacher professional
 49.22 pay system. The commissioner annually must establish three dates as deadlines by which
 49.23 interested applicants must submit an application to the commissioner under this section.
 49.24 An interested school district, intermediate school district, cooperative, school site, or
 49.25 charter school must submit to the commissioner a completed application executed by the
 49.26 district superintendent and the exclusive bargaining representative of the teachers if the
 49.27 applicant is a school district, intermediate school district, or school site, or executed by
 49.28 the charter school board of directors if the applicant is a charter school or executed by
 49.29 the governing board if the applicant is a cooperative unit. The application must include
 49.30 the proposed alternative teacher professional pay system agreement under subdivision
 49.31 2. The department must review a completed application within 30 days of the most
 49.32 recent application deadline and recommend to the commissioner whether to approve or
 49.33 disapprove the application. The commissioner must approve applications on a first-come,
 49.34 first-served basis. The applicant's alternative teacher professional pay system agreement
 49.35 must be legally binding on the applicant and the collective bargaining representative before

50.1 the applicant receives alternative compensation revenue. The commissioner must approve
50.2 or disapprove an application based on the requirements under subdivisions 2 and 2a.

50.3 (b) If the commissioner disapproves an application, the commissioner must give the
50.4 applicant timely notice of the specific reasons in detail for disapproving the application.
50.5 The applicant may revise and resubmit its application and related documents to the
50.6 commissioner within 30 days of receiving notice of the commissioner's disapproval and
50.7 the commissioner must approve or disapprove the revised application, consistent with this
50.8 subdivision. Applications that are revised and then approved are considered submitted on
50.9 the date the applicant initially submitted the application.

50.10 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective for revenue in fiscal year 2017 and
50.11 later.

50.12 Sec. 34. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 122A.414, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

50.13 Subd. 3. **Report; continued funding.** (a) Participating districts, intermediate school
50.14 districts, cooperatives, school sites, and charter schools must report on the implementation
50.15 and effectiveness of the alternative teacher professional pay system, particularly
50.16 addressing each requirement under subdivision 2 and make annual recommendations by
50.17 June 15 to their school boards. The school board ~~or~~, board of directors, or governing board
50.18 shall transmit a copy of the report with a summary of the findings and recommendations
50.19 of the district, intermediate school district, cooperative, school site, or charter school to
50.20 the commissioner in the form and manner determined by the commissioner.

50.21 (b) If the commissioner determines that a school district, intermediate school district,
50.22 cooperative, school site, or charter school that receives alternative teacher compensation
50.23 revenue is not complying with the requirements of this section, the commissioner
50.24 may withhold funding from that participant. Before making the determination, the
50.25 commissioner must notify the participant of any deficiencies and provide the participant
50.26 an opportunity to comply.

50.27 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective for revenue in fiscal year 2017 and
50.28 later.

50.29 Sec. 35. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 122A.415, is amended to read:

50.30 **122A.415 ALTERNATIVE COMPENSATION REVENUE.**

50.31 Subdivision 1. **Revenue amount.** (a) A school district, intermediate school district,
50.32 cooperative unit as defined in section 123A.24, subdivision 2, school site, or charter

51.1 school that meets the conditions of section 122A.414 and submits an application approved
51.2 by the commissioner is eligible for alternative teacher compensation revenue.

51.3 (b) For school district and intermediate school district applications, the commissioner
51.4 must consider only those applications to participate that are submitted jointly by a
51.5 district and the exclusive representative of the teachers. The application must contain an
51.6 alternative teacher professional pay system agreement that:

51.7 (1) implements an alternative teacher professional pay system consistent with
51.8 section 122A.414; and

51.9 (2) is negotiated and adopted according to the Public Employment Labor Relations
51.10 Act under chapter 179A, except that notwithstanding section 179A.20, subdivision 3, a
51.11 district may enter into a contract for a term of two or four years.

51.12 Alternative teacher compensation revenue for a qualifying school district or site in
51.13 which the school board and the exclusive representative of the teachers agree to place
51.14 teachers in the district or at the site on the alternative teacher professional pay system equals
51.15 \$260 times the number of pupils enrolled at the district or site on October 1 of the previous
51.16 fiscal year. Alternative teacher compensation revenue for a qualifying intermediate school
51.17 district or cooperative must be calculated under subdivision 4, paragraph ~~(a)~~ (b).

51.18 (c) For a newly combined or consolidated district, the revenue shall be computed
51.19 using the sum of pupils enrolled on October 1 of the previous year in the districts entering
51.20 into the combination or consolidation. The commissioner may adjust the revenue computed
51.21 for a site using prior year data to reflect changes attributable to school closings, school
51.22 openings, or grade level reconfigurations between the prior year and the current year.

51.23 (d) The revenue is available only to school districts, intermediate school districts,
51.24 cooperatives, school sites, and charter schools that fully implement an alternative teacher
51.25 professional pay system by October 1 of the current school year.

51.26 Subd. 3. **Revenue timing.** (a) Districts, intermediate school districts, cooperatives,
51.27 school sites, or charter schools with approved applications must receive alternative
51.28 compensation revenue for each school year that the district, intermediate school district,
51.29 cooperative, school site, or charter school implements an alternative teacher professional
51.30 pay system under this subdivision and section 122A.414. ~~For fiscal year 2007 and later,~~
51.31 A qualifying district, intermediate school district, cooperative, school site, or charter
51.32 school that received alternative teacher compensation aid for the previous fiscal year
51.33 must receive at least an amount of alternative teacher compensation revenue equal to the
51.34 lesser of the amount it received for the previous fiscal year or the amount it qualifies
51.35 for under subdivision 1 for the current fiscal year if the district, intermediate school
51.36 district, cooperative, school site, or charter school submits a timely application and the

52.1 commissioner determines that the district, intermediate school district, cooperative, school
 52.2 site, or charter school continues to implement an alternative teacher professional pay
 52.3 system, consistent with its application under this section.

52.4 (b) The commissioner shall approve applications that comply with subdivision 1,
 52.5 and section 122A.414, subdivisions 2, paragraph (b), and 2a, if the applicant is a charter
 52.6 school or cooperative, in the order in which they are received, select applicants that
 52.7 qualify for this program, notify school districts, intermediate school districts, cooperatives,
 52.8 school sites, and charter schools about the program, develop and disseminate application
 52.9 materials, and carry out other activities needed to implement this section.

52.10 ~~(e) For fiscal year 2008 and later, the portion of the state total basic alternative~~
 52.11 ~~teacher compensation aid entitlement allocated to charter schools must not exceed the~~
 52.12 ~~product of \$3,374,000 times the ratio of the state total charter school enrollment for the~~
 52.13 ~~previous fiscal year to the state total charter school enrollment for fiscal year 2007.~~
 52.14 ~~Additional basic alternative teacher compensation aid may be approved for charter schools~~
 52.15 ~~after August 1, not to exceed the charter school limit for the following fiscal year, if~~
 52.16 ~~the basic alternative teacher compensation aid entitlement for school districts based on~~
 52.17 ~~applications approved by August 1 does not expend the remaining amount under the limit.~~

52.18 **Subd. 4. Basic alternative teacher compensation aid.** ~~(a) For fiscal year 2015 and~~
 52.19 ~~later,~~ The basic alternative teacher compensation aid for a school with a plan approved
 52.20 under section 122A.414, subdivision 2b, equals 65 percent of the alternative teacher
 52.21 compensation revenue under subdivision 1. The basic alternative teacher compensation
 52.22 aid for ~~an intermediate school district or~~ a charter school with a plan approved under
 52.23 section 122A.414, subdivisions 2a and 2b, ~~if the recipient is a charter school,~~ equals \$260
 52.24 times the number of pupils enrolled in the school on October 1 of the previous year, or
 52.25 on October 1 of the current year for a charter school in the first year of operation, times
 52.26 the ratio of the sum of the alternative teacher compensation aid and alternative teacher
 52.27 compensation levy for all participating school districts to the maximum alternative teacher
 52.28 compensation revenue for those districts under subdivision 1.

52.29 (b) Notwithstanding paragraph (a) and subdivision 1, the state total basic alternative
 52.30 teacher compensation aid entitlement must not exceed ~~\$75,636,000~~ \$88,118,000 for fiscal
 52.31 year ~~2015~~ 2017 and later. The commissioner must limit the amount of alternative teacher
 52.32 compensation aid approved under this section so as not to exceed these limits. Basic
 52.33 alternative teacher compensation aid for an intermediate district or other cooperative unit
 52.34 equals \$3,000 times the number of licensed teachers employed by the intermediate district
 52.35 or cooperative unit on October 1 of the previous school year.

53.1 Subd. 5. **Alternative teacher compensation levy.** ~~For fiscal year 2015 and later,~~
 53.2 The alternative teacher compensation levy for a district receiving basic alternative teacher
 53.3 compensation aid equals the product of (1) the difference between the district's alternative
 53.4 teacher compensation revenue and the district's basic alternative teacher compensation
 53.5 aid, times (2) the lesser of one or the ratio of the district's adjusted net tax capacity per
 53.6 adjusted pupil unit to \$6,100.

53.7 Subd. 6. **Alternative teacher compensation equalization aid.** (a) ~~For fiscal year~~
 53.8 ~~2015 and later,~~ A district's alternative teacher compensation equalization aid equals the
 53.9 district's alternative teacher compensation revenue minus the district's basic alternative
 53.10 teacher compensation aid minus the district's alternative teacher compensation levy. If a
 53.11 district does not levy the entire amount permitted, the alternative teacher compensation
 53.12 equalization aid must be reduced in proportion to the actual amount levied.

53.13 (b) A district's alternative teacher compensation aid equals the sum of the
 53.14 district's basic alternative teacher compensation aid and the district's alternative teacher
 53.15 compensation equalization aid.

53.16 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective for revenue in fiscal year 2017 and
 53.17 later.

53.18 Sec. 36. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 122A.60, is amended to read:

53.19 **122A.60 STAFF DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM.**

53.20 Subdivision 1. **Staff development committee.** (a) A school board must use the
 53.21 revenue authorized in section 122A.61 for ~~in-service education for programs under section~~
 53.22 ~~120B.22, subdivision 2, or for staff development:~~

53.23 (1) teacher development and evaluation plans under this section 122A.40,
 53.24 subdivision 8, or 122A.41, subdivision 5;

53.25 (2) principal development and evaluation under section 123B.147, subdivision 3;

53.26 (3) in-service education programs under section 120B.22, subdivision 2; and

53.27 (4) other staff development needs.

53.28 (b) The board must establish an advisory staff development committee to develop
 53.29 the plan, assist site professional development teams in developing a site plan consistent
 53.30 with the goals of the plan, and evaluate staff development efforts at the site level. A
 53.31 majority of the advisory committee and the site professional development team must be
 53.32 teachers representing various grade levels, subject areas, and special education. The
 53.33 advisory committee must also include nonteaching staff, parents, and administrators.

54.1 Subd. 1a. **Effective staff development activities.** (a) Staff development activities
54.2 must:

54.3 (1) focus on the school classroom and research-based strategies that improve student
54.4 learning;

54.5 (2) provide opportunities for teachers to practice and improve their instructional
54.6 skills over time;

54.7 (3) provide opportunities for teachers to use student data as part of their daily work
54.8 to increase student achievement;

54.9 (4) enhance teacher content knowledge and instructional skills, including to
54.10 accommodate the delivery of digital and blended learning and curriculum and engage
54.11 students with technology;

54.12 (5) align with state and local academic standards;

54.13 (6) provide opportunities to build professional relationships, foster collaboration
54.14 among principals and staff who provide instruction, and provide opportunities for
54.15 teacher-to-teacher mentoring;

54.16 (7) align with the plan of the district or site for an alternative teacher professional
54.17 pay system;

54.18 (8) provide teachers of English learners, including English as a second language and
54.19 content teachers, with differentiated instructional strategies critical for ensuring students'
54.20 long-term academic success; the means to effectively use assessment data on the academic
54.21 literacy, oral academic language, and English language development of English learners;
54.22 and skills to support native and English language development across the curriculum; and

54.23 (9) provide opportunities for staff to learn about current workforce trends, the
54.24 connections between workforce trends and postsecondary education, and training options,
54.25 including career and technical education options.

54.26 Staff development activities may include curriculum development and curriculum training
54.27 programs, and activities that provide teachers and other members of site-based teams
54.28 training to enhance team performance. The school district also may implement other
54.29 staff development activities required by law and activities associated with professional
54.30 teacher compensation models.

54.31 (b) Release time provided for teachers to supervise students on field trips and school
54.32 activities, or independent tasks not associated with enhancing the teacher's knowledge
54.33 and instructional skills, such as preparing report cards, calculating grades, or organizing
54.34 classroom materials, may not be counted as staff development time that is financed with
54.35 staff development reserved revenue under section 122A.61.

55.1 Subd. 2. **Contents of plan.** The plan must include the staff development outcomes
 55.2 under section 122A.40, subdivision 8, or 122A.41, subdivision 5, and section 123B.147,
 55.3 subdivision 3, the means to achieve the outcomes, and procedures for evaluating progress
 55.4 at each school site toward meeting education and staff development outcomes, consistent
 55.5 with relicensure requirements under section 122A.18, subdivision 4. The plan also must:

55.6 (1) support stable and productive professional communities achieved through
 55.7 ongoing and schoolwide progress and growth in teaching practice;

55.8 (2) emphasize coaching, professional learning communities, classroom action
 55.9 research, and other job-embedded models;

55.10 (3) maintain a strong subject matter focus premised on students' learning goals,
 55.11 consistent with section 120B.125;

55.12 (4) ensure specialized preparation and learning about issues related to teaching
 55.13 English learners and students with special needs by focusing on long-term systemic efforts
 55.14 to improve educational services and opportunities and raise student achievement; and

55.15 (5) reinforce national and state standards of effective teaching practice.

55.16 Subd. 3. **Staff development outcomes.** The advisory staff development committee
 55.17 must adopt a staff development plan, consistent with section 122A.40, subdivision 8, or
 55.18 122A.41, subdivision 5, for developing and evaluating teachers and for improving student
 55.19 achievement outcomes and with section 123B.147, subdivision 3, for strengthening
 55.20 principals' capacity in areas of instruction, supervision, evaluation, and teacher
 55.21 development. The plan must be consistent with education outcomes that the school board
 55.22 determines. The plan must include ongoing staff development activities that contribute
 55.23 toward continuous improvement in ~~achievement of~~ achieving the following goals:

55.24 (1) improve student achievement of state and local education standards in all areas of
 55.25 the curriculum, including areas of regular academic and applied and experiential learning,
 55.26 by using research-based best practices methods;

55.27 (2) effectively meet the needs of a diverse student population, including at-risk
 55.28 children, children with disabilities, English learners, and gifted children, within the regular
 55.29 classroom, applied and experiential learning settings, and other settings;

55.30 (3) provide an inclusive curriculum for a racially, ethnically, linguistically, and
 55.31 culturally diverse student population that is consistent with the state education diversity
 55.32 rule and the district's education diversity plan;

55.33 (4) improve staff collaboration and develop mentoring and peer coaching programs
 55.34 for teachers new to the school or district;

56.1 (5) effectively teach and model violence prevention policy and curriculum that
 56.2 address early intervention alternatives, issues of harassment, and teach nonviolent
 56.3 alternatives for conflict resolution;

56.4 (6) effectively deliver digital and blended learning and curriculum and engage
 56.5 students with technology; and

56.6 (7) provide teachers and other members of site-based management teams with
 56.7 appropriate management and financial management skills.

56.8 Subd. 4. **Staff development report.** (a) By October 15 of each year, the district and
 56.9 site staff development committees shall write and submit a report of staff development
 56.10 activities and expenditures for the previous year, in the form and manner determined by
 56.11 the commissioner. The report, signed by the district superintendent and staff development
 56.12 chair, must include assessment and evaluation data indicating progress toward district and
 56.13 site staff development goals based on teaching and learning outcomes, including the
 56.14 percentage of teachers and other staff involved in instruction who participate in effective
 56.15 staff development activities under subdivision 3.

56.16 (b) The report must break down expenditures for:

56.17 (1) curriculum development and curriculum training programs; and

56.18 (2) staff development training models, workshops, and conferences, and the cost of
 56.19 releasing teachers or providing substitute teachers for staff development purposes.

56.20 The report also must indicate whether the expenditures were incurred at the district
 56.21 level or the school site level, and whether the school site expenditures were made possible
 56.22 by grants to school sites that demonstrate exemplary use of allocated staff development
 56.23 revenue. These expenditures must be reported using the uniform financial and accounting
 56.24 and reporting standards.

56.25 (c) The commissioner shall report the staff development progress and expenditure
 56.26 data to the house of representatives and senate committees having jurisdiction over
 56.27 education by February 15 each year.

56.28 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective for the 2016-2017 school year and
 56.29 later.

56.30 Sec. 37. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 122A.61, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

56.31 Subdivision 1. **Staff development revenue.** A district is required to reserve
 56.32 an amount equal to at least two percent of the basic revenue under section 126C.10,
 56.33 subdivision 2, for:

56.34 (1) teacher development and evaluation under sections 122A.40, subdivision 8, or
 56.35 122A.41, subdivision 5;

57.1 (2) principal development and evaluation under section 123B.147, subdivision 3;
 57.2 (3) professional development under section 122A.60; and
 57.3 (4) in-service education for programs under section 120B.22, subdivision 2;
 57.4 To the extent extra funds remain, staff development revenue may be used for
 57.5 staff development plans, including plans for challenging instructional activities and
 57.6 experiences under section 122A.60, and for curriculum development and programs,
 57.7 other in-service education, teachers' mentoring under section 122A.70 and evaluation,
 57.8 teachers' workshops, teacher conferences, the cost of substitute teachers staff development
 57.9 purposes, preservice and in-service education for special education professionals and
 57.10 paraprofessionals, and other related costs for staff development efforts. A district may
 57.11 annually waive the requirement to reserve their basic revenue under this section if a
 57.12 majority vote of the licensed teachers in the district and a majority vote of the school board
 57.13 agree to a resolution to waive the requirement. A district in statutory operating debt is
 57.14 exempt from reserving basic revenue according to this section. Districts may expend an
 57.15 additional amount of unreserved revenue for staff development based on their needs.

57.16 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective for the 2016-2017 school year and
 57.17 later.

57.18 Sec. 38. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 122A.69, is amended to read:

57.19 **122A.69 PRACTICE OR STUDENT TEACHERS.**

57.20 The Board of Teaching may, by agreements with teacher ~~preparing~~ preparation
 57.21 institutions, arrange for classroom experience in the district for practice or student
 57.22 teachers who have completed ~~not less than~~ at least two years of an approved teacher
 57.23 ~~education~~ preparation program. Such practice and student teachers must be ~~provided with~~
 57.24 ~~appropriate supervision~~ appropriately supervised by a fully qualified teacher under rules
 57.25 ~~promulgated~~ adopted by the board. A practice or student teacher must be placed with a
 57.26 cooperating licensed teacher who has at least three years of teaching experience and is
 57.27 not in the improvement process under section 122A.40, subdivision 8, paragraph (b),
 57.28 clause (12), or 122A.41, subdivision 5, paragraph (b), clause (12). Practice and student
 57.29 teachers are ~~deemed~~ employees of the school district in which they are rendering services
 57.30 for purposes of workers' compensation; liability insurance, if provided for other district
 57.31 employees ~~in accordance with~~ under section 123B.23; and legal counsel ~~in accordance~~
 57.32 ~~with the provisions of~~ under section 123B.25.

57.33 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective for the 2015-2016 school year and
 57.34 later.

58.1 Sec. 39. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 124D.09, subdivision 5, is amended to read:

58.2 Subd. 5. **Authorization; notification.** Notwithstanding any other law to the
58.3 contrary, an 11th or 12th grade pupil enrolled in a school or an American Indian-controlled
58.4 tribal contract or grant school eligible for aid under section 124D.83, except a foreign
58.5 exchange pupil enrolled in a district under a cultural exchange program, may apply to an
58.6 eligible institution, as defined in subdivision 3, to enroll in nonsectarian courses offered by
58.7 that postsecondary institution. Notwithstanding any other law to the contrary, a 9th or 10th
58.8 grade pupil enrolled in a district or an American Indian-controlled tribal contract or grant
58.9 school eligible for aid under section 124D.83, except a foreign exchange pupil enrolled in
58.10 a district under a cultural exchange program, may apply to enroll in nonsectarian courses
58.11 offered under subdivision 10, ~~if after all 11th and 12th grade students have applied for a~~
58.12 ~~course, additional students are necessary to offer the course~~ (1) the school district and the
58.13 eligible postsecondary institution providing the course agree to the student's enrollment
58.14 or (2) the course is a world language course currently available to 11th and 12th grade
58.15 students, and consistent with section 120B.022 governing world language standards,
58.16 certificates, and seals. If an institution accepts a secondary pupil for enrollment under this
58.17 section, the institution shall send written notice to the pupil, the pupil's school or school
58.18 district, and the commissioner within ten days of acceptance. The notice must indicate
58.19 the course and hours of enrollment of that pupil. If the pupil enrolls in a course for
58.20 postsecondary credit, the institution must notify the pupil about payment in the customary
58.21 manner used by the institution.

58.22 Sec. 40. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 124D.09, subdivision 5a, is amended to read:

58.23 Subd. 5a. **Authorization; career or technical education.** A 10th, 11th, or 12th
58.24 grade pupil enrolled in a district or an American Indian-controlled tribal contract or grant
58.25 school eligible for aid under section 124D.83, except a foreign exchange pupil enrolled in
58.26 a district under a cultural exchange program, may enroll in a career or technical education
58.27 course offered by a Minnesota state college or university. A 10th grade pupil applying
58.28 for enrollment in a career or technical education course under this subdivision must have
58.29 received a passing score on the 8th grade Minnesota Comprehensive Assessment in
58.30 reading as a condition of enrollment. A current 10th grade pupil who did not take the 8th
58.31 grade Minnesota Comprehensive Assessment in reading may substitute another reading
58.32 assessment accepted by the enrolling postsecondary institution. A secondary pupil may
58.33 enroll in the pupil's first postsecondary options enrollment course under this subdivision.
58.34 A student who is refused enrollment by a Minnesota state college or university under this
58.35 subdivision may apply to an eligible institution offering a career or technical education

59.1 course. The postsecondary institution must give priority to its students according to
 59.2 subdivision 9. If a secondary student receives a grade of "C" or better in the career or
 59.3 technical education course taken under this subdivision, the postsecondary institution
 59.4 must allow the student to take additional postsecondary courses for secondary credit at
 59.5 that institution, not to exceed the limits in subdivision 8. A "career or technical course" is
 59.6 a course that is part of a career and technical education program that provides individuals
 59.7 with coherent, rigorous content aligned with academic standards and relevant technical
 59.8 knowledge and skills needed to prepare for further education and careers in current and
 59.9 emerging professions and provide technical skill proficiency, an industry recognized
 59.10 credential, and a certificate, a diploma, or an associate degree.

59.11 Sec. 41. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 124D.09, subdivision 8, is amended to read:

59.12 Subd. 8. **Limit on participation.** A pupil who first enrolls in grade 9 may not
 59.13 enroll in postsecondary courses under this section for secondary credit for more than
 59.14 the equivalent of four academic years. A pupil who first enrolls in grade 10 may not
 59.15 enroll in postsecondary courses under this section for secondary credit for more than
 59.16 the equivalent of three academic years. A pupil who first enrolls in grade 11 may not
 59.17 enroll in postsecondary courses under this section for secondary credit for more than the
 59.18 equivalent of two academic years. A pupil who first enrolls in grade 12 may not enroll in
 59.19 postsecondary courses under this section for secondary credit for more than the equivalent
 59.20 of one academic year. If a pupil in grade 9, 10, 11, or 12 first enrolls in a postsecondary
 59.21 course for secondary credit during the school year, the time of participation shall be
 59.22 reduced proportionately. If a pupil is in a learning year or other year-round program and
 59.23 begins each grade in the summer session, summer sessions shall not be counted against
 59.24 the time of participation. If a school district determines a pupil is not on track to graduate,
 59.25 the limit on participation does not apply to that pupil. A pupil who has graduated from
 59.26 high school cannot participate in a program under this section. A pupil who has completed
 59.27 course requirements for graduation but who has not received a diploma may participate in
 59.28 the program under this section.

59.29 Sec. 42. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 124D.09, subdivision 9, is amended to read:

59.30 Subd. 9. **Enrollment priority.** (a) A postsecondary institution shall give priority to
 59.31 its postsecondary students when enrolling 10th, 11th, and 12th grade pupils in its courses.
 59.32 A postsecondary institution may provide information about its programs to a secondary
 59.33 school or to a pupil or parent and it may advertise or otherwise recruit or solicit a secondary
 59.34 pupil to enroll in its programs on educational and programmatic grounds only except,

60.1 notwithstanding other law to the contrary, and for the 2014-2015 through 2019-2020
 60.2 school years only, an eligible postsecondary institution may advertise or otherwise recruit
 60.3 or solicit a secondary pupil residing in a school district with 700 students or more in grades
 60.4 10, 11, and 12, to enroll in its programs on educational, programmatic, or financial grounds.

60.5 (b) An institution must not enroll secondary pupils, for postsecondary enrollment
 60.6 options purposes, in remedial, developmental, or other courses that are not college level
 60.7 except when a student eligible to participate and enrolled in the graduation incentives
 60.8 program under section 124D.68 enrolls full time in a middle or early college program. A
 60.9 middle or early college program must be specifically designed to allow the student to earn
 60.10 dual high school and college credit with a well-defined pathway to allow the student to earn
 60.11 a postsecondary degree or credential. In this case, the student shall receive developmental
 60.12 college credit and not college credit for completing remedial or developmental courses.

60.13 (c) Once a pupil has been enrolled in any postsecondary course under this section,
 60.14 the pupil shall not be displaced by another student.

60.15 ~~(b)~~ (d) If a postsecondary institution enrolls a secondary school pupil in a course
 60.16 under this section, the postsecondary institution also must enroll in the same course an
 60.17 otherwise enrolled and qualified postsecondary student who qualifies as a veteran under
 60.18 section 197.447, and demonstrates to the postsecondary institution's satisfaction that the
 60.19 institution's established enrollment timelines were not practicable for that student.

60.20 Sec. 43. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 124D.09, subdivision 12, is amended to read:

60.21 Subd. 12. **Credits.** A pupil must not audit a course under this section.

60.22 A district shall grant academic credit to a pupil enrolled in a course for secondary
 60.23 credit if the pupil successfully completes the course. Seven quarter or four semester
 60.24 college credits equal at least one full year of high school credit. Fewer college credits may
 60.25 be prorated. A district must also grant academic credit to a pupil enrolled in a course for
 60.26 postsecondary credit if secondary credit is requested by a pupil. If no comparable course is
 60.27 offered by the district, the district must, as soon as possible, notify the commissioner, who
 60.28 shall determine the number of credits that shall be granted to a pupil who successfully
 60.29 completes a course. If a comparable course is offered by the district, the school board
 60.30 shall grant a comparable number of credits to the pupil. If there is a dispute between the
 60.31 district and the pupil regarding the number of credits granted for a particular course, the
 60.32 pupil may appeal the board's decision to the commissioner. The commissioner's decision
 60.33 regarding the number of credits shall be final.

60.34 The secondary credits granted to a pupil must be counted toward the graduation
 60.35 requirements and subject area requirements of the district. Evidence of successful

61.1 completion of each course and secondary credits granted must be included in the pupil's
 61.2 secondary school record. A pupil shall provide the school with a copy of the pupil's grade
 61.3 in each course taken for secondary credit under this section. Upon the request of a pupil,
 61.4 the pupil's secondary school record must also include evidence of successful completion
 61.5 and credits granted for a course taken for postsecondary credit. In either case, the record
 61.6 must indicate that the credits were earned at a postsecondary institution.

61.7 If a pupil enrolls in a postsecondary institution after leaving secondary school, the
 61.8 postsecondary institution must award postsecondary credit for any course successfully
 61.9 completed for secondary credit at that institution. Other postsecondary institutions may
 61.10 award, after a pupil leaves secondary school, postsecondary credit for any courses
 61.11 successfully completed under this section. An institution may not charge a pupil for
 61.12 the award of credit.

61.13 The Board of Trustees of the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities and
 61.14 the Board of Regents of the University of Minnesota must, and private nonprofit and
 61.15 proprietary postsecondary institutions should, award postsecondary credit for any
 61.16 successfully completed courses in a program certified by the National Alliance of
 61.17 Concurrent Enrollment Partnerships offered according to an agreement under subdivision
 61.18 10. Consistent with section 135A.101, subdivision 3, all MnSCU institutions must give
 61.19 full credit to a secondary pupil who completes for postsecondary credit a postsecondary
 61.20 course or program that is part or all of a goal area or a transfer curriculum at a MnSCU
 61.21 institution when the pupil enrolls in a MnSCU institution after leaving secondary school.
 61.22 Once one MnSCU institution certifies as completed a secondary student's postsecondary
 61.23 course or program that is part or all of a goal area or a transfer curriculum, every MnSCU
 61.24 institution must consider the student's course or program for that goal area or the transfer
 61.25 curriculum as completed.

61.26 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective for the 2015-2016 school year and
 61.27 later.

61.28 Sec. 44. **[124D.231] FULL-SERVICE COMMUNITY SCHOOLS.**

61.29 **Subdivision 1. Definitions.** For the purposes of this section, the following terms
 61.30 have the meanings given them.

61.31 (a) "Community organization" means a nonprofit organization that has been in
 61.32 existence for three years or more and serves persons within the community surrounding
 61.33 the covered school site on education and other issues.

62.1 (b) "Community school consortium" means a group of schools and community
 62.2 organizations that propose to work together to plan and implement community school
 62.3 programming.

62.4 (c) "Community school programming" means services, activities, and opportunities
 62.5 described under subdivision 2, paragraph (g).

62.6 (d) "High-quality child care or early childhood education programming" means
 62.7 educational programming for preschool-aged children that is grounded in research,
 62.8 consistent with best practices in the field, and provided by licensed teachers.

62.9 (e) "School site" means a school site at which an applicant has proposed or has been
 62.10 funded to provide community school programming.

62.11 (f) "Site coordinator" is an individual who is responsible for aligning programming
 62.12 with the needs of the school community identified in the baseline analysis.

62.13 Subd. 2. **Full-service community school program.** (a) The commissioner shall
 62.14 provide funding to eligible school sites to plan, implement, and improve full-service
 62.15 community schools. Eligible school sites must meet one of the following criteria:

62.16 (1) the school is on a development plan for continuous improvement under section
 62.17 120B.35, subdivision 2; or

62.18 (2) the school is in a district that has an achievement and integration plan approved
 62.19 by the commissioner of education under sections 124D.861 and 124D.862.

62.20 (b) An eligible school site may receive up to \$100,000 annually. School sites
 62.21 receiving funding under this section shall hire or contract with a partner agency to hire a
 62.22 site coordinator to coordinate services at each covered school site.

62.23 (c) Implementation funding of up to \$20,000 must be available for up to one year for
 62.24 planning for school sites. At the end of this period, the school must submit a full-service
 62.25 community school plan, pursuant to paragraph (g).

62.26 (d) The commissioner shall dispense the funds to schools with significant populations
 62.27 of students receiving free or reduced-price lunches. Schools with significant homeless and
 62.28 highly mobile students shall also be a priority. The commissioner must also dispense the
 62.29 funds in a manner to ensure equity among urban, suburban, and greater Minnesota schools.

62.30 (e) A school site must establish a school leadership team responsible for developing
 62.31 school-specific programming goals, assessing program needs, and overseeing the process
 62.32 of implementing expanded programming at each covered site. The school leadership team
 62.33 shall have between 12 to 15 members and shall meet the following requirements:

62.34 (1) at least 30 percent of the members are parents and 30 percent of the members
 62.35 are teachers at the school site and must include the school principal and representatives
 62.36 from partner agencies; and

63.1 (2) the school leadership team must be responsible for overseeing the baseline
63.2 analyses under paragraph (f). A school leadership team must have ongoing responsibility
63.3 for monitoring the development and implementation of full service community school
63.4 operations and programming at the school site and shall issue recommendations to schools
63.5 on a regular basis and summarized in an annual report. These reports shall also be made
63.6 available to the public at the school site and on school and district Web sites.

63.7 (f) School sites must complete a baseline analysis prior to beginning programming
63.8 as a full-service community school. The analysis shall include:

63.9 (1) a baseline analysis of needs at the school site, led by the school leadership team,
63.10 which shall include the following elements:

63.11 (i) identification of challenges facing the school;

63.12 (ii) analysis of the student body, including:

63.13 (A) number and percentage of students with disabilities and needs of these students;

63.14 (B) number and percentage of students who are English learners and the needs of
63.15 these students;

63.16 (C) number of students who are homeless or highly mobile; and

63.17 (D) number and percentage of students receiving free or reduced-price lunch and
63.18 the needs of these students; and

63.19 (iii) analysis of enrollment and retention rates for students with disabilities,
63.20 English learners, homeless and highly mobile students, and students receiving free or
63.21 reduced-price lunch;

63.22 (iv) analysis of suspension and expulsion data, including the justification for such
63.23 disciplinary actions and the degree to which particular populations, including, but not
63.24 limited to, students of color, students with disabilities, students who are English learners,
63.25 and students receiving free or reduced-price lunch are represented among students subject
63.26 to such actions;

63.27 (v) analysis of school achievement data disaggregated by major demographic
63.28 categories, including, but not limited to, race, ethnicity, English learner status, disability
63.29 status, and free or reduced-price lunch status;

63.30 (vi) analysis of current parent engagement strategies and their success; and

63.31 (vii) evaluation of the need for and availability of wraparound services, including,
63.32 but not limited to:

63.33 (A) mechanisms for meeting students' social, emotional, and physical health needs,
63.34 which may include coordination of existing services as well as the development of new
63.35 services based on student needs; and

64.1 (B) strategies to create a safe and secure school environment and improve school
 64.2 climate and discipline, such as implementing a system of positive behavioral supports, and
 64.3 taking additional steps to eliminate bullying;

64.4 (2) a baseline analysis of community assets and a strategic plan for utilizing
 64.5 and aligning identified assets. This analysis should include, but is not limited to, a
 64.6 documentation of individuals in the community, faith-based organizations, community and
 64.7 neighborhood associations, colleges, hospitals, libraries, businesses, and social service
 64.8 agencies who may be able to provide support and resources; and

64.9 (3) a baseline analysis of needs in the community surrounding the school, led by
 64.10 the school leadership team, including, but not limited to:

64.11 (i) the need for high-quality, full-day child care and early childhood education
 64.12 programs;

64.13 (ii) the need for physical and mental health care services for children and adults; and

64.14 (iii) the need for job training and other adult education programming.

64.15 (g) Each school site receiving funding under this section must establish at least two
 64.16 of the following types of programming:

64.17 (1) early childhood:

64.18 (i) early childhood education; and

64.19 (ii) child care services;

64.20 (2) academic:

64.21 (i) academic support and enrichment activities, including expanded learning time;

64.22 (ii) summer or after-school enrichment and learning experiences;

64.23 (iii) job training, internship opportunities, and career counseling services;

64.24 (iv) programs that provide assistance to students who have been truant, suspended,
 64.25 or expelled; and

64.26 (v) specialized instructional support services;

64.27 (3) parental involvement:

64.28 (i) programs that promote parental involvement and family literacy, including the

64.29 Reading First and Early Reading First programs authorized under part B of title I of the

64.30 Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965, United States Code, title 20, section

64.31 6361, et seq.;

64.32 (ii) parent leadership development activities; and

64.33 (iii) parenting education activities;

64.34 (4) mental and physical health:

64.35 (i) mentoring and other youth development programs, including peer mentoring and
 64.36 conflict mediation;

- 65.1 (ii) juvenile crime prevention and rehabilitation programs;
 65.2 (iii) home visitation services by teachers and other professionals;
 65.3 (iv) developmentally appropriate physical education;
 65.4 (v) nutrition services;
 65.5 (vi) primary health and dental care; and
 65.6 (vii) mental health counseling services;
 65.7 (5) community involvement:
 65.8 (i) service and service-learning opportunities;
 65.9 (ii) adult education, including instruction in English as a second language; and
 65.10 (iii) homeless prevention services;
 65.11 (6) positive discipline practices; and
 65.12 (7) other programming designed to meet school and community needs identified in
 65.13 the baseline analysis and reflected in the full-service community school plan.
 65.14 (h) The school leadership team at each school site must develop a full-service
 65.15 community school plan detailing the steps the school leadership team will take, including:
 65.16 (1) timely establishment and consistent operation of the school leadership team;
 65.17 (2) maintenance of attendance records in all programming components;
 65.18 (3) maintenance of measurable data showing annual participation and the impact
 65.19 of programming on the participating children and adults;
 65.20 (4) documentation of meaningful and sustained collaboration between the school
 65.21 and community stakeholders, including local governmental units, civic engagement
 65.22 organizations, businesses, and social service providers;
 65.23 (5) establishment and maintenance of partnerships with institutions, such as
 65.24 universities, hospitals, museums, or not-for-profit community organizations to further the
 65.25 development and implementation of community school programming;
 65.26 (6) ensuring compliance with the district nondiscrimination policy; and
 65.27 (7) plan for school leadership team development.
 65.28 **Subd. 3. Full-service community school review.** (a) Every three years, a
 65.29 full-service community school site must submit to the commissioner, and make available
 65.30 at the school site and online, a report describing efforts to integrate community school
 65.31 programming at each covered school site and the effect of the transition to a full-service
 65.32 community school on participating children and adults. This report shall include, but
 65.33 is not limited to, the following:
 65.34 (1) an assessment of the effectiveness of the school site in development or
 65.35 implementing the community school plan;

66.1 (2) problems encountered in the design and execution of the community school
 66.2 plan, including identification of any federal, state, or local statute or regulation impeding
 66.3 program implementation;

66.4 (3) the operation of the school leadership team and its contribution to successful
 66.5 execution of the community school plan;

66.6 (4) recommendations for improving delivery of community school programming
 66.7 to students and families;

66.8 (5) the number and percentage of students receiving community school programming
 66.9 who had not previously been served;

66.10 (6) the number and percentage of nonstudent community members receiving
 66.11 community school programming who had not previously been served;

66.12 (7) improvement in retention among students who receive community school
 66.13 programming;

66.14 (8) improvement in academic achievement among students who receive community
 66.15 school programming;

66.16 (9) changes in student's readiness to enter school, active involvement in learning and
 66.17 in their community, physical, social and emotional health, and student's relationship with
 66.18 the school and community environment;

66.19 (10) an accounting of anticipated local budget savings, if any, resulting from the
 66.20 implementation of the program;

66.21 (11) improvements to the frequency or depth of families' involvement with their
 66.22 children's education;

66.23 (12) assessment of community stakeholder satisfaction;

66.24 (13) assessment of institutional partner satisfaction;

66.25 (14) the ability, or anticipated ability, of the school site and partners to continue to
 66.26 provide services in the absence of future funding under this section;

66.27 (15) increases in access to services for students and their families; and

66.28 (16) the degree of increased collaboration among participating agencies and private
 66.29 partners.

66.30 (b) Reports submitted under this section shall be evaluated by the commissioner with
 66.31 respect to the following criteria:

66.32 (1) the effectiveness of the school or the community school consortium in
 66.33 implementing the full-service community school plan, including the degree to which
 66.34 the school site navigated difficulties encountered in the design and operation of the
 66.35 full-service community school plan, including identification of any federal, state, or local
 66.36 statute or regulation impeding program implementation;

67.1 (2) the extent to which the project has produced lessons about ways to improve
 67.2 delivery of community school programming to students;

67.3 (3) the degree to which there has been an increase in the number or percentage of
 67.4 students and nonstudents receiving community school programming;

67.5 (4) the degree to which there has been an improvement in retention of students and
 67.6 improvement in academic achievement among students receiving community school
 67.7 programming;

67.8 (5) local budget savings, if any, resulting from the implementation of the program;

67.9 (6) the degree of community stakeholder and institutional partner engagement;

67.10 (7) the ability, or anticipated ability, of the school site and partners to continue to
 67.11 provide services in the absence of future funding under this section;

67.12 (8) increases in access to services for students and their families; and

67.13 (9) the degree of increased collaboration among participating agencies and private
 67.14 partners.

67.15 Sec. 45. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 124D.73, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

67.16 Subd. 3. ~~Advisory task force~~ **Tribal Nations Education Committee.** ~~"Advisory~~
 67.17 ~~task force"~~ "Tribal Nations Education Committee" means the state advisory task force
 67.18 committee established through tribal directive that the commissioner consults with
 67.19 on American Indian education programs, policy, and all matters related to educating
 67.20 Minnesota's American Indian students.

67.21 Sec. 46. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 124D.73, subdivision 4, is amended to read:

67.22 Subd. 4. **Participating school; American Indian school.** "Participating school"
 67.23 and "American Indian school" mean a school that:

67.24 (1) is not operated by a school district; and

67.25 (2) is eligible for a grant under federal Title IV of the Indian VII of the Elementary
 67.26 and Secondary Education Act for the education of American Indian children.

67.27 Sec. 47. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 124D.74, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

67.28 Subdivision 1. **Program described.** American Indian education programs are
 67.29 programs in public elementary and secondary schools, nonsectarian nonpublic, community,
 67.30 tribal, charter, or alternative schools enrolling American Indian children designed to:

67.31 (1) support postsecondary preparation for pupils;

67.32 (2) support the academic achievement of American Indian students ~~with identified~~
 67.33 ~~focus to improve reading and mathematic skills;~~

68.1 (3) make the curriculum ~~more~~ relevant to the needs, interests, and cultural heritage
68.2 of American Indian pupils;

68.3 (4) provide positive reinforcement of the self-image of American Indian pupils;

68.4 (5) develop intercultural awareness among pupils, parents, and staff; and

68.5 (6) supplement, not supplant, state and federal educational and cocurricular programs.

68.6 ~~Program components may include: development of support components for students in~~
68.7 ~~the areas of~~ services designed to increase completion and graduation rates of American

68.8 Indian students must emphasize academic achievement, retention, and attendance;

68.9 development of support ~~components~~ services for staff, including in-service training and

68.10 technical assistance in methods of teaching American Indian pupils; research projects,

68.11 including ~~experimentation with~~ innovative teaching approaches and evaluation of

68.12 methods of relating to American Indian pupils; provision of ~~personal and vocational~~

68.13 career counseling to American Indian pupils; modification of curriculum, instructional

68.14 methods, and administrative procedures to meet the needs of American Indian pupils; and

68.15 supplemental instruction in American Indian language, literature, history, and culture.

68.16 Districts offering programs may make contracts for the provision of program ~~components~~

68.17 services by establishing cooperative liaisons with tribal programs and American Indian

68.18 social service agencies. These programs may also be provided as components of early

68.19 childhood and family education programs.

68.20 Sec. 48. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 124D.74, subdivision 6, is amended to read:

68.21 Subd. 6. **Nonverbal courses and extracurricular activities.** In predominantly

68.22 nonverbal subjects, such as art, music, and physical education, American Indian children

68.23 shall participate fully and on an equal basis with their ~~contemporaries~~ peers in school

68.24 classes provided for these subjects. Every school district or participating school shall

68.25 ensure to children enrolled in American Indian education programs an equal and

68.26 meaningful opportunity to participate fully with other children in all extracurricular

68.27 activities. This subdivision shall not be construed to prohibit instruction in nonverbal

68.28 subjects or extracurricular activities which relate to the cultural heritage of the American

68.29 Indian children, or which are otherwise necessary to accomplish the objectives described

68.30 in sections 124D.71 to 124D.82.

68.31 Sec. 49. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 124D.75, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

68.32 Subdivision 1. **American Indian language and culture education licenses.** The

68.33 Board of Teaching, in consultation with the Tribal Nations Education Committee, must

68.34 grant initial and continuing teaching licenses in American Indian language and culture

69.1 education that bear the same duration as other initial and continuing licenses. The board
69.2 must grant licenses to persons who present satisfactory evidence that they:

69.3 (1) possess competence in an American Indian language or possess unique
69.4 qualifications relative to or knowledge and understanding of American Indian history
69.5 and culture; or

69.6 (2) possess a bachelor's degree or other academic degree approved by the board or
69.7 meet such requirements as to course of study and training as the board may prescribe, or
69.8 possess such relevant experience as the board may prescribe.

69.9 This evidence may be presented by affidavits, tribal resolutions, or by such other
69.10 methods as the board may prescribe. Individuals may present applications for licensure on
69.11 their own behalf or these applications may be submitted by the superintendent or other
69.12 authorized official of a school district, participating school, or an American Indian school.

69.13 Sec. 50. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 124D.75, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

69.14 Subd. 3. **Resolution or letter.** All persons applying for a license under this section
69.15 must submit to the board a resolution or letter of support signed by an American Indian
69.16 tribal government ~~or its designee~~. All persons holding a license under this section ~~on July~~
69.17 ~~1, 1995~~, must have on file or file with the board a resolution or letter of support signed by
69.18 a tribal government ~~or its designee by January 1, 1996, or the next renewal date of the~~
69.19 ~~license thereafter~~.

69.20 Sec. 51. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 124D.75, subdivision 9, is amended to read:

69.21 Subd. 9. **Affirmative efforts in hiring.** In hiring for all positions in these programs,
69.22 school districts and participating schools shall give preference to and make affirmative
69.23 efforts to seek, recruit, and employ persons who share the culture of the American Indian
69.24 children who are enrolled in the program. The district or participating school ~~shall~~ must
69.25 provide procedures for the involvement of the parent advisory committees in ~~designing~~
69.26 ~~the procedures for~~ the recruitment, screening and selection of applicants. This subdivision
69.27 shall not be construed to limit the school board's authority to hire and discharge personnel.

69.28 Sec. 52. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 124D.76, is amended to read:

69.29 **124D.76 TEACHERS-AIDES; COMMUNITY COORDINATORS, INDIAN**
69.30 **HOME/SCHOOL LIAISONS, PARAPROFESSIONALS.**

69.31 In addition to employing American Indian language and culture education teachers,
69.32 each district or participating school providing programs pursuant to sections 124D.71 to
69.33 124D.82 may employ ~~teachers'-aides~~ paraprofessionals. ~~Teachers'-aides~~ Paraprofessionals

70.1 must not be employed for the purpose of supplanting American Indian language and
70.2 culture education teachers.

70.3 Any district or participating school which conducts American Indian education
70.4 programs pursuant to sections 124D.71 to 124D.82 must employ one or more full-time
70.5 or part-time community coordinators or Indian home/school liaisons if there are 100 or
70.6 more American Indian students enrolled in the ~~program~~ district. Community coordinators
70.7 shall promote communication understanding, and cooperation between the schools and the
70.8 community and shall visit the homes of children who are to be enrolled in an American
70.9 Indian education program in order to convey information about the program.

70.10 Sec. 53. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 124D.78, is amended to read:

70.11 **124D.78 PARENT AND COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION.**

70.12 Subdivision 1. **Parent committee.** School boards and American Indian schools
70.13 must provide for the maximum involvement of parents of children enrolled in education
70.14 programs, programs for elementary and secondary grades, special education programs,
70.15 and support services. Accordingly, the board of a school district in which there are ten
70.16 or more American Indian ~~children~~ students enrolled and each American Indian school
70.17 must establish a an American Indian education parent advisory committee. If a committee
70.18 whose membership consists of a majority of parents of American Indian children has been
70.19 or is established according to federal, tribal, or other state law, that committee may serve
70.20 as the committee required by this section and is subject to, at least, the requirements of
70.21 this subdivision and subdivision 2.

70.22 The American Indian education parent advisory committee must develop its
70.23 recommendations in consultation with the curriculum advisory committee required by
70.24 section 120B.11, subdivision 3. This committee must afford parents the necessary
70.25 information and the opportunity effectively to express their views concerning all aspects
70.26 of American Indian education and the educational needs of the American Indian children
70.27 enrolled in the school or program. ~~The committee must also address the need for adult~~
70.28 ~~education programs for American Indian people in the community.~~ The school board or
70.29 American Indian school must ensure that programs are planned, operated, and evaluated
70.30 with the involvement of and in consultation with parents of ~~children~~ students served by
70.31 the programs.

70.32 Subd. 2. **Resolution of concurrence.** Prior to ~~December~~ March 1, the school
70.33 board or American Indian school must submit to the department a copy of a resolution
70.34 adopted by the American Indian education parent advisory committee. The copy must be
70.35 signed by the chair of the committee and must state whether the committee concurs with

71.1 the educational programs for American Indian ~~children~~ students offered by the school
 71.2 board or American Indian school. If the committee does not concur with the educational
 71.3 programs, the reasons for nonconcurrence and recommendations shall be submitted with
 71.4 the resolution. By resolution, the board must respond in writing within 60 days, in cases
 71.5 of nonconcurrence, to each recommendation made by the committee and state its reasons
 71.6 for not implementing the recommendations.

71.7 Subd. 3. **Membership.** The American Indian education parent advisory committee
 71.8 must be composed of parents of children eligible to be enrolled in American Indian
 71.9 education programs; secondary students eligible to be served; American Indian language
 71.10 and culture education teachers and ~~aides~~ paraprofessionals; American Indian teachers;
 71.11 counselors; adult American Indian people enrolled in educational programs; and
 71.12 representatives from community groups. A majority of each committee must be parents
 71.13 of children enrolled or eligible to be enrolled in the programs. The number of parents
 71.14 of American Indian and non-American Indian children shall reflect approximately the
 71.15 proportion of children of those groups enrolled in the programs.

71.16 Subd. 4. **Alternate committee.** If the organizational membership or the board
 71.17 of directors of an American Indian school consists of parents of children attending the
 71.18 school, that membership or board may serve also as the American Indian education parent
 71.19 advisory committee.

71.20 Sec. 54. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 124D.79, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

71.21 Subdivision 1. **American Indian community involvement.** The commissioner
 71.22 must provide for the maximum involvement of the ~~state committees on American Indian~~
 71.23 ~~education~~ Tribal Nations Education Committee, parents of American Indian children,
 71.24 secondary students eligible to be served, American Indian language and culture education
 71.25 teachers, American Indian teachers, ~~teachers'~~ aides paraprofessionals, representatives of
 71.26 community groups, and persons knowledgeable in the field of American Indian education,
 71.27 in the formulation of policy and procedures relating to the administration of sections
 71.28 124D.71 to 124D.82. The commissioner must annually hold a field hearing on Indian
 71.29 education to gather input from American Indian educators, parents, and students on the
 71.30 state of American Indian education in Minnesota. Results of the hearing must be made
 71.31 available to all 11 tribal nations for review and comment.

71.32 Sec. 55. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 124D.79, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

71.33 Subd. 2. **Technical assistance.** The commissioner shall provide technical assistance
 71.34 to districts, schools and postsecondary institutions for preservice and in-service training

72.1 for teachers, American Indian education teachers and ~~teacher's aides~~, paraprofessionals
 72.2 specifically designed to implement culturally responsive teaching methods, culturally
 72.3 based curriculum development, testing and testing mechanisms, and the development of
 72.4 materials for American Indian education programs.

72.5 Sec. 56. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 124D.791, subdivision 4, is amended to read:

72.6 Subd. 4. **Duties; powers.** The Indian education director shall:

72.7 (1) serve as the liaison for the department with the Tribal Nations Education
 72.8 Committee, the 11 ~~reservations~~ tribal communities in Minnesota, the Minnesota Chippewa
 72.9 tribe, and the Minnesota Indian Affairs Council, ~~and the Urban Advisory Council~~;

72.10 (2) evaluate the state of American Indian education in Minnesota;

72.11 (3) engage the tribal bodies, community groups, parents of children eligible to be
 72.12 served by American Indian education programs, American Indian administrators and
 72.13 teachers, persons experienced in the training of teachers for American Indian education
 72.14 programs, the tribally controlled schools, and other persons knowledgeable in the field of
 72.15 American Indian education and seek their advice on policies that can improve the quality
 72.16 of American Indian education;

72.17 (4) advise the commissioner on American Indian education issues, including:

72.18 (i) issues facing American Indian students;

72.19 (ii) policies for American Indian education;

72.20 (iii) awarding scholarships to eligible American Indian students and in administering
 72.21 the commissioner's duties regarding awarding of American Indian ~~postsecondary~~
 72.22 preparation education grants to school districts; and

72.23 (iv) administration of the commissioner's duties under sections 124D.71 to 124D.82
 72.24 and other programs for the education of American Indian people;

72.25 (5) propose to the commissioner legislative changes that will improve the quality
 72.26 of American Indian education;

72.27 (6) develop a strategic plan and a long-term framework for American Indian
 72.28 education, in conjunction with the Minnesota Indian Affairs Council, that is updated every
 72.29 five years and implemented by the commissioner, with goals to:

72.30 (i) increase American Indian student achievement, including increased levels of
 72.31 proficiency and growth on statewide accountability assessments;

72.32 (ii) increase the number of American Indian teachers in public schools;

72.33 (iii) close the achievement gap between American Indian students and their more
 72.34 advantaged peers;

72.35 (iv) increase the statewide graduation rate for American Indian students; and

73.1 (v) increase American Indian student placement in postsecondary programs and
73.2 the workforce; and

73.3 (7) keep the American Indian community informed about the work of the department
73.4 by reporting to the Tribal Nations Education Committee at each committee meeting.

73.5 Sec. 57. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 124D.81, is amended to read:

73.6 **124D.81 CONTINUATION OF AMERICAN INDIAN EDUCATION GRANTS**
73.7 **AID.**

73.8 Subdivision 1. **Grants; Procedures.** ~~Each fiscal year the commissioner of education~~
73.9 ~~must make grants to no fewer than six American Indian education programs. At least~~
73.10 ~~three programs must be in urban areas and at least three must be on or near reservations.~~
73.11 ~~The board of a local district, a participating school or a group of boards may develop a~~
73.12 ~~proposal for grants in support of American Indian education programs. Proposals A~~
73.13 ~~school district, charter school, or American Indian-controlled tribal contract or grant~~
73.14 ~~school enrolling at least 20 American Indian students on October 1 of the previous school~~
73.15 ~~year and operating an American Indian education program according to section 124D.74 is~~
73.16 ~~eligible for Indian education aid if it meets the requirements of this section. Programs may~~
73.17 ~~provide for contracts for the provision of program components by nonsectarian nonpublic,~~
73.18 ~~community, tribal, charter, or alternative schools. The commissioner shall prescribe the~~
73.19 ~~form and manner of application for grants-aids, and no grant aid shall be made for a~~
73.20 ~~proposal program not complying with the requirements of sections 124D.71 to 124D.82.~~

73.21 Subd. 2. **Plans.** ~~Each~~ To qualify for aid, an eligible district, charter school, or
73.22 ~~participating tribal contract school submitting a proposal under subdivision 1 must~~
73.23 ~~develop and submit with the proposal a plan for approval by the Indian education director~~
73.24 ~~which that shall:~~

73.25 (a) Identify the measures to be used to meet the requirements of sections 124D.71 to
73.26 124D.82;

73.27 (b) Identify the activities, methods and programs to meet the identified educational
73.28 needs of the children to be enrolled in the program;

73.29 (c) Describe how district goals and objectives as well as the objectives of sections
73.30 124D.71 to 124D.82 are to be achieved;

73.31 (d) Demonstrate that required and elective courses as structured do not have a
73.32 discriminatory effect within the meaning of section 124D.74, subdivision 5;

73.33 (e) Describe how each school program will be organized, staffed, coordinated,
73.34 and monitored; and

73.35 (f) Project expenditures for programs under sections 124D.71 to 124D.82.

74.1 Subd. 2a. **American Indian education aid.** (a) The American Indian education aid
 74.2 for an eligible district or tribal contract school equals the greater of (1) the sum of \$20,000
 74.3 plus the product of \$358 times the difference between the number of American Indian
 74.4 students enrolled on October 1 of the previous school year and 20; or (2) if the district or
 74.5 school received a grant under this section for fiscal year 2015, the amount of the grant
 74.6 for fiscal year 2015.

74.7 (b) Notwithstanding paragraph (a), the American Indian education aid must not
 74.8 exceed the district or tribal contract school's actual expenditure according to the approved
 74.9 plan under subdivision 2.

74.10 **Subd. 3. Additional requirements.** Each district receiving a grant aid under this
 74.11 section must each year conduct a count of American Indian children in the schools
 74.12 of the district; test for achievement; identify the extent of other educational needs of
 74.13 the children to be enrolled in the American Indian education program; and classify the
 74.14 American Indian children by grade, level of educational attainment, age and achievement.
 74.15 Participating schools must maintain records concerning the needs and achievements of
 74.16 American Indian children served.

74.17 **Subd. 4. Nondiscrimination; testing.** In accordance with recognized professional
 74.18 standards, all testing and evaluation materials and procedures utilized for the identification,
 74.19 testing, assessment, and classification of American Indian children must be selected and
 74.20 administered so as not to be racially or culturally discriminatory and must be valid for the
 74.21 purpose of identifying, testing, assessing, and classifying American Indian children.

74.22 **Subd. 5. Records.** Participating schools and districts must keep records and afford
 74.23 access to them as the commissioner finds necessary to ensure that American Indian
 74.24 education programs are implemented in conformity with sections 124D.71 to 124D.82.
 74.25 Each school district or participating school must keep accurate, detailed, and separate
 74.26 revenue and expenditure accounts for pilot American Indian education programs funded
 74.27 under this section.

74.28 **Subd. 6. Money from other sources.** A district or participating school providing
 74.29 American Indian education programs shall be eligible to receive moneys for these programs
 74.30 from other government agencies and from private sources when the moneys are available.

74.31 **Subd. 7. Exceptions.** Nothing in sections 124D.71 to 124D.82 shall be construed as
 74.32 prohibiting a district or school from implementing an American Indian education program
 74.33 which is not in compliance with sections 124D.71 to 124D.82 if the proposal and plan for
 74.34 that program is not funded pursuant to this section.

74.35 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective for revenue for fiscal year 2016
 74.36 and later.

75.1 Sec. 58. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 124D.83, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

75.2 Subd. 2. **Revenue amount.** An American Indian-controlled tribal contract or
75.3 grant school that is located on a reservation within the state and that complies with the
75.4 requirements in subdivision 1 is eligible to receive tribal contract or grant school aid.

75.5 The amount of aid is derived by:

75.6 (1) multiplying the formula allowance under section 126C.10, subdivision 2, less
75.7 \$170, times the difference between (i) the resident pupil units as defined in section
75.8 126C.05, subdivision 6, in average daily membership, excluding section 126C.05,
75.9 subdivision 13, and (ii) the number of pupils for the current school year, weighted
75.10 according to section 126C.05, subdivision 1, receiving benefits under section 123B.42 or
75.11 123B.44 or for which the school is receiving reimbursement under section 124D.69;

75.12 (2) adding to the result in clause (1) an amount equal to the product of the formula
75.13 allowance under section 126C.10, subdivision 2, less \$300 times the tribal contract
75.14 compensation revenue pupil units;

75.15 (3) subtracting from the result in clause (2) the amount of money allotted to the
75.16 school by the federal government through Indian School Equalization Program of the
75.17 Bureau of Indian Affairs, according to Code of Federal Regulations, title 25, part 39,
75.18 subparts A to E, for the basic program as defined by section 39.11, paragraph (b), for
75.19 the base rate as applied to kindergarten through twelfth grade, excluding small school
75.20 adjustments and additional weighting, but not money allotted through subparts F to L for
75.21 contingency funds, school board training, student training, interim maintenance and minor
75.22 repair, interim administration cost, prekindergarten, and operation and maintenance, and
75.23 the amount of money that is received according to section 124D.69;

75.24 (4) dividing the result in clause (3) by the sum of the resident pupil units in average
75.25 daily membership, excluding section 126C.05, subdivision 13, plus the tribal contract
75.26 compensation revenue pupil units; and

75.27 (5) multiplying the sum of the resident pupil units, including section 126C.05,
75.28 subdivision 13, in average daily membership plus the tribal contract compensation revenue
75.29 pupil units by the lesser of \$3,230 for fiscal years 2016 and 2017 or \$1,500 for fiscal year
75.30 2018 and later or the result in clause (4).

75.31 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective for revenue for fiscal year 2016
75.32 and later.

75.33 Sec. 59. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 124D.98, is amended to read:

75.34 **124D.98 LITERACY INCENTIVE AID.**

76.1 Subdivision 1. **Literacy incentive aid.** ~~In fiscal year 2013 and later,~~ A district's
76.2 literacy incentive aid equals the sum of the proficiency aid under subdivision 2, and the
76.3 growth aid under subdivision 3.

76.4 Subd. 2. **Proficiency aid.** ~~In fiscal year 2013 and later,~~ The proficiency aid for
76.5 each school in a district that has submitted to the commissioner its local literacy plan
76.6 under section 120B.12, subdivision 4a, is equal to the product of the school's proficiency
76.7 allowance times the number of third grade pupils at the school on October 1 of the previous
76.8 fiscal year. A school's proficiency allowance is equal to the percentage of students in
76.9 each building that meet or exceed proficiency on the third grade reading Minnesota
76.10 Comprehensive Assessment, averaged across the previous three test administrations,
76.11 times \$530.

76.12 Subd. 3. **Growth aid.** ~~In fiscal year 2013 and later,~~ The growth aid for each school
76.13 in a district that has submitted to the commissioner its local literacy plan under section
76.14 120B.12, subdivision 4a, is equal to the product of the school's growth allowance times
76.15 the number of fourth grade pupils enrolled at the school on October 1 of the previous
76.16 fiscal year. A school's growth allowance is equal to the percentage of students at that
76.17 school making medium or high growth, under section 120B.299, on the fourth grade
76.18 reading Minnesota Comprehensive Assessment, averaged across the previous three test
76.19 administrations, times \$530.

76.20 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective for fiscal year 2016 and later.

76.21 Sec. 60. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 126C.15, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

76.22 Subdivision 1. **Use of revenue.** The basic skills revenue under section 126C.10,
76.23 subdivision 4, must be reserved and used to meet the educational needs of pupils who
76.24 enroll under-prepared to learn and whose progress toward meeting state or local content
76.25 or performance standards is below the level that is appropriate for learners of their age.
76.26 Basic skills revenue may also be used for programs designed to prepare children and their
76.27 families for entry into school whether the student first enrolls in kindergarten or first grade.
76.28 Any of the following may be provided to meet these learners' needs:

76.29 (1) direct instructional services under the assurance of mastery program according
76.30 to section 124D.66;

76.31 (2) remedial instruction in reading, language arts, mathematics, other content areas,
76.32 or study skills to improve the achievement level of these learners;

76.33 (3) additional teachers and teacher aides to provide more individualized instruction
76.34 to these learners through individual tutoring, lower instructor-to-learner ratios, or team
76.35 teaching;

77.1 (4) a longer school day or week during the regular school year or through a summer
 77.2 program that may be offered directly by the site or under a performance-based contract
 77.3 with a community-based organization;

77.4 (5) comprehensive and ongoing staff development consistent with district and site
 77.5 plans according to section 122A.60 and to implement plans under section 120B.12,
 77.6 subdivision 4a, for teachers, teacher aides, principals, and other personnel to improve
 77.7 their ability to identify the needs of these learners and provide appropriate remediation,
 77.8 intervention, accommodations, or modifications;

77.9 (6) instructional materials, digital learning, and technology appropriate for meeting
 77.10 the individual needs of these learners;

77.11 (7) programs to reduce truancy, encourage completion of high school, enhance
 77.12 self-concept, provide health services, provide nutrition services, provide a safe and secure
 77.13 learning environment, provide coordination for pupils receiving services from other
 77.14 governmental agencies, provide psychological services to determine the level of social,
 77.15 emotional, cognitive, and intellectual development, and provide counseling services,
 77.16 guidance services, and social work services;

77.17 (8) bilingual programs, bicultural programs, and programs for English learners;

77.18 (9) all-day kindergarten;

77.19 (10) early education programs, parent-training programs, school readiness programs,
 77.20 kindergarten programs for four-year-olds, voluntary home visits under section 124D.13,
 77.21 subdivision 4, and other outreach efforts designed to prepare children for kindergarten;

77.22 (11) extended school day and extended school year programs; and

77.23 (12) substantial parent involvement in developing and implementing remedial
 77.24 education or intervention plans for a learner, including learning contracts between the
 77.25 school, the learner, and the parent that establish achievement goals and responsibilities of
 77.26 the learner and the learner's parent or guardian.

77.27 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective for fiscal year 2016 and later.

77.28 Sec. 61. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 135A.101, is amended by adding a
 77.29 subdivision to read:

77.30 **Subd. 3. Minnesota transfer curriculum.** Notwithstanding section 135A.08 or
 77.31 other law to the contrary, all MnSCU institutions must give full credit to a secondary pupil
 77.32 who completes for postsecondary credit a postsecondary course or program that is part or
 77.33 all of a goal area or a transfer curriculum at a MnSCU institution when the pupil enrolls
 77.34 in a MnSCU institution after leaving secondary school. Once one MnSCU institution
 77.35 certifies as completed a secondary student's postsecondary course or program that is part

78.1 or all of a goal area or a transfer curriculum, every MnSCU institution must consider the
 78.2 student's course or program for that goal area or the transfer curriculum as completed.

78.3 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective August 1, 2015.

78.4 Sec. 62. Laws 2013, chapter 116, article 3, section 35, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

78.5 Subd. 2. **Achievement and integration levy.** For fiscal year 2014 only, a district's
 78.6 achievement and integration levy equals the lesser of the district's achievement and
 78.7 integration revenue for that year or the amount the district was authorized to levy under
 78.8 Laws 2011, First Special Session chapter 11, article 2, section 49, paragraph (f).

78.9 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective retroactively from July 1, 2014.

78.10 Sec. 63. Laws 2014, chapter 312, article 16, section 15, is amended to read:

78.11 Sec. 15. **TEACHER DEVELOPMENT AND EVALUATION REVENUE.**

78.12 (a) For fiscal year 2015 only, teacher development and evaluation revenue for a
 78.13 school district, intermediate school district, educational cooperative, education district,
 78.14 or charter school with any school site that does not have an alternative professional pay
 78.15 system agreement under Minnesota Statutes, section 122A.414, subdivision 2, equals \$302
 78.16 times the number of full-time equivalent teachers employed on October 1 of the previous
 78.17 school year in each school site without an alternative professional pay system under
 78.18 Minnesota Statutes, section 122A.414, subdivision 2. Except for charter schools, revenue
 78.19 under this section must be reserved for teacher development and evaluation activities
 78.20 consistent with Minnesota Statutes, section 122A.40, subdivision 8, or Minnesota Statutes,
 78.21 section 122A.41, subdivision 5. For the purposes of this section, "teacher" has the
 78.22 meaning given it in Minnesota Statutes, section 122A.40, subdivision 1, or Minnesota
 78.23 Statutes, section 122A.41, subdivision 1.

78.24 (b) Notwithstanding paragraph (a), the state total teacher development and
 78.25 evaluation revenue entitlement must not exceed ~~\$10,000,000~~ \$10,022,000 for fiscal year
 78.26 2015. The commissioner must limit the amount of revenue under this section so as not
 78.27 to exceed this limit.

78.28 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective retroactively from July 1, 2014.

78.29 Sec. 64. Laws 2014, chapter 312, article 16, section 16, subdivision 7, is amended to
 78.30 read:

78.31 Subd. 7. **Teacher development and evaluation.** For teacher development and
 78.32 evaluation revenue.

79.1 ~~9,000,000~~
 79.2 \$ 9,020,000 2015

79.3 The 2015 appropriation includes \$0 for 2014 and ~~\$9,000,000~~ \$9,020,000 for 2015.
 79.4 This is a onetime appropriation and is available until ~~expended~~ the end of fiscal year 2017.

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

79.6 Sec. 65. **TRANSFER CURRICULUM REPORT.**

79.7 By February 1, 2016, the chancellor of the Minnesota State Colleges and
 79.8 Universities must prepare and submit to the K-12 and higher education committees of
 79.9 the legislature a report describing the implementation of the transfer curriculum policy
 79.10 for postsecondary enrollment options program students under Minnesota Statutes,
 79.11 sections 124D.09, subdivision 12, and 135A.101, subdivision 3, and how to standardize
 79.12 Advanced Placement, International Baccalaureate, and college-level exam program course
 79.13 equivalencies across all state colleges and universities.

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

79.15 Sec. 66. **EXAMINING AND DEVELOPING STATEWIDE SWIMMING**
 79.16 **RESOURCES.**

79.17 (a) The commissioner of education must use existing budgetary resources to
 79.18 inventory and report to the education committees of the legislature by February 1, 2016,
 79.19 on the extent of existing resources and best practices available for swimming instruction
 79.20 in Minnesota public schools.

79.21 (b) The commissioner of education must establish a work group of interested
 79.22 stakeholders, including the commissioner or commissioner's designee, the commissioner
 79.23 of health or the commissioner's designee, and representatives of K-12 physical education
 79.24 teachers, K-12 school administrators, the Minnesota school boards association, nonprofit
 79.25 fitness and recreational organizations, public parks and recreation departments, and
 79.26 other stakeholders, including community members underserved and disproportionately
 79.27 impacted by the current distribution of swimming resources, interested in swimming
 79.28 instruction and activities identified by the commissioner of education, to determine
 79.29 and report to the education committees of the legislature by February 1, 2016, on the
 79.30 curriculum, resources, personnel, and other costs needed to make swimming instruction
 79.31 available in all Minnesota public schools for children beginning at an early age. The work
 79.32 group must consider the substance of the report under paragraph (a) in preparing its report.

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

80.1 **Sec. 67. SCHOOL START DATE FOR THE 2015-2016 SCHOOL YEAR ONLY.**

80.2 Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes, section 120A.40, or other law to the contrary,
80.3 for the 2015-2016 school year only, school districts may begin the school year on
80.4 September 1.

80.5 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment for
80.6 the 2015-2016 school year only.

80.7 **Sec. 68. DEVELOPMENTAL COURSE TAKING; REPORT.**

80.8 The commissioner of education, in consultation with the commissioner of the Office
80.9 of Higher Education, the chancellor of the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities,
80.10 and the president of the University of Minnesota, shall collect and report the following
80.11 information to the legislature by March 1, 2016:

80.12 (1) the tuition costs incurred by students enrolled in noncredit-bearing college
80.13 courses at the University of Minnesota and the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities
80.14 for developmental or remedial purposes for the 2014-2015 and preceding four school
80.15 years; and

80.16 (2) for the same time period, the Minnesota high schools that graduated the students
80.17 in clause (1), the aggregate number of students from each high school in clause (1), and
80.18 the tuition cost under clause (1) for students from each high school.

80.19 **Sec. 69. RECOMMENDATIONS ON SERVICE-LEARNING.**

80.20 The Board of Teaching may make recommendations to the legislature on teacher
80.21 preparation and licensure requirements in the area of service-learning, consistent with
80.22 Minnesota Statutes, section 124D.50, and the definition of service-learning in the federal
80.23 National and Community Service Act, as amended, and submit the recommendations
80.24 to the legislature by February 15, 2016. The board must consult with representatives
80.25 of teacher preparation programs and institutions, school-based and community-based
80.26 service-learning practitioners and experts, licensed teachers, students with service-learning
80.27 experience, and other interested stakeholders in developing the recommendations.

80.28 **Sec. 70. APPROPRIATIONS.**

80.29 Subdivision 1. **Department of Education.** The sums indicated in this section are
80.30 appropriated from the general fund to the Department of Education for the fiscal years
80.31 designated.

80.32 Subd. 2. **Alternative compensation.** For alternative teacher compensation aid
80.33 under Minnesota Statutes, section 122A.415, subdivision 4:

81.1 \$ 78,331,000 2016

81.2 \$ 87,147,000 2017

81.3 The 2016 appropriation includes \$7,766,000 for 2015 and \$70,565,000 for 2016.

81.4 The 2017 appropriation includes \$7,840,000 for 2016 and \$79,307,000 for 2017.

81.5 Subd. 3. **Achievement and integration aid.** For achievement and integration aid
81.6 under Minnesota Statutes, section 124D.862:

81.7 \$ 65,539,000 2016

81.8 \$ 68,745,000 2017

81.9 The 2016 appropriation includes \$6,382,000 for 2015 and \$59,157,000 for 2016.

81.10 The 2017 appropriation includes \$6,573,000 for 2016 and \$62,172,000 for 2017.

81.11 Subd. 4. **Literacy incentive aid.** For literacy incentive aid under Minnesota
81.12 Statutes, section 124D.98:

81.13 \$ 44,552,000 2016

81.14 \$ 45,508,000 2017

81.15 The 2016 appropriation includes \$4,683,000 for 2015 and \$39,869,000 for 2016.

81.16 The 2017 appropriation includes \$4,429,000 for 2016 and \$41,079,000 for 2017.

81.17 Subd. 5. **Interdistrict desegregation or integration transportation grants.** For
81.18 interdistrict desegregation or integration transportation grants under Minnesota Statutes,
81.19 section 124D.87:

81.20 \$ 15,023,000 2016

81.21 \$ 15,825,000 2017

81.22 Subd. 6. **Reading Corps.** For grants to ServeMinnesota for the Minnesota Reading
81.23 Corps under Minnesota Statutes, section 124D.42, subdivision 8:

81.24 \$ 6,125,000 2016

81.25 \$ 6,125,000 2017

81.26 Any balance in the first year does not cancel but is available in the second year.

81.27 Subd. 7. **Tribal contract schools.** For tribal contract school aid under Minnesota
81.28 Statutes, section 124D.83:

81.29 \$ 4,340,000 2016

81.30 \$ 5,090,000 2017

81.31 The 2016 appropriation includes \$204,000 for 2015 and \$4,136,000 for 2016.

81.32 The 2017 appropriation includes \$459,000 for 2016 and \$4,631,000 for 2017.

81.33 Subd. 8. **Compensatory revenue pilot project.** (a) For grants for participation in
81.34 the compensatory revenue pilot program under Laws 2005, First Special Session chapter
81.35 5, article 1, section 50:

82.1 \$ 7,325,000 2016
 82.2 \$ 7,325,000 2017

82.3 (b) Of this amount, \$4,730,000 in each year is for a grant to Independent School
 82.4 District No. 11, Anoka-Hennepin; \$240,000 in each year is for a grant to Independent
 82.5 School District No. 286, Brooklyn Center; \$660,000 in each year is for a grant to
 82.6 Independent School District No. 279, Osseo; \$500,000 in each year is for a grant to
 82.7 Independent School District No. 281, Robbinsdale; \$520,000 in each year is for a grant to
 82.8 Independent School District No. 535, Rochester; \$205,000 in each year is for a grant to
 82.9 Independent School District No. 833, South Washington; and \$470,000 in each year is
 82.10 for a grant to Independent School District No. 241, Albert Lea. If a grant to a specific
 82.11 school district is not awarded, the commissioner may increase the aid amounts to any of
 82.12 the remaining participating school districts.

82.13 (c) Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, districts participating under this
 82.14 subdivision must post to their district Web sites their plan and accountability measures
 82.15 and data, which may appear as part of the posting requirements of Minnesota Statutes,
 82.16 section 120B.11, subdivision 5.

82.17 (d) The base for this program in fiscal year 2018 and later is \$2,325,000. Grants
 82.18 shall be awarded in the same amount as under Laws 2011, First Special Session chapter
 82.19 11, article 1, section 36: \$1,500,000 is for a grant to Independent School District No.
 82.20 11, Anoka-Hennepin; \$75,000 is for a grant to Independent School District No. 286,
 82.21 Brooklyn Center; \$210,000 is for a grant to Independent School District No. 279, Osseo;
 82.22 \$160,000 is for a grant to Independent School District No. 281, Robbinsdale; \$165,000 is
 82.23 for a grant to Independent School District No. 535, Rochester; \$65,000 is for a grant to
 82.24 Independent School District No. 833, South Washington; and \$150,000 is for a grant to
 82.25 Independent School District No. 241, Albert Lea.

82.26 Subd. 9. **Concurrent enrollment program.** For concurrent enrollment programs
 82.27 under Minnesota Statutes, section 124D.091:

82.28 \$ \$4,000,000 2016
 82.29 \$ \$4,000,000 2017

82.30 If the appropriation is insufficient, the commissioner must proportionately reduce
 82.31 the aid payment to each district.

82.32 Any balance in the first year does not cancel but is available in the second year.

82.33 Subd. 10. **Success for the future.** For American Indian success for the future grants
 82.34 under Minnesota Statutes, section 124D.81:

82.35 \$ 213,000 2016
 82.36 \$ 0 2017

83.1 The 2016 appropriation includes \$213,000 for 2015 and \$0 for 2016.

83.2 Subd. 11. **American Indian education aid.** For American Indian education aid
 83.3 under Minnesota Statutes, section 124D.81, subdivision 2a:

83.4 \$ 7,868,000 2016

83.5 \$ 8,875,000 2017

83.6 The 2016 appropriation includes \$0 for 2015 and \$7,868,000 for 2016.

83.7 The 2017 appropriation includes \$874,000 for 2016 and \$8,001,000 for 2017.

83.8 Subd. 12. **Collaborative urban educator.** For the collaborative urban educator
 83.9 grant program:

83.10 \$ 780,000 2016

83.11 \$ 780,000 2017

83.12 Grants shall be awarded in equal amounts: \$195,000 each year is for the Southeast
 83.13 Asian teacher program at Concordia University, St. Paul; \$195,000 each year is for the
 83.14 collaborative urban educator program at the University of St. Thomas; \$195,000 each year
 83.15 is for the Center for Excellence in Urban Teaching at Hamline University; and \$195,00
 83.16 each year is for the East Africa Student to Teacher program at Augsburg College.

83.17 Any balance in the first year does not cancel but is available in the second year.

83.18 Each institution shall prepare for the legislature, by January 15 of each year, a
 83.19 detailed report regarding the funds used. The report must include the number of teachers
 83.20 prepared as well as the diversity for each cohort of teachers produced.

83.21 Subd. 13. **ServeMinnesota program.** For funding ServeMinnesota programs under
 83.22 Minnesota Statutes, sections 124D.37 to 124D.45:

83.23 \$ 900,000 2016

83.24 \$ 900,000 2017

83.25 A grantee organization may provide health and child care coverage to the dependents
 83.26 of each participant enrolled in a full-time ServeMinnesota program to the extent such
 83.27 coverage is not otherwise available.

83.28 Subd. 14. **Student organizations.** For student organizations:

83.29 \$ 725,000 2016

83.30 \$ 725,000 2017

83.31 \$46,000 each year is for student organizations serving health occupations (HOSA).

83.32 \$100,000 each year is for student organizations serving trade and industry
 83.33 occupations (Skills USA, secondary and postsecondary).

83.34 \$95,000 each year is for student organizations serving business occupations (BPA,
 83.35 secondary and postsecondary).

84.1 \$193,000 each year is for student organizations serving agriculture occupations
 84.2 (FFA, PAS).

84.3 \$142,000 each year is for student organizations serving family and consumer science
 84.4 occupations (FCCLA).

84.5 \$109,000 each year is for student organizations serving marketing occupations
 84.6 (DECA and DECA collegiate).

84.7 \$40,000 each year is for the Minnesota Foundation for Student Organizations.

84.8 Any balance in the first year does not cancel but is available in the second year.

84.9 Subd. 15. **Museums and Education Centers.** For grants to museums and education
 84.10 centers:

84.11 \$ 351,000 2016

84.12 \$ 351,000 2017

84.13 (a) \$260,000 each year is for the Minnesota Children's Museum.

84.14 (b) \$50,000 each year is for the Duluth Children's Museum.

84.15 (c) \$41,000 each year is for the Minnesota Academy of Science.

84.16 Any balance in the first year does not cancel but is available in the second year.

84.17 Subd. 16. **Teacher development and evaluation.** For teacher development and
 84.18 evaluation revenue:

84.19 \$ 1,002,000 2016

84.20 The 2016 appropriation includes \$1,002,000 for 2016 and \$0 for 2017. This is a
 84.21 onetime appropriation and is available in the second year.

84.22 Subd. 17. **Starbase MN.** For a grant to Starbase MN for rigorous science,
 84.23 technology, engineering, and math (STEM) program providing students in grades 4 to
 84.24 6 with a multisensory learning experience and a hands-on curriculum in an aerospace
 84.25 environment using state-of-the-art technology:

84.26 \$ 924,000 2016

84.27 \$ -0- 2017

84.28 This appropriation does not cancel but is available in the second year of the biennium.

84.29 The base appropriation for this appropriation in fiscal year 2018 is \$500,000.

84.30 All unspent funds, estimated at \$924,000 from the Starbase appropriation under
 84.31 Laws 2013, chapter 116, article 3, section 37, subdivision 22, are canceled to the general
 84.32 fund on June 30, 2015.

84.33 Subd. 18. **Recovery program grants.** For recovery program grants under
 84.34 Minnesota Statutes, section 124D.695:

85.1 \$ 500,000 2016

85.2 \$ 500,000 2017

85.3 Any balance in the first year does not cancel and is available in the second year.

85.4 Subd. 19. **Full-service community schools.** For full-service community schools
85.5 under Minnesota Statutes, section 124D.231:

85.6 \$ 250,000 2016

85.7 \$ 250,000 2017

85.8 This is a onetime appropriation. Any balance in the first year does not cancel but
85.9 is available in the second year.

85.10 Subd. 20. **Minnesota math corps program.** For the Minnesota math corps program
85.11 under Minnesota Statutes, section 124D.42, subdivision 9:

85.12 \$ 250,000 2016

85.13 \$ 250,000 2017

85.14 Any unexpended balance in the first year does not cancel but is available in the
85.15 second year.

85.16 Subd. 21. **American Indian teacher preparation grants.** For joint grants to assist
85.17 American Indian people to become teachers under Minnesota Statutes, section 122A.63:

85.18 \$ 190,000 2016

85.19 \$ 190,000 2017

85.20 Subd. 22. **Civic education grants.** For grants to the Minnesota Civic Education
85.21 Coalition, Kids Voting St. Paul, Learning Law and Democracy Foundation, and YMCA
85.22 Youth in Government to provide civic education programs for Minnesota youth age 18
85.23 and younger. Civic education is the study of constitutional principles and the democratic
85.24 foundation of our national, state, and local institutions, and the study of political processes
85.25 and structures of government, grounded in the understanding of constitutional government
85.26 under the rule of law.

85.27 \$ 125,000 2016

85.28 \$ 125,000 2017

85.29 Any balance in the first year does not cancel but is available in the second year.

85.30 Subd. 23. **Minnesota Principals' Academy.** For a grant to the University of
85.31 Minnesota College of Education and Human Development, for the operation of the
85.32 Minnesota Principals' Academy:

85.33 \$ 150,000 2016

85.34 \$ 150,000 2017

85.35 Any balance in the first year does not cancel but is available in the second year.

86.1 Subd. 24. **Race 2 Reduce.** For grants to support expanded Race 2 Reduce water
 86.2 conservation programming in Minnesota schools:

86.3 \$ 81,000 2016

86.4 \$ 69,000 2017

86.5 In the first year, \$28,000 is for H2O for Life; \$38,000 is for Independent School
 86.6 District No. 624, White Bear Lake; and \$15,000 is for Independent School District
 86.7 No. 832, Mahtomedi. In the second year, \$32,000 is for H2O for Life; \$22,000 is for
 86.8 Independent School District No. 624, White Bear Lake; and \$15,000 is for Independent
 86.9 School District No. 832, Mahtomedi.

86.10 Any balance in the first year does not cancel but is available in the second year. The
 86.11 base appropriation for fiscal year 2018 and later is \$0.

86.12 Subd. 25. **Northwestern Online College in the High School program.** For the
 86.13 Northwestern Online College in the High School program:

86.14 \$ 50,000 2016

86.15 \$ 50,000 2017

86.16 This is a onetime appropriation. Any balance from the first year may carry forward
 86.17 into the second year.

86.18 Subd. 26. **Education partnership pilots.** For education partnership pilot grants:

86.19 \$ 501,000 2016

86.20 \$ 501,000 2017

86.21 Of this amount, \$167,000 in each year is for the Northfield Healthy Community
 86.22 Initiative for a pilot site in Northfield; \$167,000 in each year is for the Jones Family
 86.23 Foundation for a pilot site in Red Wing; and \$167,000 in each year is for Independent
 86.24 School District No. 742, St. Cloud, for a pilot site in St. Cloud. Each partnership pilot
 86.25 program shall support community collaborations focused on academic achievement and
 86.26 youth development, use a comprehensive and data-driven approach to increase student
 86.27 success, and measure outcomes, such as kindergarten readiness, reading proficiency at
 86.28 third grade, high school graduation, and college and career readiness. By February 15,
 86.29 2016, each partnership pilot grant recipient shall submit to the chairs and ranking minority
 86.30 members of the legislative committees with primary jurisdiction over kindergarten through
 86.31 grade 12 education a report describing the activities funded by the grant, changes in
 86.32 outcome measures attributable to the grant-funded activities, and the recipient's program
 86.33 plan for the following year.

86.34 This is a onetime appropriation. Any balance from the first year may carry forward
 86.35 into the second year.

87.1 **ARTICLE 3**

87.2 **STANDARDS AND ASSESSMENTS**

87.3 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 120B.02, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

87.4 Subd. 2. **Graduation requirements.** (a) To graduate from high school, students must
 87.5 demonstrate to their enrolling school district or school their satisfactory completion of the
 87.6 credit requirements under section 120B.024 and their understanding of academic standards
 87.7 on a nationally normed college entrance exam. A school district must adopt graduation
 87.8 requirements that meet or exceed state graduation requirements established in law or rule.

87.9 (b) Students ages 19 to 21 who have not yet graduated from a Minnesota high school
 87.10 and, but for their age, are otherwise eligible to participate in an adult basic education
 87.11 program may be admitted to an adult high school diploma program under section 124D.52,
 87.12 subdivisions 8 and 9.

87.13 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section, paragraph (a), is effective and applies to
 87.14 students entering grade 8 in the 2012-2013 school year and later.

87.15 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 120B.021, subdivision 4, is amended to read:

87.16 Subd. 4. **Revisions and reviews required.** (a) The commissioner of education must
 87.17 revise and appropriately embed technology and information literacy standards consistent
 87.18 with recommendations from school media specialists into the state's academic standards
 87.19 and graduation requirements and implement a ten-year cycle to review and, consistent
 87.20 with the review, revise state academic standards and related benchmarks, consistent with
 87.21 this subdivision. During each ten-year review and revision cycle, the commissioner also
 87.22 must examine the alignment of each required academic standard and related benchmark
 87.23 with the knowledge and skills students need for career and college readiness and advanced
 87.24 work in the particular subject area. The commissioner must include the contributions of
 87.25 Minnesota American Indian tribes and communities as related to the academic standards
 87.26 during the review and revision of the required academic standards.

87.27 (b) The commissioner must ensure that the statewide mathematics assessments
 87.28 administered to students in grades 3 through 8 and 11 are aligned with the state academic
 87.29 standards in mathematics, consistent with section 120B.30, subdivision 1, paragraph
 87.30 (b). The commissioner must implement a review of the academic standards and related
 87.31 benchmarks in mathematics beginning in the ~~2015-2016~~ 2020-2021 school year and
 87.32 every ten years thereafter.

87.33 (c) The commissioner must implement a review of the academic standards and related
 87.34 benchmarks in arts beginning in the 2016-2017 school year and every ten years thereafter.

88.1 (d) The commissioner must implement a review of the academic standards and
 88.2 related benchmarks in science beginning in the 2017-2018 school year and every ten
 88.3 years thereafter.

88.4 (e) The commissioner must implement a review of the academic standards and
 88.5 related benchmarks in language arts beginning in the 2018-2019 school year and every
 88.6 ten years thereafter.

88.7 (f) The commissioner must implement a review of the academic standards and
 88.8 related benchmarks in social studies beginning in the 2019-2020 school year and every
 88.9 ten years thereafter.

88.10 (g) School districts and charter schools must revise and align local academic
 88.11 standards and high school graduation requirements in health, world languages, and career
 88.12 and technical education to require students to complete the revised standards beginning
 88.13 in a school year determined by the school district or charter school. School districts and
 88.14 charter schools must formally establish a periodic review cycle for the academic standards
 88.15 and related benchmarks in health, world languages, and career and technical education.

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

88.17 Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 120B.022, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

88.18 Subdivision 1. **Elective standards.** A district must establish its own standards in the
 88.19 following subject areas:

88.20 (1) career and technical education; ~~and~~

88.21 (2) A district must use the current world languages standards developed by the
 88.22 American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages.

88.23 A school district must offer courses in all elective subject areas.

88.24 Sec. 4. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 120B.024, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

88.25 Subd. 2. **Credit equivalencies.** (a) A one-half credit of economics taught in a
 88.26 school's agriculture education or business department may fulfill a one-half credit in
 88.27 social studies under subdivision 1, clause (5), if the credit is sufficient to satisfy all of the
 88.28 academic standards in economics.

88.29 (b) An agriculture science or career and technical education credit may fulfill the
 88.30 ~~credit in chemistry or physics~~ or the elective science credit required under subdivision 1,
 88.31 clause (4), if the credit meets the state ~~chemistry or physics~~, or district biology physical
 88.32 science, life science, earth and space science, chemistry, or physics academic standards or
 88.33 a combination of these academic standards as approved by the district. An agriculture or
 88.34 career and technical education credit may fulfill the credit in chemistry or physics required

89.1 under subdivision 1, clause (4), if the credit meets the state chemistry or physics academic
 89.2 standards as approved by the district. A student must satisfy either all of the chemistry
 89.3 academic standards or all of the physics academic standards prior to graduation. An
 89.4 agriculture science or career and technical education credit may not fulfill the required
 89.5 biology credit under subdivision 1, clause (4).

89.6 (c) A career and technical education credit may fulfill a mathematics or arts credit
 89.7 requirement under subdivision 1, clause (2) or (6).

89.8 (d) An agriculture education teacher is not required to meet the requirements of
 89.9 Minnesota Rules, part 3505.1150, subpart 1, item B, to meet the credit equivalency
 89.10 requirements of paragraph (b) above.

89.11 (e) A computer science credit may fulfill a mathematics credit requirement under
 89.12 subdivision 1, clause (2), if the credit meets state academic standards in mathematics.

89.13 (f) A Project Lead the Way credit may fulfill a science or mathematics credit
 89.14 requirement under subdivision 1, clause (2) or (4), if the credit meets the state academic
 89.15 standards in science or mathematics.

89.16 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective for the 2015-2016 school year and
 89.17 later.

89.18 Sec. 5. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 120B.11, subdivision 9, is amended to read:

89.19 Subd. 9. **Annual evaluation.** (a) The commissioner must identify effective
 89.20 strategies, practices, and use of resources by districts and school sites in striving for the
 89.21 world's best workforce. The commissioner must assist districts and sites throughout the
 89.22 state in implementing these effective strategies, practices, and use of resources.

89.23 (b) The commissioner must identify those districts in any consecutive three-year
 89.24 period not making sufficient progress toward improving teaching and learning for all
 89.25 students, including English learners with varied needs, consistent with section 124D.59,
 89.26 subdivisions 2 and 2a, and striving for the world's best workforce. The commissioner, in
 89.27 collaboration with the identified district, may require the district to use up to two percent
 89.28 of its basic general education revenue per fiscal year during the proximate three school
 89.29 years to implement commissioner-specified strategies and practices, consistent with
 89.30 paragraph (a), to improve and accelerate its progress in realizing its goals under this
 89.31 section. In implementing this section, the commissioner must consider districts' budget
 89.32 constraints and legal obligations.

89.33 (c) The commissioner shall report by January 25 of each year to the committees of
 89.34 the legislature having jurisdiction over kindergarten through grade 12 education the list of
 89.35 school districts that have not submitted their report to the commissioner under subdivision

90.1 5 and the list of school districts not achieving their performance goals established in
 90.2 their plan under subdivision 2.

90.3 Sec. 6. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 120B.125, is amended to read:

90.4 **120B.125 PLANNING FOR STUDENTS' SUCCESSFUL TRANSITION**
 90.5 **TO POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION AND EMPLOYMENT; PERSONAL**
 90.6 **LEARNING PLANS.**

90.7 (a) Consistent with sections ~~120B.128~~, 120B.13, 120B.131, 120B.132, 120B.14,
 90.8 120B.15, 120B.30, subdivision 1, paragraph (c), 125A.08, and other related sections,
 90.9 school districts, beginning in the 2013-2014 school year, must assist all students by no
 90.10 later than grade 9 to explore their educational, college, and career interests, aptitudes, and
 90.11 aspirations and develop a plan for a smooth and successful transition to postsecondary
 90.12 education or employment. All students' plans must:

90.13 (1) provide a comprehensive plan to prepare for and complete a career and college
 90.14 ready curriculum by meeting state and local academic standards and developing career and
 90.15 employment-related skills such as team work, collaboration, creativity, communication,
 90.16 critical thinking, and good work habits;

90.17 (2) emphasize academic rigor and high expectations;

90.18 (3) help students identify interests, aptitudes, aspirations, and personal learning
 90.19 styles that may affect their career and college ready goals and postsecondary education
 90.20 and employment choices;

90.21 (4) set appropriate career and college ready goals with timelines that identify
 90.22 effective means for achieving those goals;

90.23 (5) help students access education and career options;

90.24 (6) integrate strong academic content into career-focused courses and applied and
 90.25 experiential learning opportunities and integrate relevant career-focused courses and
 90.26 applied and experiential learning opportunities into strong academic content;

90.27 (7) help identify and access appropriate counseling and other supports and assistance
 90.28 that enable students to complete required coursework, prepare for postsecondary education
 90.29 and careers, and obtain information about postsecondary education costs and eligibility
 90.30 for financial aid and scholarship;

90.31 (8) help identify collaborative partnerships among prekindergarten through grade
 90.32 12 schools, postsecondary institutions, economic development agencies, and local and
 90.33 regional employers that support students' transition to postsecondary education and
 90.34 employment and provide students with applied and experiential learning opportunities; and

91.1 (9) be reviewed and revised at least annually by the student, the student's parent or
 91.2 guardian, and the school or district to ensure that the student's course-taking schedule keeps
 91.3 the student making adequate progress to meet state and local academic standards and high
 91.4 school graduation requirements and with a reasonable chance to succeed with employment
 91.5 or postsecondary education without the need to first complete remedial course work.

91.6 (b) A school district may develop grade-level curricula or provide instruction that
 91.7 introduces students to various careers, but must not require any curriculum, instruction,
 91.8 or employment-related activity that obligates an elementary or secondary student to
 91.9 involuntarily select or pursue a career, career interest, employment goals, or related job
 91.10 training.

91.11 (c) Educators must possess the knowledge and skills to effectively teach all English
 91.12 learners in their classrooms. School districts must provide appropriate curriculum,
 91.13 targeted materials, professional development opportunities for educators, and sufficient
 91.14 resources to enable English learners to become career and college ready.

91.15 (d) When assisting students in developing a plan for a smooth and successful
 91.16 transition to postsecondary education and employment, districts must recognize the unique
 91.17 possibilities of each student and ensure that the contents of each student's plan reflect the
 91.18 student's unique talents, skills, and abilities as the student grows, develops, and learns.

91.19 Sec. 7. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 120B.30, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

91.20 Subdivision 1. **Statewide testing.** (a) The commissioner, with advice from experts
 91.21 with appropriate technical qualifications and experience and stakeholders, consistent
 91.22 with subdivision 1a, shall include in the comprehensive assessment system, for each
 91.23 grade level to be tested, state-constructed tests developed as computer-adaptive reading
 91.24 and mathematics assessments for students that are aligned with the state's required
 91.25 academic standards under section 120B.021, include multiple choice questions, and are
 91.26 administered annually to all students in grades 3 through 7 8. ~~Reading and mathematics~~
 91.27 ~~assessments for all students in grade 8 must be aligned with the state's required reading and~~
 91.28 ~~mathematics standards, be administered annually, and include multiple choice questions.~~
 91.29 State-developed high school tests aligned with the state's required academic standards
 91.30 under section 120B.021 and administered to all high school students in a subject other than
 91.31 writing must include multiple choice questions. The commissioner shall establish one or
 91.32 more months during which schools shall administer the tests to students each school year.

91.33 (1) Students enrolled in grade 8 through the 2009-2010 school year are eligible
 91.34 to be assessed under (i) the graduation-required assessment for diploma in reading,
 91.35 mathematics, or writing under Minnesota Statutes 2012, section 120B.30, subdivision 1,

92.1 paragraphs (c), clauses (1) and (2), and (d), (ii) the WorkKeys job skills assessment, (iii)
 92.2 the Compass college placement test, (iv) the ACT assessment for college admission, ~~or~~ (v)
 92.3 a nationally recognized armed services vocational aptitude test.

92.4 (2) Students enrolled in grade 8 in the 2010-2011 or 2011-2012 school year are
 92.5 eligible to be assessed under (i) the graduation-required assessment for diploma in reading,
 92.6 mathematics, or writing under Minnesota Statutes 2012, section 120B.30, subdivision
 92.7 1, paragraph (c), clauses (1) and (2), (ii) the WorkKeys job skills assessment, (iii) the
 92.8 Compass college placement test, (iv) the ACT assessment for college admission, ~~or~~ (v) a
 92.9 nationally recognized armed services vocational aptitude test.

92.10 (3) For students under clause (1) or (2), a school district may substitute a score from
 92.11 an alternative, equivalent assessment to satisfy the requirements of this paragraph.

92.12 (b) The state assessment system must be aligned to the most recent revision of
 92.13 academic standards as described in section 120B.023 in the following manner:

92.14 (1) mathematics;

92.15 (i) grades 3 through 8 beginning in the 2010-2011 school year; and

92.16 (ii) high school level beginning in the 2013-2014 school year;

92.17 (2) science; grades 5 and 8 and at the high school level beginning in the 2011-2012
 92.18 school year; and

92.19 (3) language arts and reading; grades 3 through 8 and high school level beginning in
 92.20 the 2012-2013 school year.

92.21 (c) For students enrolled in grade 8 in the 2012-2013 school year and later, students'
 92.22 state graduation requirements, based on a longitudinal, systematic approach to student
 92.23 education and career planning, assessment, instructional support, and evaluation, include
 92.24 the following:

92.25 (1) ~~demonstrate understanding of required academic standards~~ an opportunity to
 92.26 participate on a nationally normed college entrance exam, in grade 11 or grade 12;

92.27 (2) achievement and career and college readiness tests in mathematics, reading, and
 92.28 writing, consistent with paragraph ~~(e)~~ (j) and to the extent available, to monitor students'
 92.29 continuous development of and growth in requisite knowledge and skills; analyze
 92.30 students' progress and performance levels, identifying students' academic strengths and
 92.31 diagnosing areas where students require curriculum or instructional adjustments, targeted
 92.32 interventions, or remediation; and, based on analysis of students' progress and performance
 92.33 data, determine students' learning and instructional needs and the instructional tools and
 92.34 best practices that support academic rigor for the student; and

92.35 (3) consistent with this paragraph and section 120B.125, age-appropriate exploration
 92.36 and planning activities and career assessments to encourage students to identify personally

93.1 relevant career interests and aptitudes and help students and their families develop a
 93.2 regularly reexamined transition plan for postsecondary education or employment without
 93.3 need for postsecondary remediation.

93.4 Based on appropriate state guidelines, students with an individualized education program
 93.5 may satisfy state graduation requirements by achieving an individual score on the
 93.6 state-identified alternative assessments.

93.7 (d) Expectations of schools, districts, and the state for career or college readiness
 93.8 under this subdivision must be comparable in rigor, clarity of purpose, and rates of student
 93.9 completion. A student under paragraph (c), clause (2)₂ must receive targeted, relevant,
 93.10 academically rigorous, and resourced instruction, which may include a targeted instruction
 93.11 and intervention plan focused on improving the student's knowledge and skills in core
 93.12 subjects so that the student has a reasonable chance to succeed in a career or college
 93.13 without need for postsecondary remediation. Consistent with sections 120B.13, 124D.09,
 93.14 124D.091, 124D.49, and related sections, an enrolling school or district must actively
 93.15 encourage a student in grade 11 or 12 who is identified as academically ready for a career
 93.16 or college to participate in courses and programs awarding college credit to high school
 93.17 students. Students are not required to achieve a specified score or level of proficiency on
 93.18 an assessment under this subdivision to graduate from high school.

93.19 ~~(d) To improve the secondary and postsecondary outcomes of all students, the~~
 93.20 ~~alignment between secondary and postsecondary education programs and Minnesota's~~
 93.21 ~~workforce needs, and the efficiency and cost-effectiveness of secondary and postsecondary~~
 93.22 ~~programs, the commissioner, after consulting with the chancellor of the Minnesota State~~
 93.23 ~~Colleges and Universities and using a request for proposal process, shall contract for a~~
 93.24 ~~series of assessments that are consistent with this subdivision, aligned with state academic~~
 93.25 ~~standards, and include career and college readiness benchmarks. Mathematics, reading,~~
 93.26 ~~and writing assessments for students in grades 8 and 10 must be predictive of a nationally~~
 93.27 ~~normed assessment for career and college readiness. This~~

93.28 (e) Though not a high school graduation requirement, students are encouraged to
 93.29 participate in a nationally recognized college entrance exam. With funding provided by
 93.30 the state, a district must pay the cost, one time, for an interested student in grade 11 or 12
 93.31 to take a nationally recognized assessment must be a college entrance exam and given to
 93.32 students in grade 11 before graduating. This series of assessments must include a college
 93.33 placement diagnostic exam and contain career exploration elements. A student must be
 93.34 able to take the exam under this paragraph at the student's high school during the school
 93.35 day and at any one of the multiple exam administrations available to students in the district.

94.1 (f) The commissioner and the chancellor of the Minnesota State Colleges and
 94.2 Universities must collaborate in aligning instruction and assessments for adult basic
 94.3 education students and English learners to provide the students with diagnostic information
 94.4 about any targeted interventions, accommodations, modifications, and supports they
 94.5 need so that assessments and other performance measures are accessible to them and
 94.6 they may seek postsecondary education or employment without need for postsecondary
 94.7 remediation. When administering formative or summative assessments used to measure
 94.8 the academic progress, including the oral academic development, of English learners
 94.9 and inform their instruction, schools must ensure that the assessments are accessible to
 94.10 the students and students have the modifications and supports they need to sufficiently
 94.11 understand the assessments.

94.12 (+) (g) Districts and schools, on an annual basis, must use the career exploration
 94.13 elements in these assessments to help students, beginning no later than grade 9, and their
 94.14 families explore and plan for postsecondary education or careers based on the students'
 94.15 interests, aptitudes, and aspirations. Districts and schools must use timely regional labor
 94.16 market information and partnerships, among other resources, to help students and their
 94.17 families successfully develop, pursue, review, and revise an individualized plan for
 94.18 postsecondary education or a career. This process must help increase students' engagement
 94.19 in and connection to school, improve students' knowledge and skills, and deepen students'
 94.20 understanding of career pathways as a sequence of academic and career courses that lead
 94.21 to an industry-recognized credential, an associate's degree, or a bachelor's degree and are
 94.22 available to all students, whatever their interests and career goals.

94.23 (2) ~~Students in grade 10 or 11 not yet academically ready for a career or college based~~
 94.24 ~~on their growth in academic achievement between grades 8 and 10 must take the college~~
 94.25 ~~placement diagnostic exam before taking the college entrance exam under clause (3).~~
 94.26 ~~Students, their families, the school, and the district can then use the results of the college~~
 94.27 ~~placement diagnostic exam for targeted instruction, intervention, or remediation and~~
 94.28 ~~improve students' knowledge and skills in core subjects sufficient for a student to graduate~~
 94.29 ~~and have a reasonable chance to succeed in a career or college without remediation.~~

94.30 (3) ~~All students except those eligible for alternative assessments must be given the~~
 94.31 ~~college entrance part of these assessments in grade 11. (h) A student under this clause~~
 94.32 ~~who demonstrates attainment of required state academic standards, which include career~~
 94.33 ~~and college readiness benchmarks, on these high school assessments under subdivision 1a~~
 94.34 ~~is academically ready for a career or college and is encouraged to participate in courses~~
 94.35 ~~awarding college credit to high school students. Such courses and programs may include~~

95.1 sequential courses of study within broad career areas and technical skill assessments
95.2 that extend beyond course grades.

95.3 ~~(4)~~ (i) As appropriate, students through grade 12 must continue to participate in
95.4 targeted instruction, intervention, or remediation and be encouraged to participate in
95.5 courses awarding college credit to high school students.

95.6 ~~(5) A study to determine the alignment between these assessments and state
95.7 academic standards under this chapter must be conducted. Where alignment exists, the
95.8 commissioner must seek federal approval to, and immediately upon receiving approval,
95.9 replace the federally required assessments referenced under subdivision 1a and section
95.10 120B.35, subdivision 2, with assessments under this paragraph.~~

95.11 ~~(e)~~ (j) In developing, supporting, and improving students' academic readiness for a
95.12 career or college, schools, districts, and the state must have a continuum of empirically
95.13 derived, clearly defined benchmarks focused on students' attainment of knowledge and
95.14 skills so that students, their parents, and teachers know how well students must perform to
95.15 have a reasonable chance to succeed in a career or college without need for postsecondary
95.16 remediation. The commissioner, in consultation with local school officials and educators,
95.17 and Minnesota's public postsecondary institutions must ensure that the foundational
95.18 knowledge and skills for students' successful performance in postsecondary employment
95.19 or education and an articulated series of possible targeted interventions are clearly
95.20 identified and satisfy Minnesota's postsecondary admissions requirements.

95.21 ~~(f)~~ (k) For students in grade 8 in the 2012-2013 school year and later, a school,
95.22 district, or charter school must record on the high school transcript a student's progress
95.23 toward career and college readiness, and for other students as soon as practicable.

95.24 ~~(g)~~ (l) The school board granting students their diplomas may formally decide to
95.25 include a notation of high achievement on the high school diplomas of those graduating
95.26 seniors who, according to established school board criteria, demonstrate exemplary
95.27 academic achievement during high school.

95.28 ~~(h)~~ (m) The 3rd through ~~7th~~ 8th grade computer-adaptive assessment results ~~and grade~~
95.29 8 and high school test results shall be available to districts for diagnostic purposes affecting
95.30 student learning and district instruction and curriculum, and for establishing educational
95.31 accountability. The commissioner must establish empirically derived benchmarks on
95.32 adaptive assessments in grades 3 through ~~7~~ 8 that reveal a trajectory toward career and
95.33 college readiness. The commissioner must disseminate to the public the computer-adaptive
95.34 assessments, ~~grade 8~~, and high school test results upon receiving those results.

95.35 ~~(i)~~ (n) The grades 3 through ~~7~~ 8 computer-adaptive assessments ~~and grade 8~~ and
95.36 high school tests must be aligned with state academic standards. The commissioner shall

96.1 determine the testing process and the order of administration. The statewide results shall
 96.2 be aggregated at the site and district level, consistent with subdivision 1a.

96.3 ~~(j)~~ (o) The commissioner shall include the following components in the statewide
 96.4 public reporting system:

96.5 (1) uniform statewide computer-adaptive assessments of all students in grades 3
 96.6 through ~~7~~ 8 and testing at the ~~grade 8 and~~ high school levels that provides appropriate,
 96.7 technically sound accommodations or alternate assessments;

96.8 (2) educational indicators that can be aggregated and compared across school
 96.9 districts and across time on a statewide basis, including average daily attendance, high
 96.10 school graduation rates, and high school drop-out rates by age and grade level;

96.11 (3) state results on the American College Test; and

96.12 (4) state results from participation in the National Assessment of Educational
 96.13 Progress so that the state can benchmark its performance against the nation and other
 96.14 states, and, where possible, against other countries, and contribute to the national effort
 96.15 to monitor achievement.

96.16 ~~(k)~~ (p) For purposes of statewide accountability, "career and college ready" means a
 96.17 high school graduate has the knowledge, skills, and competencies to successfully pursue a
 96.18 career pathway, including postsecondary credit leading to a degree, diploma, certificate, or
 96.19 industry-recognized credential and employment. Students who are career and college ready
 96.20 are able to successfully complete credit-bearing coursework at a two- or four-year college
 96.21 or university or other credit-bearing postsecondary program without need for remediation.

96.22 ~~(h)~~ (q) For purposes of statewide accountability, "cultural competence," "cultural
 96.23 competency," or "culturally competent" means the ability and will to interact effectively
 96.24 with people of different cultures, native languages, and socioeconomic backgrounds.

96.25 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective for the 2015-2016 school year and
 96.26 later.

96.27 Sec. 8. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 120B.30, subdivision 1a, is amended to read:

96.28 Subd. 1a. **Statewide and local assessments; results.** (a) For purposes of this
 96.29 section, the following definitions have the meanings given them.

96.30 (1) "Computer-adaptive assessments" means fully adaptive assessments.

96.31 (2) "Fully adaptive assessments" include test items that are on-grade level and items
 96.32 that may be above or below a student's grade level.

96.33 (3) "On-grade level" test items contain subject area content that is aligned to state
 96.34 academic standards for the grade level of the student taking the assessment.

97.1 (4) "Above-grade level" test items contain subject area content that is above the
 97.2 grade level of the student taking the assessment and is considered aligned with state
 97.3 academic standards to the extent it is aligned with content represented in state academic
 97.4 standards above the grade level of the student taking the assessment. Notwithstanding
 97.5 the student's grade level, administering above-grade level test items to a student does not
 97.6 violate the requirement that state assessments must be aligned with state standards.

97.7 (5) "Below-grade level" test items contain subject area content that is below the
 97.8 grade level of the student taking the test and is considered aligned with state academic
 97.9 standards to the extent it is aligned with content represented in state academic standards
 97.10 below the student's current grade level. Notwithstanding the student's grade level,
 97.11 administering below-grade level test items to a student does not violate the requirement
 97.12 that state assessments must be aligned with state standards.

97.13 (b) The commissioner must use fully adaptive mathematics and reading assessments
 97.14 for grades 3 through ~~7 beginning in the 2015-2016 school year and later~~ 8.

97.15 (c) For purposes of conforming with existing federal educational accountability
 97.16 requirements, the commissioner must develop and implement computer-adaptive reading
 97.17 and mathematics assessments for grades 3 through ~~7~~ 8, state-developed ~~grade 8 and~~
 97.18 high school reading and mathematics tests aligned with state academic standards, a
 97.19 high school writing test aligned with state standards when it becomes available, and
 97.20 science assessments under clause (2) that districts and sites must use to monitor student
 97.21 growth toward achieving those standards. The commissioner must not develop statewide
 97.22 assessments for academic standards in social studies, health and physical education, and
 97.23 the arts. The commissioner must require:

97.24 (1) annual computer-adaptive reading and mathematics assessments in grades 3
 97.25 through ~~7~~ 8, and ~~grade 8 and high school reading,~~ writing, and mathematics tests; and

97.26 (2) annual science assessments in one grade in the grades 3 through 5 span, the
 97.27 grades 6 through 8 span, and a life sciences assessment in the grades 9 through 12 span,
 97.28 and the commissioner must not require students to achieve a passing score on high school
 97.29 science assessments as a condition of receiving a high school diploma.

97.30 (d) The commissioner must ensure that for annual computer-adaptive assessments:

97.31 (1) individual student performance data and achievement reports are available
 97.32 within three school days of when students take an assessment except in a year when an
 97.33 assessment reflects new performance standards;

97.34 (2) growth information is available for each student from the student's first
 97.35 assessment to each proximate assessment using a constant measurement scale;

98.1 (3) parents, teachers, and school administrators are able to use elementary and
 98.2 middle school student performance data to project students' secondary and postsecondary
 98.3 achievement; and

98.4 (4) useful diagnostic information about areas of students' academic strengths and
 98.5 weaknesses is available to teachers and school administrators for improving student
 98.6 instruction and indicating the specific skills and concepts that should be introduced and
 98.7 developed for students at given performance levels, organized by strands within subject
 98.8 areas, and aligned to state academic standards.

98.9 (e) The commissioner must ensure that all state tests administered to elementary and
 98.10 secondary students measure students' academic knowledge and skills and not students'
 98.11 values, attitudes, and beliefs.

98.12 (f) Reporting of state assessment results must:

98.13 (1) provide timely, useful, and understandable information on the performance of
 98.14 individual students, schools, school districts, and the state;

98.15 (2) include a growth indicator of student achievement; and

98.16 (3) determine whether students have met the state's academic standards.

98.17 (g) Consistent with applicable federal law, the commissioner must include
 98.18 appropriate, technically sound accommodations or alternative assessments for the very
 98.19 few students with disabilities for whom statewide assessments are inappropriate and
 98.20 for English learners.

98.21 (h) A school, school district, and charter school must administer statewide
 98.22 assessments under this section, as the assessments become available, to evaluate student
 98.23 progress toward career and college readiness in the context of the state's academic
 98.24 standards. A school, school district, or charter school may use a student's performance
 98.25 on a statewide assessment as one of multiple criteria to determine grade promotion or
 98.26 retention. A school, school district, or charter school may use a high school student's
 98.27 performance on a statewide assessment as a percentage of the student's final grade in a
 98.28 course, or place a student's assessment score on the student's transcript.

98.29 Sec. 9. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 120B.30, is amended by adding a subdivision
 98.30 to read:

98.31 Subd. 1b. **Special and extenuating circumstances.** The Department of Education
 98.32 shall develop a list of circumstances in which a student may be unable to test. The list
 98.33 shall include but not be limited to: students transferring to Minnesota from another state,
 98.34 students transferring from nonpublic to public school and students hospitalized. Students

99.1 unable to participate in statewide assessment due to a circumstance on the list authorized
 99.2 under this subdivision shall not be penalized for missing the opportunity to take a test.

99.3 Sec. 10. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 120B.30, subdivision 4, is amended to read:

99.4 Subd. 4. **Access to tests.** Consistent with section 13.34, the commissioner must
 99.5 adopt and publish a policy to provide public and parental access for review of ~~basic~~
 99.6 ~~skills tests, Minnesota Comprehensive Assessments, or any other such statewide test~~
 99.7 ~~and assessment~~ developed assessments which would not compromise the objectivity or
 99.8 fairness of the testing or examination process. Upon receiving a written request, the
 99.9 commissioner must make available to parents or guardians a copy of their student's actual
 99.10 responses to the test questions for their review.

99.11 Sec. 11. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 120B.30, is amended by adding a subdivision
 99.12 to read:

99.13 Subd. 6. **Commissioner-ordered suspension of assessments.** In the event that it
 99.14 becomes necessary for the commissioner to order the suspension of assessments under
 99.15 this section because of service disruptions, technical interruptions, or any other reason
 99.16 beyond the control of school districts, the commissioner must immediately notify the chair
 99.17 and ranking member of the legislative committees with jurisdiction over kindergarten
 99.18 through grade 12 education.

99.19 Sec. 12. **[120B.301] LIMITS ON LOCAL TESTING.**

99.20 (a) For students in grades 1 through 6, the cumulative total amount of time spent
 99.21 taking locally adopted districtwide or schoolwide assessments must not exceed ten hours
 99.22 per school year. For students in grades 7 through 12, the cumulative total amount of time
 99.23 spent taking locally adopted districtwide or schoolwide assessments must not exceed 11
 99.24 hours per school year. For purposes of this paragraph, International Baccalaureate and
 99.25 Advanced Placement exams are not considered locally adopted assessments.

99.26 (b) A district or charter school is exempt from the requirements of paragraph (a),
 99.27 if the district or charter school, in consultation with the exclusive representative of the
 99.28 teachers or other teachers if there is no exclusive representative of the teachers, decides
 99.29 to exceed a time limit in paragraph (a) and includes in the report required under section
 99.30 120B.11, subdivision 5.

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

99.32 Sec. 13. **INTERRUPTED TESTS; TEST DATA.**

100.1 (a) The commissioner of education must contract with a qualified independent
 100.2 contractor to determine whether students' 2015 Minnesota Comprehensive Assessments
 100.3 mathematics, reading, and science test results under Minnesota Statutes, section 120B.30,
 100.4 are sufficiently robust or were sufficiently invariant to observed disruptions of the test
 100.5 administration to accurately reflect students' achievement on these tests.

100.6 (b) For purposes of Minnesota Statutes, section 120B.36, and section 122A.40,
 100.7 subdivision 9, or 122A.41, subdivision 5, and notwithstanding other law to the contrary,
 100.8 a school district may decide, consistent with the concern under paragraph (a) about
 100.9 incomplete data from interrupted tests, to not report student test results for the 2014-2015
 100.10 school year.

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

100.12 Sec. 14. **REPORT ON MCA CONTRACTOR PERFORMANCE.**

100.13 By February 10, 2016, the commissioner of education must report to the legislative
 100.14 committee with jurisdiction over education finance and policy describing the performance
 100.15 of the contractor providing the Minnesota Comprehensive Assessments to the state,
 100.16 including any payment adjusted to reflect the contractor's failure to perform according to
 100.17 the terms of the state contract, findings from the qualified independent contractor under
 100.18 section 13, and any other information about online administration of the Minnesota
 100.19 Comprehensive assessments the commissioner wishes to include in the report.

100.20 Sec. 15. **APPROPRIATIONS.**

100.21 Subdivision 1. **Department.** The sums indicated in this section are appropriated
 100.22 from the general fund to the Department of Education for the fiscal years designated.

100.23 Subd. 2. **Statewide testing and reporting system.** For the statewide testing and
 100.24 reporting system under Minnesota Statutes, section 120B.30:

100.25	\$	<u>11,204,000</u>	<u>.....</u>	<u>2016</u>
100.26	\$	<u>10,892,000</u>	<u>.....</u>	<u>2017</u>

100.27 Any balance in the first year does not cancel but is available in the second year.

100.28 Subd. 3. **ACT test reimbursement.** To reimburse districts for students who qualify
 100.29 under Minnesota Statutes, section 120B.30, subdivision 1, paragraph (e), for onetime
 100.30 payment of their ACT examination fee:

100.31	\$	<u>3,011,000</u>	<u>.....</u>	<u>2016</u>
100.32	\$	<u>3,011,000</u>	<u>.....</u>	<u>2017</u>

101.1 The Department of Education must reimburse districts for their onetime payments
101.2 on behalf of students.

101.3 Subd. 4. Examination fees; teacher training and support programs. (a) For
101.4 students' advanced placement and international baccalaureate examination fees under
101.5 Minnesota Statutes, section 120B.13, subdivision 3, and the training and related costs
101.6 for teachers and other interested educators under Minnesota Statutes, section 120B.13,
101.7 subdivision 1:

101.8 \$ 4,500,000 2016

101.9 \$ 4,500,000 2017

101.10 (b) The advanced placement program shall receive 75 percent of the appropriation
101.11 each year and the international baccalaureate program shall receive 25 percent of the
101.12 appropriation each year. The department, in consultation with representatives of the
101.13 advanced placement and international baccalaureate programs selected by the Advanced
101.14 Placement Advisory Council and IBMN, respectively, shall determine the amounts of
101.15 the expenditures each year for examination fees and training and support programs for
101.16 each program.

101.17 (c) Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes, section 120B.13, subdivision 1, at least
101.18 \$500,000 each year is for teachers to attend subject matter summer training programs
101.19 and follow-up support workshops approved by the advanced placement or international
101.20 baccalaureate programs. The amount of the subsidy for each teacher attending an
101.21 advanced placement or international baccalaureate summer training program or workshop
101.22 shall be the same. The commissioner shall determine the payment process and the amount
101.23 of the subsidy.

101.24 (d) The commissioner shall pay all examination fees for all students of low-income
101.25 families under Minnesota Statutes, section 120B.13, subdivision 3, and to the extent
101.26 of available appropriations shall also pay examination fees for students sitting for an
101.27 advanced placement examination, international baccalaureate examination, or both.

101.28 Any balance in the first year does not cancel but is available in the second year.

101.29 **Sec. 16. REPEALER.**

101.30 Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 120B.128, is repealed.

101.31 **ARTICLE 4**

101.32 **CHARTER SCHOOLS**

101.33 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 124D.10, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

102.1 Subdivision 1. **Purposes.** (a) The primary purpose of this section is to improve all
 102.2 pupil learning and all student achievement. Additional purposes include to:

102.3 (1) increase learning opportunities for all pupils;

102.4 (2) encourage the use of different and innovative teaching methods;

102.5 (3) measure learning outcomes and create different and innovative forms of
 102.6 measuring outcomes;

102.7 (4) establish new forms of accountability for schools; or

102.8 (5) create new professional opportunities for teachers, including the opportunity to
 102.9 be responsible for the learning program at the school site.

102.10 (b) This section does not provide a means to keep open a school that a school board
 102.11 decides to close. However, a school board may endorse or authorize the establishing of
 102.12 a charter school to replace the school the board decided to close. Applicants seeking a
 102.13 charter under this circumstance must demonstrate to the authorizer that the charter sought
 102.14 is substantially different in purpose and program from the school the board closed and
 102.15 that the proposed charter satisfies the requirements of this subdivision. If the school
 102.16 board that closed the school authorizes the charter, it must document in its affidavit to the
 102.17 commissioner that the charter is substantially different in program and purpose from
 102.18 the school it closed.

102.19 (c) An authorizer shall not approve an application submitted by a charter school
 102.20 developer under subdivision 4, paragraph (a), if the application does not comply with this
 102.21 subdivision. The commissioner shall not approve an affidavit submitted by an authorizer
 102.22 under subdivision 4, paragraph (b), if the affidavit does not comply with this subdivision.

102.23 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 124D.10, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

102.24 Subd. 3. **Authorizer.** (a) For purposes of this section, the terms defined in this
 102.25 subdivision have the meanings given them.

102.26 "Application" to receive approval as an authorizer means the proposal an eligible
 102.27 authorizer submits to the commissioner under paragraph ~~(e)~~ (d) before that authorizer is
 102.28 able to submit any affidavit to charter to a school.

102.29 "Application" under subdivision 4 means the charter school business plan a
 102.30 school developer submits to an authorizer for approval to establish a charter school that
 102.31 documents the school developer's mission statement, school purposes, program design,
 102.32 financial plan, governance and management structure, and background and experience,
 102.33 plus any other information the authorizer requests. The application also shall include a
 102.34 "statement of assurances" of legal compliance prescribed by the commissioner.

103.1 "Affidavit" means a written statement the authorizer submits to the commissioner
103.2 for approval to establish a charter school under subdivision 4 attesting to its review and
103.3 approval process before chartering a school.

103.4 (b) The following organizations may authorize one or more charter schools:

103.5 (1) a school board, intermediate school district school board, or education district
103.6 organized under sections 123A.15 to 123A.19;

103.7 (2) a charitable organization under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code
103.8 of 1986, excluding a nonpublic sectarian or religious institution; any person other than a
103.9 natural person that directly or indirectly, through one or more intermediaries, controls,
103.10 is controlled by, or is under common control with the nonpublic sectarian or religious
103.11 institution; and any other charitable organization under this clause that in the federal IRS
103.12 Form 1023, Part IV, describes activities indicating a religious purpose, that:

103.13 (i) is a member of the Minnesota Council of Nonprofits or the Minnesota Council on
103.14 Foundations;

103.15 (ii) is registered with the attorney general's office; and

103.16 (iii) is incorporated in the state of Minnesota and has been operating continuously
103.17 for at least five years but does not operate a charter school;

103.18 (3) a Minnesota private college, notwithstanding clause (2), that grants two- or
103.19 four-year degrees and is registered with the Minnesota Office of Higher Education under
103.20 chapter 136A; community college, state university, or technical college governed by the
103.21 Board of Trustees of the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities; or the University
103.22 of Minnesota;

103.23 (4) a nonprofit corporation subject to chapter 317A, described in section 317A.905,
103.24 and exempt from federal income tax under section 501(c)(6) of the Internal Revenue Code
103.25 of 1986, may authorize one or more charter schools if the charter school has operated
103.26 for at least three years under a different authorizer and if the nonprofit corporation has
103.27 existed for at least 25 years; or

103.28 (5) single-purpose authorizers formed as charitable, nonsectarian organizations
103.29 under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 and incorporated in the state
103.30 of Minnesota under chapter 317A as a corporation with no members or under section
103.31 322B.975 as a nonprofit limited liability company for the sole purpose of chartering schools.

103.32 (c) Eligible organizations interested in being approved as an authorizer under this
103.33 paragraph must submit a proposal to the commissioner that includes the provisions
103.34 of paragraph ~~(e)~~ (d) and a five-year financial plan. Such authorizers shall consider and
103.35 approve charter school applications using the criteria provided in subdivision 4 and shall

104.1 not limit the applications it solicits, considers, or approves to any single curriculum,
 104.2 learning program, or method.

104.3 ~~(e)~~ (d) An eligible authorizer under this subdivision must apply to the commissioner
 104.4 for approval as an authorizer before submitting any affidavit to the commissioner to charter
 104.5 a school. The application for approval as a charter school authorizer must demonstrate
 104.6 the applicant's ability to implement the procedures and satisfy the criteria for chartering a
 104.7 school under this section. The commissioner must approve or disapprove an application
 104.8 within 45 business days of the application deadline. If the commissioner disapproves
 104.9 the application, the commissioner must notify the applicant of the specific deficiencies
 104.10 in writing and the applicant then has 20 business days to address the deficiencies to the
 104.11 commissioner's satisfaction. After the 20 business days expire, the commissioner has 15
 104.12 business days to make a final decision to approve or disapprove the application. Failing to
 104.13 address the deficiencies to the commissioner's satisfaction makes an applicant ineligible to
 104.14 be an authorizer. The commissioner, in establishing criteria for approval, must consider
 104.15 the applicant's:

- 104.16 (1) capacity and infrastructure;
- 104.17 (2) application criteria and process;
- 104.18 (3) contracting process;
- 104.19 (4) ongoing oversight and evaluation processes; and
- 104.20 (5) renewal criteria and processes.

104.21 ~~(d)~~ (e) An applicant must include in its application to the commissioner to be an
 104.22 approved authorizer at least the following:

- 104.23 (1) how chartering schools is a way for the organization to carry out its mission;
- 104.24 (2) a description of the capacity of the organization to serve as an authorizer,
 104.25 including the personnel who will perform the authorizing duties, their qualifications, the
 104.26 amount of time they will be assigned to this responsibility, and the financial resources
 104.27 allocated by the organization to this responsibility;
- 104.28 (3) a description of the application and review process the authorizer will use to
 104.29 make decisions regarding the granting of charters;
- 104.30 (4) a description of the type of contract it will arrange with the schools it charters
 104.31 that meets the provisions of subdivision 6;
- 104.32 (5) the process to be used for providing ongoing oversight of the school consistent
 104.33 with the contract expectations specified in clause (4) that assures that the schools chartered
 104.34 are complying with both the provisions of applicable law and rules, and with the contract;
- 104.35 (6) a description of the criteria and process the authorizer will use to grant expanded
 104.36 applications under subdivision 4, paragraph ~~(j)~~ (s);

105.1 (7) the process for making decisions regarding the renewal or termination of
 105.2 the school's charter based on evidence that demonstrates the academic, organizational,
 105.3 and financial competency of the school, including its success in increasing student
 105.4 achievement and meeting the goals of the charter school agreement; and

105.5 (8) an assurance specifying that the organization is committed to serving as an
 105.6 authorizer for the full five-year term.

105.7 ~~(e)~~ (f) A disapproved applicant under this section may resubmit an application
 105.8 during a future application period.

105.9 ~~(f)~~ (g) If the governing board of an approved authorizer votes to withdraw as
 105.10 an approved authorizer for a reason unrelated to any cause under subdivision 23, the
 105.11 authorizer must notify all its chartered schools and the commissioner in writing by July 15
 105.12 of its intent to withdraw as an authorizer on June 30 in the next calendar year, regardless
 105.13 of when the authorizer's five-year term of approval ends. The commissioner may approve
 105.14 the transfer of a charter school to a new authorizer under this paragraph after the new
 105.15 authorizer submits an affidavit to the commissioner.

105.16 ~~(g)~~ (h) The authorizer must participate in department-approved training.

105.17 ~~(h)~~ (i) The commissioner shall review an authorizer's performance every five years
 105.18 in a manner and form determined by the commissioner and may review an authorizer's
 105.19 performance more frequently at the commissioner's own initiative or at the request of a
 105.20 charter school operator, charter school board member, or other interested party. The
 105.21 commissioner, after completing the review, shall transmit a report with findings to the
 105.22 authorizer.

105.23 (j) If, consistent with this section, the commissioner finds that an authorizer has not
 105.24 fulfilled the requirements of this section, the commissioner may subject the authorizer
 105.25 to corrective action, which may include terminating the contract with the charter school
 105.26 board of directors of a school it chartered. The commissioner must notify the authorizer
 105.27 in writing of any findings that may subject the authorizer to corrective action and
 105.28 the authorizer then has 15 business days to request an informal hearing before the
 105.29 commissioner takes corrective action. If the commissioner terminates a contract between
 105.30 an authorizer and a charter school under this paragraph, the commissioner may assist the
 105.31 charter school in acquiring a new authorizer.

105.32 ~~(i)~~ (k) The commissioner may at any time take corrective action against an
 105.33 authorizer, including terminating an authorizer's ability to charter a school for:

105.34 (1) failing to demonstrate the criteria under paragraph ~~(e)~~ (d) under which the
 105.35 commissioner approved the authorizer;

- 106.1 (2) violating a term of the chartering contract between the authorizer and the charter
 106.2 school board of directors;
- 106.3 (3) unsatisfactory performance as an approved authorizer; or
- 106.4 (4) any good cause shown that provides the commissioner a legally sufficient reason
 106.5 to take corrective action against an authorizer.

106.6 Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 124D.10, subdivision 4, is amended to read:

106.7 Subd. 4. **Formation of school.** (a) An authorizer, after receiving an application from
 106.8 a school developer, may charter a licensed teacher under section 122A.18, subdivision
 106.9 1, or a group of individuals that includes one or more licensed teachers under section
 106.10 122A.18, subdivision 1, to operate a school subject to the commissioner's approval of the
 106.11 authorizer's affidavit under paragraph ~~(b)~~ (d).

106.12 (b) The school must be organized and operated as a nonprofit corporation under
 106.13 chapter 317A and the provisions under the applicable chapter shall apply to the school
 106.14 except as provided in this section.

106.15 (c) Notwithstanding sections 465.717 and 465.719, a school district, subject to this
 106.16 section and section 124D.11, may create a corporation for the purpose of establishing a
 106.17 charter school.

106.18 ~~(b)~~ (d) Before the operators may establish and operate a school, the authorizer must
 106.19 file an affidavit with the commissioner stating its intent to charter a school. An authorizer
 106.20 must file a separate affidavit for each school it intends to charter. An authorizer must file
 106.21 an affidavit ~~by May 1 to be able to charter a new school in the next school year after the~~
 106.22 ~~commissioner approves the authorizer's affidavit at least 14 months before July 1 of the~~
 106.23 year the new charter school plans to serve students. The affidavit must state the terms and
 106.24 conditions under which the authorizer would charter a school and how the authorizer
 106.25 intends to oversee the fiscal and student performance of the charter school and to comply
 106.26 with the terms of the written contract between the authorizer and the charter school
 106.27 board of directors under subdivision 6. The commissioner must approve or disapprove
 106.28 the authorizer's affidavit within 60 business days of receipt of the affidavit. If the
 106.29 commissioner disapproves the affidavit, the commissioner shall notify the authorizer of
 106.30 the deficiencies in the affidavit and the authorizer then has 20 business days to address the
 106.31 deficiencies. The commissioner must notify the authorizer of final approval or disapproval
 106.32 within 15 business days after receiving the authorizer's response to the deficiencies in the
 106.33 affidavit. If the authorizer does not address deficiencies to the commissioner's satisfaction,
 106.34 the commissioner's disapproval is final. Failure to obtain commissioner approval precludes
 106.35 an authorizer from chartering the school that is the subject of this affidavit.

107.1 ~~(e)~~ (e) The authorizer may prevent an approved charter school from opening for
 107.2 operation if, among other grounds, the charter school violates this section or does not meet
 107.3 the ready-to-open standards that are part of the authorizer's oversight and evaluation
 107.4 process or are stipulated in the charter school contract.

107.5 ~~(d)~~ (f) The operators authorized to organize and operate a school, before entering
 107.6 into a contract or other agreement for professional or other services, goods, or facilities,
 107.7 must incorporate as a nonprofit corporation under chapter 317A ~~and~~.

107.8 (g) The operators authorized to organize and operate a school, before entering into a
 107.9 contract or other agreement for professional or other services, goods, or facilities, must
 107.10 establish a board of directors composed of at least five members who are not related parties
 107.11 until a timely election for members of the ongoing charter school board of directors is
 107.12 held according to the school's articles and bylaws under paragraph (f) (1). A charter school
 107.13 board of directors must be composed of at least five members who are not related parties.

107.14 (h) Staff members employed at the school, including teachers providing instruction
 107.15 under a contract with a cooperative, members of the board of directors, and all parents
 107.16 or legal guardians of children enrolled in the school are the voters eligible to elect the
 107.17 members of the school's board of directors. A charter school must notify eligible voters of
 107.18 the school board election dates at least 30 days before the election.

107.19 (i) Board of director meetings must comply with chapter 13D.

107.20 ~~(e)~~ (j) A charter school shall publish and maintain on the school's official Web site:

107.21 (1) the minutes of meetings of the board of directors, and of members and committees
 107.22 having any board-delegated authority, for at least one calendar year from the date
 107.23 of publication; (2) directory information for members of the board of directors and
 107.24 committees having board-delegated authority; and (3) identifying and contact information
 107.25 for the school's authorizer. Identifying and contact information for the school's authorizer
 107.26 must be included in other school materials made available to the public.

107.27 (k) Upon request of an individual, the charter school must also make available in
 107.28 a timely fashion financial statements showing all operations and transactions affecting
 107.29 income, surplus, and deficit during the school's last annual accounting period; and a
 107.30 balance sheet summarizing assets and liabilities on the closing date of the accounting
 107.31 period. A charter school also must include that same information about its authorizer in
 107.32 other school materials that it makes available to the public.

107.33 ~~(f)~~ (l) Every charter school board member shall attend annual training throughout
 107.34 the member's term on the board. All new board members shall attend initial training on
 107.35 the board's role and responsibilities, employment policies and practices, and financial
 107.36 management. A new board member who does not begin the required initial training within

108.1 six months after being seated and complete that training within 12 months of being seated
108.2 on the board is automatically ineligible to continue to serve as a board member. The
108.3 school shall include in its annual report the training attended by each board member
108.4 during the previous year.

108.5 ~~(g)~~ (m) The ongoing board must be elected before the school completes its third
108.6 year of operation. Board elections must be held during the school year but may not be
108.7 conducted on days when the school is closed for holidays, breaks, or vacations.

108.8 (n) The charter school board of directors shall be composed of at least five nonrelated
108.9 members and include: (i) at least one licensed teacher employed as a teacher at the school
108.10 or providing instruction under contract between the charter school and a cooperative; (ii)
108.11 at least one parent or legal guardian of a student enrolled in the charter school who is not
108.12 an employee of the charter school; and (iii) at least one interested community member
108.13 who resides in Minnesota and is not employed by the charter school and does not have a
108.14 child enrolled in the school. The board may include a majority of teachers described in
108.15 this paragraph or parents or community members, or it may have no clear majority. The
108.16 chief financial officer and the chief administrator may only serve as ex-officio nonvoting
108.17 board members. No charter school employees shall serve on the board other than teachers
108.18 under item (i). Contractors providing facilities, goods, or services to a charter school shall
108.19 not serve on the board of directors of the charter school.

108.20 (o) Board bylaws shall outline the process and procedures for changing the board's
108.21 governance structure, consistent with chapter 317A. A board may change its governance
108.22 structure only:

108.23 (1) by a majority vote of the board of directors and a majority vote of the licensed
108.24 teachers employed by the school as teachers, including licensed teachers providing
108.25 instruction under a contract between the school and a cooperative; and

108.26 (2) with the authorizer's approval.

108.27 Any change in board governance structure must conform with the composition of
108.28 the board established under this paragraph.

108.29 ~~(h)~~ (p) The granting or renewal of a charter by an authorizer must not be conditioned
108.30 upon the bargaining unit status of the employees of the school.

108.31 ~~(i)~~ (q) The granting or renewal of a charter school by an authorizer must not be
108.32 contingent on the charter school being required to contract, lease, or purchase services
108.33 from the authorizer.

108.34 (r) Any potential contract, lease, or purchase of service from an authorizer must
108.35 be disclosed to the commissioner, accepted through an open bidding process, and be a
108.36 separate contract from the charter contract. The school must document the open bidding

109.1 process. An authorizer must not enter into a contract to provide management and financial
 109.2 services for a school that it authorizes, unless the school documents that it received at
 109.3 least two competitive bids.

109.4 ~~(j)~~ (s) A charter school may apply to the authorizer to amend the school charter to
 109.5 expand the operation of the school to additional grades or sites that would be students'
 109.6 primary enrollment site beyond those defined in the original affidavit approved by the
 109.7 commissioner. After approving the school's application, the authorizer shall submit a
 109.8 supplementary affidavit in the form and manner prescribed by the commissioner. The
 109.9 authorizer must file a supplement affidavit by October 1 to be eligible to expand in the next
 109.10 school year. The supplementary affidavit must document that the school has demonstrated
 109.11 to the satisfaction of the authorizer the following:

109.12 (1) the need for the expansion with supporting long-range enrollment projections;

109.13 (2) a longitudinal record of demonstrated student academic performance and growth
 109.14 on statewide assessments under chapter 120B or on other academic assessments that
 109.15 measure longitudinal student performance and growth approved by the charter school's
 109.16 board of directors and agreed upon with the authorizer;

109.17 (3) a history of sound school finances and a finance plan to implement the expansion
 109.18 in a manner to promote the school's financial sustainability; and

109.19 (4) board capacity and an administrative and management plan to implement its
 109.20 expansion.

109.21 ~~(k)~~ (t) The commissioner shall have 30 business days to review and comment on the
 109.22 supplemental affidavit. The commissioner shall notify the authorizer in writing of any
 109.23 deficiencies in the supplemental affidavit and the authorizer then has 20 business days to
 109.24 address, to the commissioner's satisfaction, any deficiencies in the supplemental affidavit.
 109.25 The commissioner must notify the authorizer of final approval or disapproval within 15
 109.26 business days after receiving the authorizer's response to the deficiencies in the affidavit.
 109.27 The school may not expand grades or add sites until the commissioner has approved the
 109.28 supplemental affidavit. The commissioner's approval or disapproval of a supplemental
 109.29 affidavit is final.

109.30 Sec. 4. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 124D.10, subdivision 8, is amended to read:

109.31 Subd. 8. **Federal, state, and local requirements.** (a) A charter school shall meet all
 109.32 federal, state, and local health and safety requirements applicable to school districts.

109.33 (b) A school must comply with statewide accountability requirements governing
 109.34 standards and assessments in chapter 120B.

110.1 (c) A school authorized by a school board may be located in any district, unless the
110.2 school board of the district of the proposed location disapproves by written resolution.

110.3 (d) A charter school must be nonsectarian in its programs, admission policies,
110.4 employment practices, and all other operations. An authorizer may not authorize a charter
110.5 school or program that is affiliated with a nonpublic sectarian school or a religious
110.6 institution.

110.7 (e) A charter school student must be released for religious instruction, consistent
110.8 with section 120A.22, subdivision 12, clause (3).

110.9 ~~(e)~~ (f) Charter schools must not be used as a method of providing education or
110.10 generating revenue for students who are being home-schooled. This paragraph does not
110.11 apply to shared time aid under section 126C.19.

110.12 ~~(f)~~ (g) The primary focus of a charter school must be to provide a comprehensive
110.13 program of instruction for at least one grade or age group from five through 18 years of
110.14 age. Instruction may be provided to people older than 18 years of age. A charter school
110.15 may offer a free or fee-based preschool or prekindergarten that meets high-quality early
110.16 learning instructional program standards that are aligned with Minnesota's early learning
110.17 standards for children. The hours a student is enrolled in a fee-based prekindergarten
110.18 program do not generate pupil units under section 126C.05 and must not be used to
110.19 calculate general education revenue under section 126C.10. A charter school with at least
110.20 90 percent of enrolled students who are eligible for special education services and have
110.21 a primary disability of deaf or hard-of-hearing may enroll prekindergarten pupils with a
110.22 disability under section 126C.05, subdivision 1, paragraph (a), and must comply with the
110.23 federal Individuals with Disabilities Education Act under Code of Federal Regulations,
110.24 title 34, section 300.324, subsection (2), clause (iv).

110.25 ~~(g)~~ (h) Except as provided in paragraph (g), a charter school may not charge tuition.

110.26 ~~(h)~~ (i) A charter school is subject to and must comply with chapter 363A and section
110.27 121A.04.

110.28 ~~(i)~~ (j) Once a student is enrolled in the school, the student is considered enrolled
110.29 in the school until the student formally withdraws or is expelled under the Pupil Fair
110.30 Dismissal Act in sections 121A.40 to 121A.56. A charter school is subject to and must
110.31 comply with the Pupil Fair Dismissal Act, sections 121A.40 to 121A.56, ~~and~~.

110.32 (k) A charter school is subject to and must comply with the Minnesota Public School
110.33 Fee Law, sections 123B.34 to 123B.39.

110.34 ~~(j)~~ (l) A charter school is subject to the same financial audits, audit procedures, and
110.35 audit requirements as a district, except as required under subdivision 6a. Audits must be
110.36 conducted in compliance with generally accepted governmental auditing standards, the

111.1 federal Single Audit Act, if applicable, and section 6.65. A charter school is subject
 111.2 to and must comply with sections 15.054; 118A.01; 118A.02; 118A.03; 118A.04;
 111.3 118A.05; 118A.06; 471.38; 471.391; 471.392; and 471.425. The audit must comply with
 111.4 the requirements of sections 123B.75 to 123B.83, except to the extent deviations are
 111.5 necessary because of the program at the school. Deviations must be approved by the
 111.6 commissioner and authorizer. The Department of Education, state auditor, legislative
 111.7 auditor, or authorizer may conduct financial, program, or compliance audits. A charter
 111.8 school determined to be in statutory operating debt under sections 123B.81 to 123B.83
 111.9 must submit a plan under section 123B.81, subdivision 4.

111.10 ~~(k)~~ (m) A charter school is a district for the purposes of tort liability under chapter 466.

111.11 ~~(h)~~ (n) A charter school must comply with chapters 13 and 13D; and sections
 111.12 120A.22, subdivision 7; 121A.75; and 260B.171, subdivisions 3 and 5.

111.13 ~~(m)~~ (o) A charter school is subject to the Pledge of Allegiance requirement under
 111.14 section 121A.11, subdivision 3.

111.15 ~~(n)~~ (p) A charter school offering online courses or programs must comply with
 111.16 section 124D.095.

111.17 ~~(o)~~ (q) A charter school and charter school board of directors are subject to chapter
 111.18 181.

111.19 ~~(p)~~ (r) A charter school must comply with section 120A.22, subdivision 7, governing
 111.20 the transfer of students' educational records and sections 138.163 and 138.17 governing
 111.21 the management of local records.

111.22 ~~(q)~~ (s) A charter school that provides early childhood health and developmental
 111.23 screening must comply with sections 121A.16 to 121A.19.

111.24 ~~(r)~~ (t) A charter school that provides school-sponsored youth athletic activities
 111.25 must comply with section 121A.38.

111.26 ~~(s)~~ (u) A charter school is subject to and must comply with continuing truant
 111.27 notification under section 260A.03.

111.28 ~~(t)~~ (v) A charter school must develop and implement a teacher evaluation and
 111.29 peer review process under section 122A.40, subdivision 8, paragraph (b), clauses (2) to
 111.30 (13). The teacher evaluation process in this paragraph does not create any additional
 111.31 employment rights for teachers.

111.32 ~~(u)~~ (w) A charter school must adopt a policy, plan, budget, and process, consistent
 111.33 with section 120B.11, to review curriculum, instruction, and student achievement and
 111.34 strive for the world's best workforce.

111.35 ~~(v)~~ (x) A charter school must comply with section 121A.031 governing policies on
 111.36 prohibited conduct.

112.1 ~~(w)~~ (y) A charter school must comply with all pupil transportation requirements in
112.2 section 123B.88, subdivision 1. A charter school must not require parents to surrender
112.3 their rights to pupil transportation under section 123B.88, subdivision 2.

112.4 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment
112.5 except the provision under paragraph (g) allowing prekindergarten deaf or hard-of-hearing
112.6 pupils to enroll in a charter school is effective only if the commissioner of education
112.7 determines there is no added cost attributable to the pupil.

112.8 Sec. 5. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 124D.10, subdivision 12, is amended to read:

112.9 Subd. 12. **Pupils with a disability.** A charter school must comply with sections
112.10 125A.02, 125A.03 to 125A.24, ~~and~~ 125A.65, and 125A.75 and rules relating to the
112.11 education of pupils with a disability as though it were a district. A charter school enrolling
112.12 prekindergarten pupils with a disability under subdivision 8, paragraph (g), must comply
112.13 with sections 125A.259 to 125A.48 and rules relating to the Interagency Early Intervention
112.14 System as though it were a school district.

112.15 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective for fiscal year 2016 and later.

112.16 Sec. 6. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 124D.10, subdivision 14, is amended to read:

112.17 Subd. 14. **Annual public reports.** (a) A charter school must publish an annual
112.18 report approved by the board of directors. The annual report must at least include
112.19 information on school enrollment, student attrition, governance and management, staffing,
112.20 finances, academic performance, innovative practices and implementation, and future
112.21 plans. A charter school may combine this report with the reporting required under section
112.22 120B.11. A charter school must post the annual report on the school's official Web site. A
112.23 charter school must also distribute the annual report by publication, mail, or electronic
112.24 means to its authorizer, school employees, and parents and legal guardians of students
112.25 enrolled in the charter school. The reports are public data under chapter 13.

112.26 (b) The commissioner shall establish specifications for an authorizer's annual public
112.27 report that is part of the system to evaluate authorizer performance under subdivision
112.28 3, paragraph (h). The report shall at least include key indicators of school academic,
112.29 operational, and financial performance.

112.30 Sec. 7. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 124D.10, is amended by adding a subdivision
112.31 to read:

113.1 Subd. 24a. **Merger.** (a) Two or more charter schools may merge under chapter
 113.2 317A. The effective date of a merger must be July 1. The merged school must continue
 113.3 under the identity of one of the merging schools. A new charter contract under subdivision
 113.4 6 must be executed by July 1. The authorizer must submit to the commissioner a copy of
 113.5 the new signed charter contract within ten business days of its execution.

113.6 (b) Each merging school must submit a separate year-end report for the previous year
 113.7 for that school only. After the final fiscal year of the premerger schools is closed out, the
 113.8 fund balances and debts from the merging schools must be transferred to the merged school.

113.9 (c) For its first year of operation, the merged school is eligible to receive aid from
 113.10 programs requiring approved applications equal to the sum of the aid of all of the merging
 113.11 schools. For aids based on prior year data, the merged school is eligible to receive aid for
 113.12 its first year of operation based on the combined data of all of the merging schools.

113.13 Sec. 8. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 124D.11, subdivision 9, is amended to read:

113.14 **Subd. 9. Payment of aids to charter schools.** (a) Notwithstanding section
 113.15 127A.45, subdivision 3, if the current year aid payment percentage under section
 113.16 127A.45, subdivision 2, paragraph (d), is 90 or greater, aid payments for the current
 113.17 fiscal year to a charter school shall be of an equal amount on each of the 24 payment
 113.18 dates. Notwithstanding section 127A.45, subdivision 3, if the current year aid payment
 113.19 percentage under section 127A.45, subdivision 2, paragraph (d), is less than 90, aid
 113.20 payments for the current fiscal year to a charter school shall be of an equal amount on
 113.21 each of the 16 payment dates in July through February.

113.22 (b) Notwithstanding paragraph (a) and section 127A.45, for a charter school ceasing
 113.23 operation on or prior to June 30 of a school year, for the payment periods occurring after
 113.24 the school ceases serving students, the commissioner shall withhold the estimated state aid
 113.25 owed the school. The charter school board of directors and authorizer must submit to the
 113.26 commissioner a closure plan under chapter 308A or 317A, and financial information about
 113.27 the school's liabilities and assets. After receiving the closure plan, financial information,
 113.28 an audit of pupil counts, documentation of lease expenditures, and monitoring of special
 113.29 education expenditures, the commissioner may release cash withheld and may continue
 113.30 regular payments up to the current year payment percentages if further amounts are
 113.31 owed. If, based on audits and monitoring, the school received state aid in excess of the
 113.32 amount owed, the commissioner shall retain aid withheld sufficient to eliminate the aid
 113.33 overpayment. For a charter school ceasing operations prior to, or at the end of, a school
 113.34 year, notwithstanding section 127A.45, subdivision 3, preliminary final payments may
 113.35 be made after receiving the closure plan, audit of pupil counts, monitoring of special

114.1 education expenditures, documentation of lease expenditures, and school submission of
114.2 Uniform Financial Accounting and Reporting Standards (UFARS) financial data for the
114.3 final year of operation. Final payment may be made upon receipt of audited financial
114.4 statements under section 123B.77, subdivision 3.

114.5 (c) If a charter school fails to comply with the commissioner's directive to return,
114.6 for cause, federal or state funds administered by the department, the commissioner may
114.7 withhold an amount of state aid sufficient to satisfy the directive.

114.8 (d) If, within the timeline under section 471.425, a charter school fails to pay the state
114.9 of Minnesota, a school district, intermediate school district, or service cooperative after
114.10 receiving an undisputed invoice for goods and services, the commissioner may withhold
114.11 an amount of state aid sufficient to satisfy the claim and shall distribute the withheld
114.12 aid to the interested state agency, school district, intermediate school district, or service
114.13 cooperative. An interested state agency, school district, intermediate school district, or
114.14 education cooperative shall notify the commissioner when a charter school fails to pay an
114.15 undisputed invoice within 75 business days of when it received the original invoice.

114.16 ~~(e) Notwithstanding section 127A.45, subdivision 3, and paragraph (a), 80 percent~~
114.17 ~~of the start-up cost aid under subdivision 8 shall be paid within 45 days after the first day~~
114.18 ~~of student attendance for that school year.~~

114.19 ~~(f)~~ (e) In order to receive state aid payments under this subdivision, a charter school
114.20 in its first three years of operation must submit a school calendar in the form and manner
114.21 requested by the department and a quarterly report to the Department of Education. The
114.22 report must list each student by grade, show the student's start and end dates, if any,
114.23 with the charter school, and for any student participating in a learning year program,
114.24 the report must list the hours and times of learning year activities. The report must be
114.25 submitted not more than two weeks after the end of the calendar quarter to the department.
114.26 The department must develop a Web-based reporting form for charter schools to use
114.27 when submitting enrollment reports. A charter school in its fourth and subsequent year of
114.28 operation must submit a school calendar and enrollment information to the department in
114.29 the form and manner requested by the department.

114.30 ~~(g)~~ (f) Notwithstanding sections 317A.701 to 317A.791, upon closure of a charter
114.31 school and satisfaction of creditors, cash and investment balances remaining shall be
114.32 returned to the state.

114.33 ~~(h)~~ (g) A charter school must have a valid, signed contract under section 124D.10,
114.34 subdivision 6, on file at the Department of Education at least 15 days prior to the date of
114.35 first payment of state aid for the fiscal year.

115.1 (+) (h) State aid entitlements shall be computed for a charter school only for the
 115.2 portion of a school year for which it has a valid, signed contract under section 124D.10,
 115.3 subdivision 6.

115.4 Sec. 9. **APPROPRIATIONS.**

115.5 Subdivision 1. Department. The sums indicated in this section are appropriated
 115.6 from the general fund to the Department of Education for the fiscal years designated.

115.7 Subd. 2. Charter school building lease aid. For building lease aid under Minnesota
 115.8 Statutes, section 124D.11, subdivision 4:

115.9	\$	<u>66,787,000</u>	.....	<u>2016</u>
115.10	\$	<u>73,603,000</u>	.....	<u>2017</u>

115.11 The 2016 appropriation includes \$6,032,000 for 2015 and \$60,755,000 for 2016.

115.12 The 2017 appropriation includes \$6,750,000 for 2016 and \$66,853,000 for 2017.

115.13 Sec. 10. **REVISOR'S INSTRUCTION.**

115.14 The revisor of statutes shall renumber the provisions of Minnesota Statutes listed
 115.15 in column A to the references listed in column B. The revisor of statutes may alter the
 115.16 renumbering to incorporate statutory changes made during the 2015 regular legislative
 115.17 session. The revisor shall also make necessary cross-reference changes in Minnesota
 115.18 Statutes and Minnesota Rules consistent with the renumbering in this instruction and the
 115.19 relettering of paragraphs in sections 1 to 8.

	<u>Column A</u>	<u>Column B</u>
115.20		
115.21	<u>124D.10, subd. 1, paragraph (a)</u>	<u>124E.01, subd. 1</u>
115.22	<u>124D.10, subd. 1, paragraph (b)</u>	<u>124E.06, subd. 3, paragraph (d)</u>
115.23	<u>124D.10, subd. 1, paragraph (c)</u>	<u>124E.06, subd. 1, paragraph (b)</u>
115.24	<u>124D.10, subd. 2</u>	<u>124E.01, subd. 2</u>
115.25	<u>124D.10, subd. 3, paragraph (a)</u>	<u>124E.02, paragraph (a)</u>
115.26	<u>124D.10, subd. 3, paragraph (b)</u>	<u>124E.05, subd. 1</u>
115.27	<u>124D.10, subd. 3, paragraph (c)</u>	<u>124E.05, subd. 2, paragraph (a)</u>
115.28	<u>124D.10, subd. 3, paragraph (d)</u>	<u>124E.05, subd. 3, paragraph (a)</u>
115.29	<u>124D.10, subd. 3, paragraph (e)</u>	<u>124E.05, subd. 4</u>
115.30	<u>124D.10, subd. 3, paragraph (f)</u>	<u>124E.05, subd. 3, paragraph (b)</u>
115.31	<u>124D.10, subd. 3, paragraph (g)</u>	<u>124E.05, subd. 7</u>
115.32	<u>124D.10, subd. 3, paragraph (h)</u>	<u>124E.05, subd. 2, paragraph (b)</u>
115.33	<u>124D.10, subd. 3, paragraph (i)</u>	<u>124E.05, subd. 5</u>
115.34	<u>124D.10, subd. 3, paragraph (j)</u>	<u>124E.05, subd. 6, paragraph (a)</u>
115.35	<u>124D.10, subd. 3, paragraph (k)</u>	<u>124E.05, subd. 6, paragraph (b)</u>
115.36	<u>124D.10, subd. 4, paragraph (a)</u>	<u>124E.06, subd. 1, paragraph (a)</u>

116.1	<u>124D.10, subd. 4, paragraph (b)</u>	<u>124E.06, subd. 2, paragraph (a)</u>
116.2	<u>124D.10, subd. 4, paragraph (c)</u>	<u>124E.06, subd. 2, paragraph (c)</u>
116.3	<u>124D.10, subd. 4, paragraph (d)</u>	<u>124E.06, subd. 4</u>
116.4	<u>124D.10, subd. 4, paragraph (e)</u>	<u>124E.06, subd. 3, paragraph (g)</u>
116.5	<u>124D.10, subd. 4, paragraph (f)</u>	<u>124E.06, subd. 2, paragraph (b)</u>
116.6	<u>124D.10, subd. 4, paragraph (g)</u>	<u>124E.07, subd. 1</u>
116.7	<u>124D.10, subd. 4, paragraph (h)</u>	<u>124E.07, subd. 5</u>
116.8	<u>124D.10, subd. 4, paragraph (i)</u>	<u>124E.07, subd. 8, paragraph (a)</u>
116.9	<u>124D.10, subd. 4, paragraph (j)</u>	<u>124E.07, subd. 8, paragraph (b)</u>
116.10	<u>124D.10, subd. 4, paragraph (k)</u>	<u>124E.17, subd. 2</u>
116.11	<u>124D.10, subd. 4, paragraph (l)</u>	<u>124E.07, subd. 7</u>
116.12	<u>124D.10, subd. 4, paragraph (m)</u>	<u>124E.07, subd. 2</u>
116.13	<u>124D.10, subd. 4, paragraph (n)</u>	<u>124E.07, subd. 3, paragraph (a)</u>
116.14	<u>124D.10, subd. 4, paragraph (o)</u>	<u>124E.07, subd. 4</u>
116.15	<u>124D.10, subd. 4, paragraph (p)</u>	<u>124E.10, subd. 2, paragraph (c)</u>
116.16	<u>124D.10, subd. 4, paragraph (q)</u>	<u>124E.10, subd. 2, paragraph (b)</u>
116.17	<u>124D.10, subd. 4, paragraph (r)</u>	<u>124E.10, subd. 2, paragraph (a)</u>
116.18	<u>124D.10, subd. 4, paragraph (s)</u>	<u>124E.06, subd. 5, paragraph (a)</u>
116.19	<u>124D.10, subd. 4, paragraph (t)</u>	<u>124E.06, subd. 5, paragraph (b)</u>
116.20	<u>124D.10, subd. 4a, paragraph (a)</u>	<u>124E.07, subd. 3, paragraph (b)</u>
116.21	<u>124D.10, subd. 4a, paragraph (b)</u>	<u>124E.14, paragraph (a)</u>
116.22	<u>124D.10, subd. 4a, paragraph (c)</u>	<u>124E.07, subd. 3, paragraph (c)</u>
116.23	<u>124D.10, subd. 4a, paragraph (d)</u>	<u>124E.07, subd. 3, paragraph (d)</u>
116.24	<u>124D.10, subd. 4a, paragraph (e)</u>	<u>124E.14, paragraph (b)</u>
116.25	<u>124D.10, subd. 4a, paragraph (f)</u>	<u>124E.14, paragraph (c)</u>
116.26	<u>124D.10, subd. 5</u>	<u>124E.06, subd. 6</u>
116.27	<u>124D.10, subd. 6</u>	<u>124E.10, subd. 1, paragraph (a)</u>
116.28	<u>124D.10, subd. 6a</u>	<u>124E.16, subd. 1, paragraphs (b) to</u>
116.29		<u>(e)</u>
116.30	<u>124D.10, subd. 7</u>	<u>124E.03, subd. 1</u>
116.31	<u>124D.10, subd. 8, paragraph (a)</u>	<u>124E.03, subd. 2, paragraph (a)</u>
116.32	<u>124D.10, subd. 8, paragraph (b)</u>	<u>124E.03, subd. 2, paragraph (b)</u>
116.33	<u>124D.10, subd. 8, paragraph (c)</u>	<u>124E.06, subd. 3, paragraph (e)</u>
116.34	<u>124D.10, subd. 8, paragraph (d)</u>	<u>124E.06, subd. 3, paragraph (b)</u>
116.35	<u>124D.10, subd. 8, paragraph (e)</u>	<u>124E.03, subd. 4, paragraph (a)</u>
116.36	<u>124D.10, subd. 8, paragraph (f)</u>	<u>124E.06, subd. 3, paragraph (c)</u>
116.37	<u>124D.10, subd. 8, paragraph (g)</u>	<u>124E.06, subd. 3, paragraph (a)</u>
116.38	<u>124D.10, subd. 8, paragraph (h)</u>	<u>124E.06, subd. 3, paragraph (f)</u>
116.39	<u>124D.10, subd. 8, paragraph (i)</u>	<u>124E.03, subd. 4, paragraph (b)</u>
116.40	<u>124D.10, subd. 8, paragraph (j)</u>	<u>124E.11, paragraph (g)</u>
116.41	<u>124D.10, subd. 8, paragraph (k)</u>	<u>124E.03, subd. 2, paragraph (c)</u>
116.42	<u>124D.10, subd. 8, paragraph (l)</u>	<u>124E.16, subd. 1, paragraph (a)</u>
116.43	<u>124D.10, subd. 8, paragraph (m)</u>	<u>124E.03, subd. 2, paragraph (d)</u>
116.44	<u>124D.10, subd. 8, paragraph (n)</u>	<u>124E.03, subd. 5, paragraph (a)</u>

117.1	<u>124D.10, subd. 8, paragraph (o)</u>	<u>124E.03, subd. 2, paragraph (e)</u>
117.2	<u>124D.10, subd. 8, paragraph (p)</u>	<u>124E.03, subd. 7, paragraph (a)</u>
117.3	<u>124D.10, subd. 8, paragraph (q)</u>	<u>124E.03, subd. 2, paragraph (f)</u>
117.4	<u>124D.10, subd. 8, paragraph (r)</u>	<u>124E.03, subd. 5, paragraph (b)</u>
117.5	<u>124D.10, subd. 8, paragraph (s)</u>	<u>124E.03, subd. 7, paragraph (b)</u>
117.6	<u>124D.10, subd. 8, paragraph (t)</u>	<u>124E.03, subd. 7, paragraph (c)</u>
117.7	<u>124D.10, subd. 8, paragraph (u)</u>	<u>124E.03, subd. 2, paragraph (g)</u>
117.8	<u>124D.10, subd. 8, paragraph (v)</u>	<u>124E.03, subd. 2, paragraph (h)</u>
117.9	<u>124D.10, subd. 8, paragraph (w)</u>	<u>124E.03, subd. 2, paragraph (i)</u>
117.10	<u>124D.10, subd. 8, paragraph (x)</u>	<u>124E.03, subd. 4, paragraph (c)</u>
117.11	<u>124D.10, subd. 8, paragraph (y)</u>	<u>124E.15, paragraph (a)</u>
117.12	<u>124D.10, subd. 8a</u>	<u>124E.25, subd. 3, paragraph (a)</u>
117.13	<u>124D.10, subd. 8b</u>	<u>124E.25, subd. 3, paragraph (b)</u>
117.14	<u>124D.10, subd. 9</u>	<u>124E.11, paragraphs (a) to (f)</u>
117.15	<u>124D.10, subd. 10</u>	<u>124E.10, subd. 1, paragraph (b)</u>
117.16	<u>124D.10, subd. 11, paragraph (a)</u>	<u>124E.12, subd. 1</u>
117.17	<u>124D.10, subd. 11, paragraph (b)</u>	<u>124E.12, subd. 2</u>
117.18	<u>124D.10, subd. 11, paragraph (c)</u>	<u>124E.07, subd. 6</u>
117.19	<u>124D.10, subd. 11, paragraph (d)</u>	<u>124E.12, subd. 5</u>
117.20	<u>124D.10, subd. 12</u>	<u>124E.03, subd. 3</u>
117.21	<u>124D.10, subd. 13</u>	<u>124E.03, subd. 6</u>
117.22	<u>124D.10, subd. 14</u>	<u>124E.16, subd. 2</u>
117.23	<u>124D.10, subd. 15, paragraphs (a)</u>	<u>124E.10, subd. 3, paragraphs (a) to</u>
117.24	<u>to (e)</u>	<u>(e)</u>
117.25	<u>124D.10, subd. 15, paragraph (f)</u>	<u>124E.05, subd. 8</u>
117.26	<u>124D.10, subd. 16</u>	<u>124E.15, paragraphs (b) to (d)</u>
117.27	<u>124D.10, subd. 17</u>	<u>124E.13, subd. 1</u>
117.28	<u>124D.10, subd. 17a</u>	<u>124E.13, subd. 3</u>
117.29	<u>124D.10, subd. 17b</u>	<u>124E.13, subd. 4</u>
117.30	<u>124D.10, subd. 19</u>	<u>124E.17, subd. 1</u>
117.31	<u>124D.10, subd. 20</u>	<u>124E.12, subd. 6</u>
117.32	<u>124D.10, subd. 21</u>	<u>124E.12, subd. 3</u>
117.33	<u>124D.10, subd. 22</u>	<u>124E.12, subd. 4</u>
117.34	<u>124D.10, subd. 23, paragraphs (a)</u>	<u>124E.10, subd. 4, paragraphs (a) and</u>
117.35	<u>and (b)</u>	<u>(b)</u>
117.36	<u>124D.10, subd. 23, paragraph (c)</u>	<u>124E.10, subd. 5</u>
117.37	<u>124D.10, subd. 23, paragraph (d)</u>	<u>124E.10, subd. 4, paragraph (c)</u>
117.38	<u>124D.10, subd. 23a, paragraph (a)</u>	<u>124E.13, subd. 2, paragraph (a)</u>
117.39	<u>124D.10, subd. 23a, paragraph (b)</u>	<u>124E.02, paragraph (b)</u>
117.40	<u>124D.10, subd. 23a, paragraph (c)</u>	<u>124E.13, subd. 2, paragraph (b)</u>
117.41	<u>124D.10, subd. 23a, paragraph (d)</u>	<u>124E.13, subd. 2, paragraph (c)</u>
117.42	<u>124D.10, subd. 24</u>	<u>124E.10, subd. 6</u>
117.43	<u>124D.10, subd. 25</u>	<u>124E.09</u>
117.44	<u>124D.10, subd. 27</u>	<u>124E.08</u>

118.1	<u>124D.11, subd. 1</u>	<u>124E.20, subd.1</u>
118.2	<u>124D.11, subd. 2</u>	<u>124E.23</u>
118.3	<u>124D.11, subd. 3</u>	<u>124E.20, subd. 2</u>
118.4	<u>124D.11, subd. 4</u>	<u>124E.22</u>
118.5	<u>124D.11, subd. 5</u>	<u>124E.21</u>
118.6	<u>124D.11, subd. 6</u>	<u>124E.24</u>
118.7	<u>124D.11, subd. 7</u>	<u>124E.26</u>
118.8	<u>124D.11, subd. 9, paragraph (a)</u>	<u>124E.25, subd. 1, paragraph (a)</u>
118.9	<u>124D.11, subd. 9, paragraph (b)</u>	<u>124E.25, subd. 1, paragraph (b)</u>
118.10	<u>124D.11, subd. 9, paragraph (c)</u>	<u>124E.25, subd. 4, paragraph (a)</u>
118.11	<u>124D.11, subd. 9, paragraph (d)</u>	<u>124E.25, subd. 4, paragraph (b)</u>
118.12	<u>124D.11, subd. 9, paragraph (e)</u>	<u>124E.25, subd. 2, paragraph (a)</u>
118.13	<u>124D.11, subd. 9, paragraph (f)</u>	<u>124E.25, subd. 1, paragraph (c)</u>
118.14	<u>124D.11, subd. 9, paragraph (g)</u>	<u>124E.25, subd. 2, paragraph (b)</u>
118.15	<u>124D.11, subd. 9, paragraph (h)</u>	<u>124E.25, subd. 2, paragraph (c)</u>

118.16 **ARTICLE 5**

118.17 **SPECIAL EDUCATION**

118.18 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 122A.31, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

118.19 Subdivision 1. **Requirements for American sign language/English interpreters.**

118.20 (a) In addition to any other requirements that a school district establishes, any person
 118.21 employed to provide American sign language/English interpreting or sign transliterating
 118.22 services on a full-time or part-time basis for a school district after July 1, 2000, must:

118.23 (1) hold current interpreter and transliterator certificates awarded by the Registry
 118.24 of Interpreters for the Deaf (RID), or the general level interpreter proficiency certificate
 118.25 awarded by the National Association of the Deaf (NAD), or a comparable state
 118.26 certification from the commissioner of education; and

118.27 (2) satisfactorily complete an interpreter/transliterator training program affiliated
 118.28 with an accredited educational institution.

118.29 (b) New graduates of an interpreter/transliterator program affiliated with an
 118.30 accredited education institution shall be granted a two-year provisional certificate by
 118.31 the commissioner. During the two-year provisional period, the interpreter/transliterator
 118.32 must develop and implement an education plan in collaboration with a mentor under
 118.33 paragraph (c).

118.34 (c) A mentor of a provisionally certified interpreter/transliterator must be an
 118.35 interpreter/transliterator who has either NAD level IV or V certification or RID
 118.36 certified interpreter and certified transliterator certification and have at least three
 118.37 years interpreting/transliterating experience in any educational setting. The mentor, in

119.1 collaboration with the provisionally certified interpreter/transliterators, shall develop and
 119.2 implement an education plan designed to meet the requirements of paragraph (a), clause
 119.3 (1), and include a weekly on-site mentoring process.

119.4 (d) Consistent with the requirements of this paragraph, a person holding a
 119.5 provisional certificate may apply to the commissioner for one time-limited extension.
 119.6 The commissioner, in consultation with the Commission of Deaf, DeafBlind and
 119.7 Hard-of-Hearing Minnesotans, must grant the person a time-limited extension of the
 119.8 provisional certificate based on the following documentation:

119.9 (1) letters of support from the person's mentor, a parent of a pupil the person serves,
 119.10 the special education director of the district in which the person is employed, and a
 119.11 representative from the regional service center of the deaf and hard-of-hearing;

119.12 (2) records of the person's formal education, training, experience, and progress on
 119.13 the person's education plan; and

119.14 (3) an explanation of why the extension is needed.

119.15 As a condition of receiving the extension, the person must comply with a plan
 119.16 and the accompanying time line for meeting the requirements of this subdivision. A
 119.17 committee composed of the ~~director of the Minnesota Resource Center Serving Deaf and~~
 119.18 ~~Hard-of-Hearing, or the director's designee~~ deaf and hard-of-hearing state specialist, a
 119.19 representative of the Minnesota Association of Deaf Citizens, a representative of the
 119.20 Minnesota Registry of Interpreters of the Deaf, and other appropriate persons selected
 119.21 by the commissioner must develop the plan and time line for the person receiving the
 119.22 extension.

119.23 (e) A school district may employ only an interpreter/transliterators who has been
 119.24 certified under paragraph (a) or (b), or for whom a time-limited extension has been
 119.25 granted under paragraph (d).

119.26 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 122A.31, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

119.27 Subd. 2. **Oral or cued speech transliterators.** (a) In addition to any other
 119.28 requirements that a school district establishes, any person employed to provide oral
 119.29 transliterating or cued speech transliterating services on a full-time or part-time basis for a
 119.30 school district after July 1, 2000, must hold a current applicable transliterator certificate
 119.31 awarded by the national certifying association or comparable state certification from
 119.32 the commissioner of education.

119.33 (b) To provide oral or cued speech transliterator services on a full-time or part-time
 119.34 basis, a person employed in a school district must comply with paragraph (a). The
 119.35 commissioner shall grant a nonrenewable, two-year certificate to a school district on behalf

120.1 of a person who has not yet attained a current applicable transliterator certificate under
 120.2 paragraph (a). A person for whom a nonrenewable, two-year certificate is issued must
 120.3 work under the direction of a licensed teacher who is skilled in language development
 120.4 of individuals who are deaf or hard-of-hearing. A person for whom a nonrenewable,
 120.5 two-year certificate is issued also must enroll in a state-approved training program and
 120.6 demonstrate progress towards the certification required under paragraph (a) sufficient for
 120.7 the person to be certified at the end of the two-year period.

120.8 (c) Consistent with the requirements of this paragraph, a person holding a
 120.9 provisional certificate may apply to the commissioner for one time-limited extension. The
 120.10 commissioner, in consultation with the Commission Serving Deaf and Hard-of-Hearing
 120.11 People, must grant the person a time-limited extension of the provisional certificate based
 120.12 on the following documentation:

120.13 (1) letters of support from the person's mentor, a parent of a pupil the person serves,
 120.14 the special education director of the district in which the person is employed, and a
 120.15 representative from the regional service center of the deaf and hard-of-hearing;

120.16 (2) records of the person's formal education, training, experience, and progress on
 120.17 the person's education plan; and

120.18 (3) an explanation of why the extension is needed.

120.19 As a condition of receiving the extension, the person must comply with a plan
 120.20 and the accompanying time line for meeting the requirements of this subdivision. A
 120.21 committee composed of the ~~director of the Minnesota Resource Center Serving Deaf and~~
 120.22 ~~Hard-of-Hearing, or the director's designee~~ deaf and hard-of-hearing state specialist, a
 120.23 representative of the Minnesota Association of Deaf Citizens, a representative of the
 120.24 Minnesota Registry of Interpreters of the Deaf, and other appropriate persons selected
 120.25 by the commissioner must develop the plan and time line for the person receiving the
 120.26 extension.

120.27 Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 123B.88, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

120.28 Subdivision 1. **Providing transportation.** The board may provide for the
 120.29 transportation of pupils to and from school and for any other purpose. The board may
 120.30 also provide for the transportation of pupils to schools in other districts for grades and
 120.31 departments not maintained in the district, including high school, at the expense of the
 120.32 district, when funds are available therefor and if agreeable to the district to which it is
 120.33 proposed to transport the pupils, for the whole or a part of the school year, as it may
 120.34 deem advisable, and subject to its rules. In any district, the board must arrange for the
 120.35 attendance of all pupils living two miles or more from the school, except pupils whose

121.1 transportation privileges have been voluntarily surrendered under subdivision 2, or
 121.2 whose privileges have been revoked under section 123B.91, subdivision 1, clause (6), or
 121.3 123B.90, subdivision 2. The district may provide for the transportation of or the boarding
 121.4 and rooming of the pupils who may be more economically and conveniently provided for
 121.5 by that means. Arrangements for attendance may include a requirement that parents or
 121.6 guardians request transportation before it is provided. The board must provide necessary
 121.7 transportation to and from the home of consistent with section 123B.92, subdivision 1,
 121.8 paragraph (b), clause (4), for a child with a disability not yet enrolled in kindergarten
 121.9 when for the provision of special instruction and services under sections 125A.03 to
 121.10 125A.24, 125A.26 to 125A.48, and 125A.65 are provided in a location other than in
 121.11 the child's home. Special instruction and services for a child with a disability not yet
 121.12 enrolled in kindergarten include an individualized education program team placement
 121.13 in an early childhood program when that placement is necessary to address the child's
 121.14 level of functioning and needs. When transportation is provided, scheduling of routes,
 121.15 establishment of the location of bus stops, manner and method of transportation, control
 121.16 and discipline of school children, the determination of fees, and any other matter relating
 121.17 thereto must be within the sole discretion, control, and management of the board. The
 121.18 district may provide for the transportation of pupils or expend a reasonable amount
 121.19 for room and board of pupils whose attendance at school can more economically and
 121.20 conveniently be provided for by that means or who attend school in a building rented or
 121.21 leased by a district within the confines of an adjacent district.

121.22 Sec. 4. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 124D.11, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

121.23 Subdivision 1. **General education revenue.** (a) General education revenue must
 121.24 be paid to a charter school as though it were a district. The general education revenue
 121.25 for each adjusted pupil unit is the state average general education revenue per pupil
 121.26 unit, plus the referendum equalization aid allowance in the pupil's district of residence,
 121.27 minus an amount equal to the product of the formula allowance according to section
 121.28 126C.10, subdivision 2, times .0466, calculated without declining enrollment revenue,
 121.29 local optional revenue, basic skills revenue, extended time revenue, pension adjustment
 121.30 revenue, transition revenue, and transportation sparsity revenue, plus declining enrollment
 121.31 revenue, basic skills revenue, extended time revenue, pension adjustment revenue, and
 121.32 transition revenue as though the school were a school district. The general education
 121.33 revenue for each extended time pupil unit equals \$4,794.

121.34 (b) Notwithstanding paragraph (a), the general education revenue for an eligible
 121.35 special education charter school as defined in subdivision 5a equals the sum of the

122.1 amount determined under paragraph (a) and the school's unreimbursed cost as defined in
 122.2 subdivision 5a for educating students not eligible for special education services.

122.3 Sec. 5. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 124D.11, subdivision 5, is amended to read:

122.4 Subd. 5. **Special education aid.** (a) Except as provided in subdivision 2, special
 122.5 education aid must be paid to a charter school according to section 125A.76, as though
 122.6 it were a school district.

122.7 (b) For fiscal year 2015 and later, the special education aid paid to the charter school
 122.8 shall be adjusted as follows:

122.9 (1) if the charter school does not receive general education revenue on behalf of
 122.10 the student according to subdivision 1, the aid shall be adjusted as provided in section
 122.11 125A.11; or

122.12 (2) if the charter school receives general education revenue on behalf of the student
 122.13 according to subdivision 1, the aid shall be adjusted as provided in section 127A.47,
 122.14 subdivision 7, paragraphs (b) to ~~(d)~~ (e).

122.15 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective for fiscal year 2016 and later.

122.16 Sec. 6. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 124D.11, is amended by adding a subdivision
 122.17 to read:

122.18 Subd. 5a. **Definitions.** (a) For purposes of subdivision 5b, the terms in this
 122.19 subdivision have the meanings given.

122.20 (b) "Unreimbursed costs" means the difference between the total cost of educating
 122.21 students at the school and the total of state and federal aids and grants, excluding aid under
 122.22 subdivision 1, paragraph (b), and subdivision 5b.

122.23 (c) "Eligible special education charter school" means a charter school:

122.24 (1) where the percent of students eligible for special education services equals at
 122.25 least 90 percent of the charter school's total enrollment; and

122.26 (2) that submits to the commissioner a preliminary annual budget by June 15 prior
 122.27 to the start of the fiscal year and a revised budget by January 15 of the current fiscal
 122.28 year detailing its unreimbursed costs for educating students eligible and not eligible for
 122.29 special education services.

122.30 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective for fiscal year 2016 and later.

122.31 Sec. 7. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 124D.11, is amended by adding a subdivision
 122.32 to read:

123.1 Subd. 5b. **Special education aid for eligible special education charter schools.**

123.2 (a) Notwithstanding subdivision 5, the special education aid for an eligible special
 123.3 education charter school equals the sum of the school's special education aid under
 123.4 subdivision 5, paragraph (a), and the school's approved unreimbursed cost for educating
 123.5 students eligible for special education services.

123.6 (b) The commissioner must review the budget data submitted by an eligible special
 123.7 education charter school under subdivision 5a and notify the school of the approved
 123.8 unreimbursed cost to be used for current aid payments within 30 days of receiving the
 123.9 budget from the school.

123.10 (c) For purposes of section 127A.45, subdivision 13, the aid under this subdivision
 123.11 is not subject to the 97.4 percent current fiscal year special education aid entitlement
 123.12 provision.

123.13 (d) Final aid payments must be calculated using the actual unreimbursed costs as
 123.14 determined by the department based on year-end financial and student data submitted by
 123.15 the charter school.

123.16 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective for fiscal year 2016 and later.

123.17 Sec. 8. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 125A.01, is amended to read:

123.18 **125A.01 DEFINITIONS.**

123.19 Subdivision 1. **General application.** For purposes of this chapter, the words defined
 123.20 in section 120A.05 have the same meaning.

123.21 Subd. 2. **Dyslexia.** "Dyslexia" means a specific learning disability that is
 123.22 neurological in origin. It is characterized by difficulties with accurate or fluent recognition
 123.23 of words and by poor spelling and decoding abilities. These difficulties typically result
 123.24 from a deficit in the phonological component of language that is often unexpected in
 123.25 relation to other cognitive abilities and the provision of effective classroom instruction.
 123.26 Secondary consequences may include problems in reading comprehension and reduced
 123.27 reading experience that can impede the growth of vocabulary and background knowledge.

123.28 Students who have a dyslexia diagnosis must meet the state and federal eligibility
 123.29 criteria in order to qualify for special education services.

123.30 Sec. 9. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 125A.023, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

123.31 Subd. 3. **Definitions.** For purposes of this section and section 125A.027, the
 123.32 following terms have the meanings given them:

123.33 (a) "Health plan" means:

- 124.1 (1) a health plan under section 62Q.01, subdivision 3;
- 124.2 (2) a county-based purchasing plan under section 256B.692;
- 124.3 (3) a self-insured health plan established by a local government under section
- 124.4 471.617; or
- 124.5 (4) self-insured health coverage provided by the state to its employees or retirees.
- 124.6 (b) For purposes of this section, "health plan company" means an entity that issues
- 124.7 a health plan as defined in paragraph (a).
- 124.8 (c) "Interagency intervention service system" means a system that coordinates
- 124.9 services and programs required in state and federal law to meet the needs of eligible
- 124.10 children with disabilities ages ~~birth~~ three through 21, including:
- 124.11 (1) services provided under the following programs or initiatives administered
- 124.12 by state or local agencies:
- 124.13 (i) the maternal and child health program under title V of the Social Security Act;
- 124.14 (ii) the Minnesota children with special health needs program under sections 144.05
- 124.15 and 144.07;
- 124.16 (iii) the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, Part B, section 619, and Part
- 124.17 C as amended;
- 124.18 (iv) medical assistance under title 42, chapter 7, of the Social Security Act;
- 124.19 (v) developmental disabilities services under chapter 256B;
- 124.20 (vi) the Head Start Act under title 42, chapter 105, of the Social Security Act;
- 124.21 (vii) vocational rehabilitation services provided under chapters 248 and 268A and
- 124.22 the Rehabilitation Act of 1973;
- 124.23 (viii) Juvenile Court Act services provided under sections 260.011 to 260.91;
- 124.24 260B.001 to 260B.446; and 260C.001 to 260C.451;
- 124.25 (ix) Minnesota Comprehensive Children's Mental Health Act under section 245.487;
- 124.26 (x) the community health services grants under sections 145.88 to 145.9266;
- 124.27 (xi) the Local Public Health Act under chapter 145A; and
- 124.28 (xii) the Vulnerable Children and Adults Act, sections 256M.60 to 256M.80;
- 124.29 (2) service provision and funding that can be coordinated through:
- 124.30 (i) the children's mental health collaborative under section 245.493;
- 124.31 (ii) the family services collaborative under section 124D.23;
- 124.32 (iii) the community transition interagency committees under section 125A.22; and
- 124.33 (iv) the interagency early intervention committees under section 125A.259;
- 124.34 (3) financial and other funding programs to be coordinated including medical
- 124.35 assistance under title 42, chapter 7, of the Social Security Act, the MinnesotaCare program
- 124.36 under chapter 256L, Supplemental Social Security Income, Developmental Disabilities

125.1 Assistance, and any other employment-related activities associated with the Social
 125.2 Security Administration; and services provided under a health plan in conformity with an
 125.3 individual family service plan or an individualized education program or an individual
 125.4 interagency intervention plan; and

125.5 (4) additional appropriate services that local agencies and counties provide on
 125.6 an individual need basis upon determining eligibility and receiving a request from (i)
 125.7 the ~~interagency early intervention committee~~ school board or county board and (ii) the
 125.8 child's parent.

125.9 (d) "Children with disabilities" has the meaning given in section 125A.02.

125.10 (e) A "standardized written plan" means those individual services or programs, with
 125.11 accompanying funding sources, available through the interagency intervention service
 125.12 system to an eligible child other than the services or programs described in the child's
 125.13 individualized education program or the child's individual family service plan.

125.14 Sec. 10. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 125A.023, subdivision 4, is amended to read:

125.15 Subd. 4. **State Interagency Committee.** (a) The commissioner of education, on
 125.16 behalf of the governor, shall convene an interagency committee to develop and implement
 125.17 a coordinated, multidisciplinary, interagency intervention service system for children ages
 125.18 three to 21 with disabilities. The commissioners of commerce, education, health, human
 125.19 rights, human services, employment and economic development, and corrections shall
 125.20 each appoint two committee members from their departments; and the Association of
 125.21 Minnesota Counties, Minnesota School Boards Association, the Minnesota Administrators
 125.22 of Special Education, and the School Nurse Association of Minnesota shall each appoint
 125.23 one committee member. The committee shall select a chair from among its members.

125.24 (b) The committee shall:

125.25 (1) identify and assist in removing state and federal barriers to local coordination of
 125.26 services provided to children with disabilities;

125.27 (2) identify adequate, equitable, and flexible funding sources to streamline these
 125.28 services;

125.29 (3) develop guidelines for implementing policies that ensure a comprehensive and
 125.30 coordinated system of all state and local agency services, including multidisciplinary
 125.31 assessment practices for children with disabilities ages three to 21, including:

125.32 (i) develop, consistent with federal law, a standardized written plan for providing
 125.33 services to a child with disabilities;

125.34 (ii) identify how current systems for dispute resolution can be coordinated;

126.1 (iii) develop an evaluation process to measure the success of state and local
 126.2 interagency efforts in improving the quality and coordination of services to children with
 126.3 disabilities ages three to 21; and

126.4 (iv) develop guidelines to assist the ~~governing boards of the interagency early~~
 126.5 ~~intervention committees~~ school boards and county boards in carrying out the duties
 126.6 assigned in section 125A.027, subdivision 1, paragraph (b); and

126.7 (4) carry out other duties necessary to develop and implement within communities
 126.8 a coordinated, multidisciplinary, interagency intervention service system for children
 126.9 with disabilities.

126.10 (c) The committee shall consult on an ongoing basis with the state Special Education
 126.11 Advisory Panel and the governor's Interagency Coordinating Council in carrying out
 126.12 its duties under this section, including assisting the governing school boards of the
 126.13 ~~interagency early intervention committees~~ and county boards.

126.14 Sec. 11. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 125A.027, is amended to read:

126.15 **125A.027 INTERAGENCY EARLY INTERVENTION COMMITTEE**
 126.16 **RESPONSIBILITIES LOCAL AGENCY COORDINATION RESPONSIBILITIES.**

126.17 Subdivision 1. **Additional duties School board and county board responsibilities.**

126.18 (a) It is the joint responsibility of school and county boards to coordinate, provide, and
 126.19 pay for appropriate services and to facilitate payment for services from public and private
 126.20 sources. Appropriate services for children eligible under section 125A.02 and receiving
 126.21 services from two or more public agencies of which one is the public school must be
 126.22 determined in consultation with parents, physicians, and other education, medical health,
 126.23 and human services providers. The services provided must conform with a standardized
 126.24 written plan for each eligible child ages three to 21.

126.25 (b) Appropriate services include those services listed on a child's standardized
 126.26 written plan. These services are those that are required to be documented on a plan under
 126.27 federal and state law or rule.

126.28 (c) School and county boards shall coordinate interagency services. Service
 126.29 responsibilities for eligible children, ages three to 21, may be established in interagency
 126.30 agreements or joint powers board agreements. In addition, interagency agreements or
 126.31 joint powers board agreements may be developed to establish agency responsibility that
 126.32 ensures that coordinated interagency services are coordinated, provided, and paid for and
 126.33 that payment is facilitated from public and private sources. School boards must provide,
 126.34 pay for, and facilitate payment for special education services as required under sections
 126.35 125A.03 and 125A.06. County boards must provide, pay for, and facilitate payment for

127.1 those programs over which they have service and fiscal responsibility as referenced in
 127.2 section 125A.023, subdivision 3, paragraph (c), clause (1).

127.3 Subd. 1a. **Local governance structure.** (a) The governing school boards of
 127.4 the interagency early intervention committees and county boards are responsible for
 127.5 developing and implementing interagency policies and procedures to coordinate services
 127.6 at the local level for children with disabilities ages three to 21 under guidelines established
 127.7 by the state interagency committee under section 125A.023, subdivision 4. Consistent
 127.8 with the requirements in this section and section 125A.023, the governing school boards
 127.9 of the interagency early intervention committees and county boards may organize as a
 127.10 joint powers board under section 471.59 or enter into an interagency agreement that
 127.11 establishes a governance structure.

127.12 (b) ~~The governing board of each interagency early intervention committee as defined~~
 127.13 ~~in section 125A.30, paragraph (a), which may include a juvenile justice professional, shall:~~

127.14 (1) ~~identify state and federal barriers to local coordination of services provided to~~
 127.15 ~~children with disabilities;~~

127.16 (2) ~~implement policies that ensure a comprehensive and coordinated system of all~~
 127.17 ~~state and local agency services, including practices on multidisciplinary assessment,~~
 127.18 ~~standardized written plans, dispute resolution, and system evaluation for children with~~
 127.19 ~~disabilities ages three to 21;~~

127.20 (3) ~~coordinate services and facilitate payment for services from public and private~~
 127.21 ~~institutions, agencies, and health plan companies; and~~

127.22 (4) ~~share needed information consistent with state and federal data practices~~
 127.23 ~~requirements.~~

127.24 Subd. 2. **Appropriate and necessary services.** (a) Parents, physicians, other health
 127.25 care professionals including school nurses, and education and human services providers
 127.26 jointly must determine appropriate and necessary services for eligible children with
 127.27 disabilities ages three to 21. The services provided to the child under this section must
 127.28 conform with the child's standardized written plan. The governing school board of an
 127.29 interagency early intervention committee or county board must provide those services
 127.30 contained in a child's individualized education program and those services for which a
 127.31 legal obligation exists. Nothing in this section creates an additional right of appeal beyond
 127.32 the rights granted under sections 125A.091, 125A.25, and 256.045.

127.33 (b) Nothing in this section or section 125A.023 increases or decreases the obligation
 127.34 of the state, county, regional agency, local school district, or local agency or organization
 127.35 to pay for education, health care, or social services.

128.1 (c) A health plan may not exclude any medically necessary covered service solely
 128.2 because the service is or could be identified in a child's individual family service plan,
 128.3 individualized education program, a plan established under section 504 of the federal
 128.4 Rehabilitation Act of 1973, or a student's individual health plan. This paragraph reaffirms
 128.5 the obligation of a health plan company to provide or pay for certain medically necessary
 128.6 covered services, and encourages a health plan company to coordinate this care with any
 128.7 other providers of similar services. Also, a health plan company may not exclude from a
 128.8 health plan any medically necessary covered service such as an assessment or physical
 128.9 examination solely because the resulting information may be used for an individualized
 128.10 education program or a standardized written plan.

128.11 ~~Subd. 4. **Responsibilities of school and county boards.** (a) It is the joint~~
 128.12 ~~responsibility of school and county boards to coordinate, provide, and pay for appropriate~~
 128.13 ~~services, and to facilitate payment for services from public and private sources.~~
 128.14 ~~Appropriate service for children eligible under section 125A.02 and receiving service~~
 128.15 ~~from two or more public agencies of which one is the public school must be determined in~~
 128.16 ~~consultation with parents, physicians, and other education, medical health, and human~~
 128.17 ~~services providers. The services provided must be in conformity with a standardized~~
 128.18 ~~written plan for each eligible child ages 3 to 21.~~

128.19 ~~(b) Appropriate services include those services listed on a child's standardized~~
 128.20 ~~written plan. These services are those that are required to be documented on a plan under~~
 128.21 ~~federal and state law or rule.~~

128.22 ~~(c) School and county boards shall coordinate interagency services. Service~~
 128.23 ~~responsibilities for eligible children, ages 3 to 21, may be established in interagency~~
 128.24 ~~agreements or joint powers board agreements. In addition, interagency agreements or joint~~
 128.25 ~~powers board agreements may be developed to establish agency responsibility that assures~~
 128.26 ~~that coordinated interagency services are coordinated, provided, and paid for, and that~~
 128.27 ~~payment is facilitated from public and private sources. School boards must provide,~~
 128.28 ~~pay for, and facilitate payment for special education services as required under sections~~
 128.29 ~~125A.03 and 125A.06. County boards must provide, pay for, and facilitate payment for~~
 128.30 ~~those programs over which they have service and fiscal responsibility as referenced in~~
 128.31 ~~section 125A.023, subdivision 3, paragraph (c), clause (1).~~

128.32 Sec. 12. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 125A.08, is amended to read:

128.33 **125A.08 INDIVIDUALIZED EDUCATION PROGRAMS.**

128.34 (a) At the beginning of each school year, each school district shall have in effect, for
 128.35 each child with a disability, an individualized education program.

129.1 (b) As defined in this section, every district must ensure the following:

129.2 (1) all students with disabilities are provided the special instruction and services
129.3 which are appropriate to their needs. Where the individualized education program team
129.4 has determined appropriate goals and objectives based on the student's needs, including
129.5 the extent to which the student can be included in the least restrictive environment,
129.6 and where there are essentially equivalent and effective instruction, related services, or
129.7 assistive technology devices available to meet the student's needs, cost to the district may
129.8 be among the factors considered by the team in choosing how to provide the appropriate
129.9 services, instruction, or devices that are to be made part of the student's individualized
129.10 education program. The individualized education program team shall consider and
129.11 may authorize services covered by medical assistance according to section 256B.0625,
129.12 subdivision 26. The student's needs and the special education instruction and services to
129.13 be provided must be agreed upon through the development of an individualized education
129.14 program. The program must address the student's need to develop skills to live and
129.15 work as independently as possible within the community. The individualized education
129.16 program team must consider positive behavioral interventions, strategies, and supports
129.17 that address behavior needs for children ~~with attention deficit disorder or attention deficit~~
129.18 ~~hyperactivity disorder~~. During grade 9, the program must address the student's needs for
129.19 transition from secondary services to postsecondary education and training, employment,
129.20 community participation, recreation, and leisure and home living. In developing the
129.21 program, districts must inform parents of the full range of transitional goals and related
129.22 services that should be considered. The program must include a statement of the needed
129.23 transition services, including a statement of the interagency responsibilities or linkages or
129.24 both before secondary services are concluded;

129.25 (2) children with a disability under age five and their families are provided special
129.26 instruction and services appropriate to the child's level of functioning and needs;

129.27 (3) children with a disability and their parents or guardians are guaranteed procedural
129.28 safeguards and the right to participate in decisions involving identification, assessment
129.29 including assistive technology assessment, and educational placement of children with a
129.30 disability;

129.31 (4) eligibility and needs of children with a disability are determined by an initial
129.32 evaluation or reevaluation, which may be completed using existing data under United
129.33 States Code, title 20, section 33, et seq.;

129.34 (5) to the maximum extent appropriate, children with a disability, including those
129.35 in public or private institutions or other care facilities, are educated with children who
129.36 are not disabled, and that special classes, separate schooling, or other removal of children

130.1 with a disability from the regular educational environment occurs only when and to the
 130.2 extent that the nature or severity of the disability is such that education in regular classes
 130.3 with the use of supplementary services cannot be achieved satisfactorily;

130.4 (6) in accordance with recognized professional standards, testing and evaluation
 130.5 materials, and procedures used for the purposes of classification and placement of children
 130.6 with a disability are selected and administered so as not to be racially or culturally
 130.7 discriminatory; and

130.8 (7) the rights of the child are protected when the parents or guardians are not known
 130.9 or not available, or the child is a ward of the state.

130.10 (c) For all paraprofessionals employed to work in programs for whose role in part
 130.11 is to provide direct support to students with disabilities, the school board in each district
 130.12 shall ensure that:

130.13 (1) before or ~~immediately upon~~ beginning at the time of employment, each
 130.14 paraprofessional ~~develops~~ must develop sufficient knowledge and skills in emergency
 130.15 procedures, building orientation, roles and responsibilities, confidentiality, vulnerability,
 130.16 and reportability, among other things, to begin meeting the needs, especially
 130.17 disability-specific and behavioral needs, of the students with whom the paraprofessional
 130.18 works;

130.19 (2) annual training opportunities are ~~available~~ required to enable the paraprofessional
 130.20 to continue to further develop the knowledge and skills that are specific to the students
 130.21 with whom the paraprofessional works, including understanding disabilities, the unique
 130.22 and individual needs of each student according to the student's disability and how the
 130.23 disability affects the student's education and behavior, following lesson plans, and
 130.24 implementing follow-up instructional procedures and activities; and

130.25 (3) a districtwide process obligates each paraprofessional to work under the ongoing
 130.26 direction of a licensed teacher and, where appropriate and possible, the supervision of a
 130.27 school nurse.

130.28 Sec. 13. **[125A.083] STUDENT INFORMATION SYSTEMS; TRANSFERRING**
 130.29 **RECORDS.**

130.30 To efficiently and effectively meet federal and state compliance and accountability
 130.31 requirements using an online case management reporting system, school districts may
 130.32 contract only for a student information system that is Schools Interoperability Framework
 130.33 compliant and compatible with the online system for compliance reporting under section
 130.34 125A.085 beginning in the 2018-2019 school year and later. A district's information
 130.35 system under this section must facilitate the seamless transfer of student records for

131.1 a student with disabilities who transfers between school districts, including records
 131.2 containing the student's evaluation report, service plan, and other due process forms and
 131.3 information, regardless of what information system any one district uses.

131.4 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment
 131.5 and applies to all district contracts with student information system vendors entered into
 131.6 or modified after that date.

131.7 Sec. 14. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 125A.085, is amended to read:

131.8 **125A.085 ONLINE REPORTING OF REQUIRED DATA.**

131.9 (a) To ensure a strong focus on outcomes for children with disabilities informs
 131.10 federal and state compliance and accountability requirements and to increase opportunities
 131.11 for special educators and related-services providers to focus on teaching children with
 131.12 disabilities, the commissioner must customize a streamlined, user-friendly statewide
 131.13 online system, with a single model online form, for effectively and efficiently collecting
 131.14 and reporting required special education-related data to individuals with a legitimate
 131.15 educational interest and who are authorized by law to access the data.

131.16 (b) The commissioner must consult with qualified experts, including information
 131.17 technology specialists, licensed special education teachers and directors of special
 131.18 education, related-services providers, third-party vendors, a designee of the commissioner
 131.19 of human services, parents of children with disabilities, representatives of advocacy groups
 131.20 representing children with disabilities, and representatives of school districts and special
 131.21 education cooperatives on integrating, field testing, customizing, and sustaining this simple,
 131.22 easily accessible, efficient, and effective online data system for uniform statewide reporting
 131.23 of required due process compliance data. Among other outcomes, the system must:

131.24 (1) reduce special education teachers' paperwork burden and thereby increase the
 131.25 teachers' opportunities to focus on teaching children;

131.26 (2) to the extent authorized by chapter 13 or other applicable state or federal law
 131.27 governing access to and dissemination of educational records, provide for efficiently
 131.28 and effectively transmitting the records of all transferring children with disabilities,
 131.29 including highly mobile and homeless children with disabilities, among others, and avoid
 131.30 fragmented service delivery;

131.31 (3) address language and other barriers and disparities that prevent parents from
 131.32 understanding and communicating information about the needs of their children with
 131.33 disabilities; and

132.1 (4) help continuously improve the interface among the online systems serving
132.2 children with disabilities in order to maintain and reinforce the children's ability to learn.

132.3 (c) The commissioner must use the federal Office of Special Education Programs
132.4 model forms for the (1) individualized education program, (2) notice of procedural
132.5 safeguards, and (3) prior written notice that are consistent with Part B of IDEA to integrate
132.6 and customize a state-sponsored universal special education online case management
132.7 system, consistent with the requirements of state law and this section for customizing a
132.8 statewide online reporting system. The commissioner must use a request for proposal
132.9 process to contract for the technology and software needed for customizing the online
132.10 system in order for the system to be fully functional, consistent with the requirements of
132.11 this section. This online system must be made available to school districts without charge
132.12 beginning in the ~~2015-2016~~ 2016-2017 school year. For the ~~2015-2016 through 2017-2018~~
132.13 2016-2017 and later school years, school districts may use this online system or may
132.14 contract with an outside vendor for compliance reporting. ~~Beginning in the 2018-2019~~
132.15 ~~school year and later, school districts must use this online system for compliance reporting.~~

132.16 (d) All data on individuals maintained in the statewide reporting system are
132.17 classified as provided in chapter 13 or other applicable state or federal law. An authorized
132.18 individual's ability to enter, update, or access data must be limited through the use of
132.19 role-based access codes corresponding to that individual's official duties or training level,
132.20 and the statutory authorization that grants access for a particular purpose. Any action
132.21 in which data in the system are entered, updated, accessed, or shared or disseminated
132.22 outside of the system must be recorded in an audit trail. The audit trail must identify the
132.23 specific user responsible for the action, the date and time the action occurred, and the
132.24 purpose for the action. Data contained in the audit trail maintain the same classification
132.25 as the underlying data affected by the action, provided the responsible authority makes
132.26 the data available to a student or the student's parent upon request, and the responsible
132.27 authority may access the data to audit the system's user activity and security safeguards.
132.28 Before entering data on a student, the responsible authority must provide the student or the
132.29 student's parent written notice of the data practices rights and responsibilities required
132.30 by this section and a reasonable opportunity to refuse consent to have the student's data
132.31 included in the system. Upon receiving the student or the student's parent written refusal
132.32 to consent, the school district must not enter data on that student into the system and must
132.33 delete any existing data on that student currently in the system.

132.34 (e) Consistent with this section, the commissioner must establish a public Internet
132.35 Web interface to provide information to educators, parents, and the public about the form
132.36 and content of required special education reports, to respond to queries from educators,

133.1 parents, and the public about specific aspects of special education reports and reporting,
 133.2 and to use the information garnered from the interface to streamline and revise special
 133.3 education reporting on the online system under this section. The public Internet Web
 133.4 interface must have a prominently linked page describing the rights and responsibilities
 133.5 of students and parents whose data are included in the statewide reporting system, and
 133.6 include information on the data practices rights of students and parents provided by this
 133.7 section and a form students or parents may use to refuse consent to have a student's data
 133.8 included in the system. The public Internet Web interface must not provide access to the
 133.9 educational records of any individual child.

133.10 (f) The commissioner annually by February 1 must submit to the legislature a report
 133.11 on the status, recent changes, and sustainability of the online system under this section.

133.12 Sec. 15. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 125A.0942, subdivision 3, is amended to
 133.13 read:

133.14 Subd. 3. **Physical holding or seclusion.** (a) Physical holding or seclusion may be
 133.15 used only in an emergency. A school that uses physical holding or seclusion shall meet the
 133.16 following requirements:

133.17 (1) physical holding or seclusion is the least intrusive intervention that effectively
 133.18 responds to the emergency;

133.19 (2) physical holding or seclusion is not used to discipline a noncompliant child;

133.20 (3) physical holding or seclusion ends when the threat of harm ends and the staff
 133.21 determines the child can safely return to the classroom or activity;

133.22 (4) staff directly observes the child while physical holding or seclusion is being used;

133.23 (5) each time physical holding or seclusion is used, the staff person who implements
 133.24 or oversees the physical holding or seclusion documents, as soon as possible after the
 133.25 incident concludes, the following information:

133.26 (i) a description of the incident that led to the physical holding or seclusion;

133.27 (ii) why a less restrictive measure failed or was determined by staff to be
 133.28 inappropriate or impractical;

133.29 (iii) the time the physical holding or seclusion began and the time the child was
 133.30 released; and

133.31 (iv) a brief record of the child's behavioral and physical status;

133.32 (6) the room used for seclusion must:

133.33 (i) be at least six feet by five feet;

133.34 (ii) be well lit, well ventilated, adequately heated, and clean;

133.35 (iii) have a window that allows staff to directly observe a child in seclusion;

134.1 (iv) have tamperproof fixtures, electrical switches located immediately outside the
134.2 door, and secure ceilings;

134.3 (v) have doors that open out and are unlocked, locked with keyless locks that
134.4 have immediate release mechanisms, or locked with locks that have immediate release
134.5 mechanisms connected with a fire and emergency system; and

134.6 (vi) not contain objects that a child may use to injure the child or others;

134.7 (7) before using a room for seclusion, a school must:

134.8 (i) receive written notice from local authorities that the room and the locking
134.9 mechanisms comply with applicable building, fire, and safety codes; and

134.10 (ii) register the room with the commissioner, who may view that room; and

134.11 (8) until August 1, 2015, a school district may use prone restraints with children
134.12 age five or older if:

134.13 (i) the district has provided to the department a list of staff who have had specific
134.14 training on the use of prone restraints;

134.15 (ii) the district provides information on the type of training that was provided and
134.16 by whom;

134.17 (iii) only staff who received specific training use prone restraints;

134.18 (iv) each incident of the use of prone restraints is reported to the department within
134.19 five working days on a form provided by the department; and

134.20 (v) the district, before using prone restraints, must review any known medical or
134.21 psychological limitations that contraindicate the use of prone restraints.

134.22 The department must collect data on districts' use of prone restraints and publish the data
134.23 in a readily accessible format on the department's Web site on a quarterly basis.

134.24 (b) By February 1, 2015, and annually thereafter, stakeholders ~~must~~ may, as
134.25 necessary, recommend to the commissioner specific and measurable implementation and
134.26 outcome goals for reducing the use of restrictive procedures and the commissioner must
134.27 submit to the legislature a report on districts' progress in reducing the use of restrictive
134.28 procedures that recommends how to further reduce these procedures and eliminate
134.29 the use of prone restraints. The statewide plan includes the following components:
134.30 measurable goals; the resources, training, technical assistance, mental health services, and
134.31 collaborative efforts needed to significantly reduce districts' use of prone restraints; and
134.32 recommendations to clarify and improve the law governing districts' use of restrictive
134.33 procedures. The commissioner must consult with interested stakeholders when preparing
134.34 the report, including representatives of advocacy organizations, special education directors,
134.35 teachers, paraprofessionals, intermediate school districts, school boards, day treatment
134.36 providers, county social services, state human services department staff, mental health

135.1 professionals, and autism experts. By June 30 each year, districts must report summary
135.2 data on their use of restrictive procedures to the department, in a form and manner
135.3 determined by the commissioner. The summary data must include information about the
135.4 use of restrictive procedures, including use of reasonable force under section 121A.582.

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

135.6 Sec. 16. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 125A.11, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

135.7 Subdivision 1. **Nonresident tuition rate; other costs.** (a) For fiscal year 2015 and
135.8 later, when a school district provides special instruction and services for a pupil with
135.9 a disability as defined in section 125A.02 outside the district of residence, excluding
135.10 a pupil for whom an adjustment to special education aid is calculated according to
135.11 section 127A.47, subdivision 7, paragraphs (b) to (d), special education aid paid to the
135.12 resident district must be reduced by an amount equal to (1) the actual cost of providing
135.13 special instruction and services to the pupil, including a proportionate amount for special
135.14 transportation and unreimbursed building lease and debt service costs for facilities used
135.15 primarily for special education, plus (2) the amount of general education revenue and
135.16 referendum equalization aid attributable to that pupil, calculated using the resident district's
135.17 average general education revenue and referendum equalization aid per adjusted pupil
135.18 unit excluding basic skills revenue, elementary sparsity revenue and secondary sparsity
135.19 revenue, minus (3) the amount of special education aid for children with a disability
135.20 under section 125A.76 received on behalf of that child, minus (4) if the pupil receives
135.21 special instruction and services outside the regular classroom for more than 60 percent
135.22 of the school day, the amount of general education revenue and referendum equalization
135.23 aid, excluding portions attributable to district and school administration, district support
135.24 services, operations and maintenance, capital expenditures, and pupil transportation,
135.25 attributable to that pupil for the portion of time the pupil receives special instruction
135.26 and services outside of the regular classroom, calculated using the resident district's
135.27 average general education revenue and referendum equalization aid per adjusted pupil unit
135.28 excluding basic skills revenue, elementary sparsity revenue and secondary sparsity revenue
135.29 and the serving district's basic skills revenue, elementary sparsity revenue and secondary
135.30 sparsity revenue per adjusted pupil unit. Notwithstanding clauses (1) and (4), for pupils
135.31 served by a cooperative unit without a fiscal agent school district, the general education
135.32 revenue and referendum equalization aid attributable to a pupil must be calculated using
135.33 the resident district's average general education revenue and referendum equalization aid
135.34 excluding compensatory revenue, elementary sparsity revenue, and secondary sparsity
135.35 revenue. Special education aid paid to the district or cooperative providing special

136.1 instruction and services for the pupil must be increased by the amount of the reduction in
136.2 the aid paid to the resident district. Amounts paid to cooperatives under this subdivision
136.3 and section 127A.47, subdivision 7, shall be recognized and reported as revenues and
136.4 expenditures on the resident school district's books of account under sections 123B.75
136.5 and 123B.76. If the resident district's special education aid is insufficient to make the full
136.6 adjustment, the remaining adjustment shall be made to other state aid due to the district.

136.7 (b) Notwithstanding paragraph (a), when a charter school receiving special education
136.8 aid under section 124D.11, subdivision 5b, provides special instruction and services for
136.9 a pupil with a disability as defined in section 125A.02, excluding a pupil for whom an
136.10 adjustment to special education aid is calculated according to section 127A.46, subdivision
136.11 7, paragraphs (b) to (e), special education aid paid to the resident district must be reduced
136.12 by an amount equal to that calculated under paragraph (a) as if the charter school received
136.13 aid under section 124D.11, subdivision 5. Notwithstanding paragraph (a), special education
136.14 aid paid to the charter school providing special instruction and services for the pupil must
136.15 not be increased by the amount of the reduction in the aid paid to the resident district.

136.16 (c) Notwithstanding paragraph (a) and section 127A.47, subdivision 7, paragraphs
136.17 (b) to (d), a charter school where more than 30 percent of enrolled students receive special
136.18 education and related services, a site approved under section 125A.515, an intermediate
136.19 district, a special education cooperative, or a school district that served as the applicant
136.20 agency for a group of school districts for federal special education aids for fiscal year
136.21 2006 may apply to the commissioner for authority to charge the resident district an
136.22 additional amount to recover any remaining unreimbursed costs of serving pupils with
136.23 a disability. The application must include a description of the costs and the calculations
136.24 used to determine the unreimbursed portion to be charged to the resident district. Amounts
136.25 approved by the commissioner under this paragraph must be included in the tuition billings
136.26 or aid adjustments under paragraph (a), or section 127A.47, subdivision 7, paragraphs
136.27 (b) to (d), as applicable.

136.28 (e) (d) For purposes of this subdivision and section 127A.47, subdivision 7,
136.29 paragraph (b), "general education revenue and referendum equalization aid" means
136.30 the sum of the general education revenue according to section 126C.10, subdivision 1,
136.31 excluding the local optional levy according to section 126C.10, subdivision 2e, paragraph
136.32 (c), plus the referendum equalization aid according to section 126C.17, subdivision 7.

136.33 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective for fiscal year 2016 and later.

137.1 Sec. 17. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 125A.21, is amended to read:

137.2 **125A.21 THIRD-PARTY PAYMENT.**

137.3 Subdivision 1. **Obligation to pay.** Nothing in sections 125A.03 to 125A.24 and
137.4 125A.65 relieves an insurer or similar third party from an otherwise valid obligation to
137.5 pay, or changes the validity of an obligation to pay, for services rendered to a child with
137.6 a disability, and the child's family. A school district shall pay the nonfederal share of
137.7 medical assistance services provided according to section 256B.0625, subdivision 26.
137.8 Eligible expenditures must not be made from federal funds or funds used to match other
137.9 federal funds. Any federal disallowances are the responsibility of the school district. A
137.10 school district may pay or reimburse co-payments, coinsurance, deductibles, and other
137.11 enrollee cost-sharing amounts, on behalf of the student or family, in connection with
137.12 health and related services provided under an individual educational plan or individualized
137.13 family service plan.

137.14 Subd. 2. **Third-party reimbursement.** (a) Beginning July 1, 2000, districts
137.15 shall seek reimbursement from insurers and similar third parties for the cost of services
137.16 provided by the district whenever the services provided by the district are otherwise
137.17 covered by the child's health coverage. Districts shall request, but may not require, the
137.18 child's family to provide information about the child's health coverage when a child with a
137.19 disability begins to receive services from the district of a type that may be reimbursable,
137.20 and shall request, but may not require, updated information after that as needed.

137.21 (b) For children enrolled in medical assistance under chapter 256B or MinnesotaCare
137.22 under chapter 256L who have no other health coverage, a district shall provide an initial
137.23 and annual written notice to the enrolled child's parent or legal representative of its intent
137.24 to seek reimbursement from medical assistance or MinnesotaCare for the individualized
137.25 education program or individualized family service plan health-related services provided
137.26 by the district. The initial notice must give the child's parent or legal representative the
137.27 right to request a copy of the child's education records on the health-related services that
137.28 the district provided to the child and disclosed to a third-party payer.

137.29 (c) The district shall give the parent or legal representative annual written notice of:

137.30 (1) the district's intent to seek reimbursement from medical assistance or
137.31 MinnesotaCare for individualized education program or individualized family service plan
137.32 health-related services provided by the district;

137.33 (2) the right of the parent or legal representative to request a copy of all records
137.34 concerning individualized education program or individualized family service plan
137.35 health-related services disclosed by the district to any third party; and

138.1 (3) the right of the parent or legal representative to withdraw consent for disclosure
138.2 of a child's records at any time without consequence.

138.3 The written notice shall be provided as part of the written notice required by Code of
138.4 Federal Regulations, title 34, section 300.504 or 303.520. The district must ensure that the
138.5 parent of a child with a disability is given notice, in understandable language, of federal and
138.6 state procedural safeguards available to the parent under this paragraph and paragraph (b).

138.7 (d) In order to access the private health care coverage of a child who is covered by
138.8 private health care coverage in whole or in part, a district must:

138.9 (1) obtain annual written informed consent from the parent or legal representative, in
138.10 compliance with subdivision 5; and

138.11 (2) inform the parent or legal representative that a refusal to permit the district
138.12 or state Medicaid agency to access their private health care coverage does not relieve
138.13 the district of its responsibility to provide all services necessary to provide free and
138.14 appropriate public education at no cost to the parent or legal representative.

138.15 (e) If the commissioner of human services obtains federal approval to exempt
138.16 covered individualized education program or individualized family service plan
138.17 health-related services from the requirement that private health care coverage refuse
138.18 payment before medical assistance may be billed, paragraphs (b), (c), and (d) shall also
138.19 apply to students with a combination of private health care coverage and health care
138.20 coverage through medical assistance or MinnesotaCare.

138.21 (f) In the event that Congress or any federal agency or the Minnesota legislature
138.22 or any state agency establishes lifetime limits, limits for any health care services,
138.23 cost-sharing provisions, or otherwise provides that individualized education program or
138.24 individualized family service plan health-related services impact benefits for persons
138.25 enrolled in medical assistance or MinnesotaCare, the amendments to this subdivision
138.26 adopted in 2002 are repealed on the effective date of any federal or state law or regulation
138.27 that imposes the limits. In that event, districts must obtain informed consent consistent
138.28 with this subdivision as it existed prior to the 2002 amendments and subdivision 5, before
138.29 seeking reimbursement for children enrolled in medical assistance under chapter 256B or
138.30 MinnesotaCare under chapter 256L who have no other health care coverage.

138.31 Subd. 3. **Use of reimbursements.** Of the reimbursements received, districts may:

138.32 (1) retain an amount sufficient to compensate the district for its administrative costs
138.33 of obtaining reimbursements;

138.34 (2) regularly obtain from education- and health-related entities training and other
138.35 appropriate technical assistance designed to improve the district's ability to access

139.1 third-party payments for individualized education program or individualized family
 139.2 service plan health-related services; or

139.3 (3) reallocate reimbursements for the benefit of students with individualized
 139.4 education programs or ~~individual~~ individualized family service plans in the district.

139.5 Subd. 4. **Parents not obligated to use health coverage.** To the extent required by
 139.6 federal law, a school district may not require parents of children with disabilities, if they
 139.7 would incur a financial cost, to use private or public health coverage to pay for the services
 139.8 that must be provided under an individualized education program or individualized
 139.9 family service plan.

139.10 Subd. 5. **Informed consent.** When obtaining informed consent, consistent with
 139.11 sections 13.05, subdivision 4a; 256B.77, subdivision 2, paragraph (p); and Code of
 139.12 Federal Regulations, title 34, parts 99 ~~and~~ 300, and 303, to bill health plans for covered
 139.13 services, the school district must notify the legal representative (1) that the cost of the
 139.14 person's private health insurance premium may increase due to providing the covered
 139.15 service in the school setting, (2) that the school district may pay certain enrollee health
 139.16 plan costs, including but not limited to, co-payments, coinsurance, deductibles, premium
 139.17 increases or other enrollee cost-sharing amounts for health and related services required
 139.18 by an individual service plan, or ~~individual~~ individualized family service plan, and (3) that
 139.19 the school's billing for each type of covered service may affect service limits and prior
 139.20 authorization thresholds. The informed consent may be revoked in writing at any time
 139.21 by the person authorizing the billing of the health plan.

139.22 Subd. 6. **District obligation to provide service.** To the extent required by federal
 139.23 law, no school district may deny, withhold, or delay any service that must be provided
 139.24 under an individualized education program or individualized family service plan because
 139.25 a family has refused to provide informed consent to bill a health plan for services or a
 139.26 health plan company has refused to pay any, all, or a portion of the cost of services billed.

139.27 Subd. 7. **District disclosure of information.** A school district may disclose
 139.28 information contained in a student's individualized education program, consistent with
 139.29 section 13.32, subdivision 3, paragraph (a), and Code of Federal Regulations, title 34,
 139.30 parts 99 ~~and~~ 300, and 303; including records of the student's diagnosis and treatment, to a
 139.31 health plan company only with the signed and dated consent of the student's parent, or
 139.32 other legally authorized individual. The school district shall disclose only that information
 139.33 necessary for the health plan company to decide matters of coverage and payment. A
 139.34 health plan company may use the information only for making decisions regarding
 139.35 coverage and payment, and for any other use permitted by law.

140.1 Sec. 18. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 125A.28, is amended to read:

140.2 **125A.28 STATE INTERAGENCY COORDINATING COUNCIL.**

140.3 An Interagency Coordinating Council of at least 17, but not more than 25 members is
140.4 established, in compliance with Public Law 108-446, section 641. The members must be
140.5 appointed by the governor and reasonably represent the population of Minnesota. Council
140.6 members must elect the council chair, who may not be a representative of the Department
140.7 of Education. The council must be composed of at least five parents, including persons
140.8 of color, of children with disabilities under age 12, including at least three parents of a
140.9 child with a disability under age seven, five representatives of public or private providers
140.10 of services for children with disabilities under age five, including a special education
140.11 director, county social service director, local Head Start director, and a community health
140.12 services or public health nursing administrator, one member of the senate, one member of
140.13 the house of representatives, one representative of teacher preparation programs in early
140.14 childhood-special education or other preparation programs in early childhood intervention,
140.15 at least one representative of advocacy organizations for children with disabilities under
140.16 age five, one physician who cares for young children with special health care needs, one
140.17 representative each from the commissioners of commerce, education, health, human
140.18 services, a representative from the state agency responsible for child care, foster care,
140.19 mental health, homeless coordinator of education of homeless children and youth, and a
140.20 representative from Indian health services or a tribal council. Section 15.059, subdivisions
140.21 2 to 4, apply to the council. The council must meet at least quarterly.

140.22 The council must address methods of implementing the state policy of developing
140.23 and implementing comprehensive, coordinated, multidisciplinary interagency programs of
140.24 early intervention services for children with disabilities and their families.

140.25 The duties of the council include recommending policies to ensure a comprehensive
140.26 and coordinated system of all state and local agency services for children under age five
140.27 with disabilities and their families. The policies must address how to incorporate each
140.28 agency's services into a unified state and local system of multidisciplinary assessment
140.29 practices, individual intervention plans, comprehensive systems to find children in need of
140.30 services, methods to improve public awareness, and assistance in determining the role of
140.31 interagency early intervention committees.

140.32 ~~On the date that Minnesota Part C Annual Performance Report is submitted to~~
140.33 Within 30 days of receiving the annual determination from the federal Office of Special
140.34 Education on the Minnesota Part C Annual Performance Report, the council must
140.35 recommend to the governor and the commissioners of education, health, human services,

141.1 commerce, and employment and economic development policies for a comprehensive
141.2 and coordinated system.

141.3 Annually, the council must prepare and submit a report to the governor and the
141.4 secretary of the federal Department of Education on the status of early intervention
141.5 services and programs for infants and toddlers with disabilities and their families under
141.6 the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, United States Code, title 20, sections
141.7 1471 to 1485 (Part C, Public Law 102-119), as operated in Minnesota. The Minnesota
141.8 Part C annual performance report may serve as the report.

141.9 Notwithstanding any other law to the contrary, the State Interagency Coordinating
141.10 Council does not expire unless federal law no longer requires the existence of the council
141.11 or committee.

141.12 Sec. 19. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 125A.63, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

141.13 Subd. 2. **Programs.** (a) ~~The resource-centers department~~ must offer summer
141.14 institutes or other training programs throughout the state for deaf or hard-of-hearing, blind
141.15 or visually impaired, and multiply disabled pupils. ~~The resource-centers department~~ must
141.16 also offer workshops for teachers, and leadership development for teachers.

141.17 ~~A program~~ (b) Training and workshop programs offered ~~through the resource-centers~~
141.18 under paragraph (a) must help promote and develop education programs offered by school
141.19 districts or other organizations. ~~The program programs~~ must assist school districts or other
141.20 organizations to develop innovative programs.

141.21 Sec. 20. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 125A.63, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

141.22 Subd. 3. **Programs by nonprofits.** ~~The resource-centers department~~ may contract
141.23 to have nonprofit organizations provide programs ~~through the resource-centers~~ under
141.24 subdivision 2.

141.25 Sec. 21. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 125A.63, subdivision 4, is amended to read:

141.26 Subd. 4. **Advisory committees.** (a) The commissioner shall establish ~~an~~ advisory
141.27 ~~committee~~ committees for ~~each resource-center~~ the deaf and hard-of-hearing and for the
141.28 blind and visually impaired. The advisory committees shall develop recommendations
141.29 ~~regarding the resource-centers~~ and submit an annual report to the commissioner on the
141.30 form and in the manner prescribed by the commissioner.

141.31 (b) The advisory ~~committee for the Resource-Center~~ committees for the deaf and
141.32 hard of hearing and for the blind and visually impaired shall meet periodically at least four
141.33 times per year and each submit an annual report to the commissioner, the education policy

142.1 and finance committees of the legislature, and the Commission of Deaf, DeafBlind, and
 142.2 ~~Hard-of-Hearing~~ Hard-of-Hearing Minnesotans. The ~~report~~ reports must, at least:

142.3 (1) identify and report the aggregate, data-based education outcomes for children
 142.4 with the primary disability classification of deaf and hard of hearing or of blind and
 142.5 visually impaired, consistent with the commissioner's child count reporting practices, the
 142.6 commissioner's state and local outcome data reporting system by district and region, and
 142.7 the school performance report cards under section 120B.36, subdivision 1; and

142.8 (2) describe the implementation of a data-based plan for improving the education
 142.9 outcomes of deaf and hard of hearing or blind and visually impaired children that is
 142.10 premised on evidence-based best practices, and provide a cost estimate for ongoing
 142.11 implementation of the plan.

142.12 Sec. 22. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 125A.63, subdivision 5, is amended to read:

142.13 Subd. 5. **Statewide hearing loss early education intervention coordinator.** (a)

142.14 The coordinator shall:

142.15 (1) collaborate with the early hearing detection and intervention coordinator for the
 142.16 Department of Health, ~~the director of the Department of Education Resource Center for~~
 142.17 ~~Deaf and Hard-of-Hearing~~ deaf and hard-of-hearing state specialist, and the Department
 142.18 of Health Early Hearing Detection and Intervention Advisory Council;

142.19 (2) coordinate and support Department of Education early hearing detection and
 142.20 intervention teams;

142.21 (3) leverage resources by serving as a liaison between interagency early intervention
 142.22 committees; part C coordinators from the Departments of Education, Health, and
 142.23 Human Services; Department of Education regional low-incidence facilitators; service
 142.24 coordinators from school districts; Minnesota children with special health needs in the
 142.25 Department of Health; public health nurses; child find; Department of Human Services
 142.26 Deaf and Hard-of-Hearing Services Division; and others as appropriate;

142.27 (4) identify, support, and promote culturally appropriate and evidence-based early
 142.28 intervention practices for infants with hearing loss, and provide training, outreach, and use
 142.29 of technology to increase consistency in statewide service provision;

142.30 (5) identify culturally appropriate specialized reliable and valid instruments to assess
 142.31 and track the progress of children with hearing loss and promote their use;

142.32 (6) ensure that early childhood providers, parents, and members of the individual
 142.33 family service and intervention plan are provided with child progress data resulting from
 142.34 specialized assessments;

143.1 (7) educate early childhood providers and teachers of the deaf and hard-of-hearing
 143.2 to use developmental data from specialized assessments to plan and adjust individual
 143.3 family service plans; and

143.4 (8) make recommendations that would improve educational outcomes to the early
 143.5 hearing detection and intervention committee, the commissioners of education and health,
 143.6 the Commission of Deaf, DeafBlind and Hard-of-Hearing Minnesotans, and the advisory
 143.7 council of the ~~Minnesota Department of Education Resource Center~~ for the deaf and
 143.8 hard-of-hearing.

143.9 (b) The Department of Education must provide aggregate data regarding outcomes
 143.10 of deaf and hard-of-hearing children who receive early intervention services within the
 143.11 state in accordance with the state performance plan.

143.12 Sec. 23. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 125A.76, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

143.13 Subdivision 1. **Definitions.** (a) For the purposes of this section and section 125A.79,
 143.14 the definitions in this subdivision apply.

143.15 (b) "Basic revenue" has the meaning given it in section 126C.10, subdivision 2.
 143.16 For the purposes of computing basic revenue pursuant to this section, each child with a
 143.17 disability shall be counted as prescribed in section 126C.05, subdivision 1.

143.18 (c) "Essential personnel" means teachers, cultural liaisons, related services, and
 143.19 support services staff providing services to students. Essential personnel may also include
 143.20 special education paraprofessionals or clericals providing support to teachers and students
 143.21 by preparing paperwork and making arrangements related to special education compliance
 143.22 requirements, including parent meetings and individualized education programs. Essential
 143.23 personnel does not include administrators and supervisors.

143.24 (d) "Average daily membership" has the meaning given it in section 126C.05.

143.25 (e) "Program growth factor" means 1.046 for fiscal years 2012 through 2015, 1.0
 143.26 for fiscal year 2016, 1.046 for fiscal year 2017, and the product of 1.046 and the program
 143.27 growth factor for the previous year for fiscal year 2018 and later.

143.28 (f) "Nonfederal special education expenditure" means all direct expenditures that
 143.29 are necessary and essential to meet the district's obligation to provide special instruction
 143.30 and services to children with a disability according to sections 124D.454, 125A.03 to
 143.31 125A.24, 125A.259 to 125A.48, and 125A.65 as submitted by the district and approved by
 143.32 the department under section 125A.75, subdivision 4, excluding expenditures:

143.33 (1) reimbursed with federal funds;

143.34 (2) reimbursed with other state aids under this chapter;

143.35 (3) for general education costs of serving students with a disability;

144.1 (4) for facilities;

144.2 (5) for pupil transportation; and

144.3 (6) for postemployment benefits.

144.4 (g) "Old formula special education expenditures" means expenditures eligible for
144.5 revenue under Minnesota Statutes 2012, section 125A.76, subdivision 2.

144.6 (h) For the Minnesota State Academy for the Deaf and the Minnesota State Academy
144.7 for the Blind, expenditures under paragraphs (f) and (g) are limited to the salary and
144.8 fringe benefits of one-to-one instructional and behavior management aides and one-to-one
144.9 licensed, certified professionals assigned to a child attending the academy, if the aides or
144.10 professionals are required by the child's individualized education program.

144.11 (i) "Cross subsidy reduction aid percentage" means 1.0 percent for fiscal year 2014
144.12 and 2.27 percent for fiscal year 2015.

144.13 (j) "Cross subsidy reduction aid limit" means \$20 for fiscal year 2014 and \$48
144.14 for fiscal year 2015.

144.15 (k) "Special education aid increase limit" means \$80 for fiscal year 2016, \$100 for
144.16 fiscal year 2017, and, for fiscal year 2018 and later, the sum of the special education aid
144.17 increase limit for the previous fiscal year and \$40.

144.18 (l) "District" means a school district, a charter school, or a cooperative unit as
144.19 defined in section 123A.24, subdivision 2. Notwithstanding section 123A.26, cooperative
144.20 units as defined in section 123A.24, subdivision 2, are eligible to receive special education
144.21 aid under this section and section 125A.79.

144.22 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective for fiscal year 2016 and later.

144.23 Sec. 24. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 125A.76, subdivision 2c, is amended to read:

144.24 Subd. 2c. **Special education aid.** (a) For fiscal year 2014 and fiscal year 2015, a
144.25 district's special education aid equals the sum of the district's special education aid under
144.26 subdivision 5, the district's cross subsidy reduction aid under subdivision 2b, and the
144.27 district's excess cost aid under section 125A.79, subdivision 7.

144.28 (b) For fiscal year 2016 and later, a district's special education aid equals the sum of
144.29 the district's special education initial aid under subdivision 2a and the district's excess cost
144.30 aid under section 125A.79, subdivision 5.

144.31 (c) Notwithstanding paragraph (b), for fiscal year 2016, the special education aid for
144.32 a school district must not exceed the sum of the special education aid the district would
144.33 have received for fiscal year 2016 under Minnesota Statutes 2012, sections 125A.76
144.34 and 125A.79, as adjusted according to Minnesota Statutes 2012, sections 125A.11 and

145.1 127A.47, subdivision 7, and the product of the district's average daily membership served
 145.2 and the special education aid increase limit.

145.3 (d) Notwithstanding paragraph (b), for fiscal year 2017 and later, the special education
 145.4 aid for a school district must not exceed the sum of: (i) the product of the district's average
 145.5 daily membership served and the special education aid increase limit and (ii) the product
 145.6 of the sum of the special education aid the district would have received for fiscal year 2016
 145.7 under Minnesota Statutes 2012, sections 125A.76 and 125A.79, as adjusted according
 145.8 to Minnesota Statutes 2012, sections 125A.11 and 127A.47, subdivision 7, the ratio of
 145.9 the district's average daily membership served for the current fiscal year to the district's
 145.10 average daily membership served for fiscal year 2016, and the program growth factor.

145.11 (e) Notwithstanding paragraph (b), for fiscal year 2016 and later the special
 145.12 education aid for a school district, not including a charter school or cooperative unit as
 145.13 defined in section 123A.24, must not be less than the lesser of (1) the district's nonfederal
 145.14 special education expenditures for that fiscal year or (2) the product of the sum of the
 145.15 special education aid the district would have received for fiscal year 2016 under Minnesota
 145.16 Statutes 2012, sections 125A.76 and 125A.79, as adjusted according to Minnesota Statutes
 145.17 2012, sections 125A.11 and 127A.47, subdivision 7, the ratio of the district's adjusted
 145.18 daily membership for the current fiscal year to the district's average daily membership for
 145.19 fiscal year 2016, and the program growth factor.

145.20 (f) Notwithstanding subdivision 2a and section 125A.79, a charter school in its first
 145.21 year of operation shall generate special education aid based on current year data. A newly
 145.22 formed cooperative unit as defined in section 123A.24 may apply to the commissioner
 145.23 for approval to generate special education aid for its first year of operation based on
 145.24 current year data, with an offsetting adjustment to the prior year data used to calculate aid
 145.25 for programs at participating school districts or previous cooperatives that were replaced
 145.26 by the new cooperative.

145.27 Sec. 25. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 125A.79, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

145.28 Subdivision 1. **Definitions.** For the purposes of this section, the definitions in this
 145.29 subdivision apply.

145.30 (a) "Unreimbursed old formula special education expenditures" means:

145.31 (1) old formula special education expenditures for the prior fiscal year; minus

145.32 (2) for fiscal years 2014 and 2015, the sum of the special education aid under section
 145.33 125A.76, subdivision 5, for the prior fiscal year and the cross subsidy reduction aid under
 145.34 section 125A.76, subdivision 2b, and for fiscal year 2016 and later, the special education
 145.35 initial aid under section 125A.76, subdivision 2a; minus

146.1 (3) for fiscal year 2016 and later, the amount of general education revenue, excluding
 146.2 local optional revenue, plus local optional aid and referendum equalization aid for the
 146.3 prior fiscal year attributable to pupils receiving special instruction and services outside the
 146.4 regular classroom for more than 60 percent of the school day for the portion of time the
 146.5 pupils receive special instruction and services outside the regular classroom, excluding
 146.6 portions attributable to district and school administration, district support services,
 146.7 operations and maintenance, capital expenditures, and pupil transportation.

146.8 (b) "Unreimbursed nonfederal special education expenditures" means:

146.9 (1) nonfederal special education expenditures for the prior fiscal year; minus

146.10 (2) special education initial aid under section 125A.76, subdivision 2a; minus

146.11 (3) the amount of general education revenue and referendum equalization aid for the
 146.12 prior fiscal year attributable to pupils receiving special instruction and services outside the
 146.13 regular classroom for more than 60 percent of the school day for the portion of time the
 146.14 pupils receive special instruction and services outside of the regular classroom, excluding
 146.15 portions attributable to district and school administration, district support services,
 146.16 operations and maintenance, capital expenditures, and pupil transportation.

146.17 (c) "General revenue" for a school district means the sum of the general education
 146.18 revenue according to section 126C.10, subdivision 1, excluding transportation sparsity
 146.19 revenue, local optional revenue, and total operating capital revenue. "General revenue"
 146.20 for a charter school means the sum of the general education revenue according to section
 146.21 124D.11, subdivision 1, and transportation revenue according to section 124D.11,
 146.22 subdivision 2, excluding referendum equalization aid, transportation sparsity revenue, and
 146.23 operating capital revenue.

146.24 Sec. 26. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 125A.79, subdivision 5, is amended to read:

146.25 Subd. 5. **Excess cost aid.** For fiscal year 2016 and later, a district's excess cost
 146.26 aid equals the greater of:

146.27 (1) 56 percent of the difference between (i) the district's unreimbursed nonfederal
 146.28 special education expenditures and (ii) 7.0 percent of the product of the ratio of \$5,831 to
 146.29 the formula allowance for the prior year and the district's general revenue;

146.30 (2) 62 percent of the difference between (i) the district's unreimbursed old formula
 146.31 special education expenditures and (ii) 2.5 percent of the product of the ratio of \$5,831 to
 146.32 the formula allowance for the prior year and the district's general revenue; or

146.33 (3) zero.

146.34 Sec. 27. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 127A.45, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

147.1 Subd. 3. **Payment dates and percentages.** (a) The commissioner shall pay to a
 147.2 district on the dates indicated an amount computed as follows: the cumulative amount
 147.3 guaranteed minus the sum of (1) the district's other district receipts through the current
 147.4 payment, and (2) the aid and credit payments through the immediately preceding payment.
 147.5 For purposes of this computation, the payment dates and the cumulative disbursement
 147.6 percentages are as follows:

147.7		Payment date	Percentage
147.8	Payment 1	July 15:	5.5
147.9	Payment 2	July 30:	8.0
147.10	Payment 3	August 15:	17.5
147.11	Payment 4	August 30:	20.0
147.12	Payment 5	September 15:	22.5
147.13	Payment 6	September 30:	25.0
147.14	Payment 7	October 15:	27.0
147.15	Payment 8	October 30:	30.0
147.16	Payment 9	November 15:	32.5
147.17	Payment 10	November 30:	36.5
147.18	Payment 11	December 15:	42.0
147.19	Payment 12	December 30:	45.0
147.20	Payment 13	January 15:	50.0
147.21	Payment 14	January 30:	54.0
147.22	Payment 15	February 15:	58.0
147.23	Payment 16	February 28:	63.0
147.24	Payment 17	March 15:	68.0
147.25	Payment 18	March 30:	74.0
147.26	Payment 19	April 15:	78.0
147.27	Payment 20	April 30:	85.0
147.28	Payment 21	May 15:	90.0
147.29	Payment 22	May 30:	95.0
147.30	Payment 23	June 20:	100.0

147.31 (b) In addition to the amounts paid under paragraph (a), the commissioner shall pay
 147.32 to a school district or charter school on the dates indicated an amount computed as follows:

147.33	Payment 3	August 15: the final adjustment for the prior fiscal year for the state paid
147.34		property tax credits established in section 273.1392
147.35	Payment 4	August 30: 30 percent of the final adjustment for the prior fiscal year for
147.36		all aid entitlements except state paid property tax credits
147.37	Payment 6	September 30: 40 percent of the final adjustment for the prior fiscal year
147.38		for all aid entitlements except state paid property tax credits
147.39	Payment 8	October 30: 30 percent of the final adjustment for the prior fiscal year
147.40		for all aid entitlements except state paid property tax credits

147.41 (c) Notwithstanding paragraph (b), if the current year aid payment percentage
 147.42 under subdivision 2, paragraph (d), is less than 90, in addition to the amounts paid under

148.1 paragraph (a), the commissioner shall pay to a charter school on the dates indicated an
 148.2 amount computed as follows:

148.3	Payment 1	July 15: 75 percent of the final adjustment for the prior fiscal year for
148.4		all aid entitlements
148.5	Payment 8	October 30: 25 percent of the final adjustment for the prior fiscal year for
148.6		all aid entitlements

148.7 (d) Notwithstanding paragraph (b), if a charter school is an eligible special education
 148.8 charter school under section 124D.11, subdivision 5a, in addition to the amounts paid
 148.9 under paragraph (a), the commissioner shall pay to a charter school on the dates indicated
 148.10 an amount computed as follows:

148.11	<u>Payment 1</u>	<u>July 15: 75 percent of the final adjustment for the prior fiscal year for</u>
148.12		<u>all aid entitlements</u>
148.13	<u>Payment 8</u>	<u>October 30: 25 percent of the final adjustment for the prior fiscal year for</u>
148.14		<u>all aid entitlements</u>

148.15 Sec. 28. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 127A.47, subdivision 7, is amended to read:

148.16 Subd. 7. **Alternative attendance programs.** (a) The general education aid and
 148.17 special education aid for districts must be adjusted for each pupil attending a nonresident
 148.18 district under sections 123A.05 to 123A.08, 124D.03, 124D.08, and 124D.68. The
 148.19 adjustments must be made according to this subdivision.

148.20 (b) For purposes of this subdivision, the "unreimbursed cost of providing special
 148.21 education and services" means the difference between: (1) the actual cost of providing
 148.22 special instruction and services, including special transportation and unreimbursed building
 148.23 lease and debt service costs for facilities used primarily for special education, for a pupil
 148.24 with a disability, as defined in section 125A.02, or a pupil, as defined in section 125A.51,
 148.25 who is enrolled in a program listed in this subdivision, minus (2) if the pupil receives
 148.26 special instruction and services outside the regular classroom for more than 60 percent of
 148.27 the school day, the amount of general education revenue and referendum equalization aid
 148.28 as defined in section 125A.11, subdivision 1, paragraph (e) (d), attributable to that pupil
 148.29 for the portion of time the pupil receives special instruction and services outside of the
 148.30 regular classroom, excluding portions attributable to district and school administration,
 148.31 district support services, operations and maintenance, capital expenditures, and pupil
 148.32 transportation, minus (3) special education aid under section 125A.76 attributable to
 148.33 that pupil, that is received by the district providing special instruction and services. For
 148.34 purposes of this paragraph, general education revenue and referendum equalization aid
 148.35 attributable to a pupil must be calculated using the serving district's average general
 148.36 education revenue and referendum equalization aid per adjusted pupil unit.

149.1 (c) For fiscal year 2015 and later, special education aid paid to a resident district
149.2 must be reduced by an amount equal to 90 percent of the unreimbursed cost of providing
149.3 special education and services.

149.4 (d) Notwithstanding paragraph (c), special education aid paid to a resident district
149.5 must be reduced by an amount equal to 100 percent of the unreimbursed cost of special
149.6 education and services provided to students at an intermediate district, cooperative, or
149.7 charter school where the percent of students eligible for special education services is at
149.8 least 70 percent of the charter school's total enrollment.

149.9 (e) Notwithstanding paragraph (c), special education aid paid to a resident district
149.10 must be reduced under paragraph (d) for students at a charter school receiving special
149.11 education aid under section 124D.11, subdivision 5b, calculated as if the charter school
149.12 received special education aid under section 124D.11, subdivision 5.

149.13 ~~(e)~~ (f) Special education aid paid to the district or cooperative providing special
149.14 instruction and services for the pupil, or to the fiscal agent district for a cooperative, must
149.15 be increased by the amount of the reduction in the aid paid to the resident district under
149.16 paragraphs (c) and (d). If the resident district's special education aid is insufficient to make
149.17 the full adjustment under paragraphs (c), (d), and (e), the remaining adjustment shall be
149.18 made to other state aids due to the district.

149.19 (g) Notwithstanding paragraph (a), general education aid paid to the resident district
149.20 of a nonspecial education student for whom an eligible special education charter school
149.21 receives general education aid under section 124D.11, subdivision 1, paragraph (b), must
149.22 be reduced by an amount equal to the difference between the general education aid
149.23 attributable to the student under section 124D.11, subdivision 1, paragraph (b), and the
149.24 general education aid that the student would have generated for the charter school under
149.25 section 124D.11, subdivision 1, paragraph (a). For purposes of this paragraph, "nonspecial
149.26 education student" means a student who does not meet the definition of pupil with a
149.27 disability, as defined in section 125A.02 or the definition of a pupil in section 125A.51.

149.28 ~~(f)~~ (h) An area learning center operated by a service cooperative, intermediate
149.29 district, education district, or a joint powers cooperative may elect through the action of
149.30 the constituent boards to charge the resident district tuition for pupils rather than to have
149.31 the general education revenue paid to a fiscal agent school district. Except as provided in
149.32 paragraph ~~(e)~~ (f), the district of residence must pay tuition equal to at least 90 and no more
149.33 than 100 percent of the district average general education revenue per pupil unit minus
149.34 an amount equal to the product of the formula allowance according to section 126C.10,
149.35 subdivision 2, times .0466, calculated without compensatory revenue, local optional

150.1 revenue, and transportation sparsity revenue, times the number of pupil units for pupils
 150.2 attending the area learning center.

150.3 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective for fiscal year 2016 and later.

150.4 Sec. 29. **SPECIAL EDUCATION EVALUATION.**

150.5 **Subdivision 1. Special education teachers' compliance with legal requirements.**

150.6 The Department of Education must identify ways to give teachers working with eligible
 150.7 children with disabilities sufficient written and online resources to make informed decisions
 150.8 about how to effectively comply with legal requirements related to providing special
 150.9 education programs and services, including writing individualized education programs and
 150.10 related documents, among other requirements. The department must work collaboratively
 150.11 with teachers working with eligible children with disabilities, other school and district staff,
 150.12 and representatives of affected organizations, including Education Minnesota, Minnesota
 150.13 School Boards Association, and Minnesota Administrators of Special Education, among
 150.14 others, to identify obstacles to and solutions for teachers' confusion about complying with
 150.15 legal requirements governing special education programs and services. The department
 150.16 must work with schools and districts to provide staff development training to better
 150.17 comply with applicable legal requirements while meeting the educational needs and
 150.18 improving the educational progress of eligible children with disabilities.

150.19 **Subd. 2. Efficiencies to reduce paperwork.** The Department of Education, in
 150.20 collaboration with teachers and administrators working with eligible children with
 150.21 disabilities in schools and districts, must identify strategies to effectively decrease the
 150.22 amount of time teachers spend completing paperwork for special education programs and
 150.23 services, evaluate whether the strategies are cost-effective, and determine whether other
 150.24 schools and districts are able to effectively use the strategies given available staff and
 150.25 resources. Where an evaluation shows that particular paperwork reduction strategies are
 150.26 cost-effective without undermining the purpose of the paperwork or the integrity of special
 150.27 education requirements, the department must electronically disseminate and promote the
 150.28 strategies to other schools and districts throughout the state.

150.29 **Subd. 3. Special education forms; reading level.** The Department of Education
 150.30 must determine the current reading level of its special education forms, establish a target
 150.31 reading level for such forms, and, based on that target level, determine whether alternative
 150.32 forms are needed to accommodate the lexical and sublexical cognitive processes of
 150.33 individual form users and readers. The department must work with interested special
 150.34 education stakeholders and reading experts in making the determinations and identification
 150.35 required in this subdivision.

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

151.2 Sec. 30. **APPROPRIATIONS.**

151.3 Subdivision 1. **Department of Education.** The sums indicated in this section are
 151.4 appropriated from the general fund to the Department of Education for the fiscal years
 151.5 designated.

151.6 Subd. 2. **Special education; regular.** For special education aid under Minnesota
 151.7 Statutes, section 125A.75:

151.8 \$ 1,170,929,000 2016

151.9 \$ 1,229,706,000 2017

151.10 The 2016 appropriation includes \$137,932,000 for 2015 and \$1,032,997,000 for
 151.11 2016.

151.12 The 2017 appropriation includes \$145,355,000 for 2016 and \$1,084,351,000 for
 151.13 2017.

151.14 Subd. 3. **Travel for home-based services.** For aid for teacher travel for home-based
 151.15 services under Minnesota Statutes, section 125A.75, subdivision 1:

151.16 \$ 361,000 2016

151.17 \$ 371,000 2017

151.18 The 2016 appropriation includes \$35,000 for 2015 and \$326,000 for 2016.

151.19 The 2017 appropriation includes \$36,000 for 2016 and \$335,000 for 2017.

151.20 Subd. 4. **Special education out-of-state tuition.** For special education out-of-state
 151.21 tuition according to Minnesota Statutes, section 125A.79, subdivision 8:

151.22 \$ 250,000 2016

151.23 \$ 250,000 2017

151.24 Subd. 5. **Aid for children with disabilities.** For aid under Minnesota Statutes,
 151.25 section 125A.75, subdivision 3, for children with disabilities placed in residential facilities
 151.26 within the district boundaries for whom no district of residence can be determined:

151.27 \$ 1,406,000 2016

151.28 \$ 1,629,000 2017

151.29 If the appropriation for either year is insufficient, the appropriation for the other
 151.30 year is available.

153.1 of the preexisting district's bonded indebtedness, capital loans or debt service loans, debt
 153.2 service equalization aid must be computed separately for each of the preexisting districts.

153.3 (d) For purposes of this section, the adjusted net tax capacity determined according
 153.4 to sections 127A.48 and 273.1325 shall be adjusted to include the tax capacity of property
 153.5 generally exempted from ad valorem taxes under section 272.02, subdivision 64.

153.6 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective for revenue in fiscal year 2017 and
 153.7 later.

153.8 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 123B.53, subdivision 4, is amended to read:

153.9 Subd. 4. **Debt service equalization revenue.** (a) The debt service equalization
 153.10 revenue of a district equals the sum of the first tier debt service equalization revenue and
 153.11 the second tier debt service equalization revenue.

153.12 (b) The first tier debt service equalization revenue of a district equals the greater
 153.13 of zero or the eligible debt service revenue minus the amount raised by a levy of 15.74
 153.14 percent times the adjusted net tax capacity of the district minus the second tier debt service
 153.15 equalization revenue of the district.

153.16 (c) The second tier debt service equalization revenue of a district equals the greater
 153.17 of zero or the eligible debt service revenue, ~~excluding alternative facilities levies under~~
 153.18 ~~section 123B.59, subdivision 5,~~ minus the amount raised by a levy of 26.24 percent times
 153.19 the adjusted net tax capacity of the district.

153.20 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective for revenue in fiscal year 2017 and
 153.21 later.

153.22 Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 123B.57, is amended to read:

153.23 **123B.57 CAPITAL EXPENDITURE; HEALTH AND SAFETY.**

153.24 ~~Subdivision 1. **Health and safety revenue application.** (a) To receive health~~
 153.25 ~~and safety revenue for any fiscal year a district must submit to the commissioner a~~
 153.26 ~~capital expenditure health and safety revenue application by the date determined by the~~
 153.27 ~~commissioner. The application must include a health and safety budget adopted and~~
 153.28 ~~confirmed by the school district board as being consistent with the district's health and~~
 153.29 ~~safety policy under subdivision 2. The budget must include the estimated cost of the~~
 153.30 ~~program per Uniform Financial Accounting and Reporting Standards (UFARS) finance~~
 153.31 ~~code, by fiscal year. Upon approval through the adoption of a resolution by each of an~~
 153.32 ~~intermediate district's member school district boards and the approval of the Department~~

154.1 of Education, a school district may include its proportionate share of the costs of health
 154.2 and safety projects for an intermediate district in its application.

154.3 (b) Health and safety projects with an estimated cost of \$500,000 or more per
 154.4 site are not eligible for health and safety revenue. Health and safety projects with an
 154.5 estimated cost of \$500,000 or more per site that meet all other requirements for health and
 154.6 safety funding, are eligible for alternative facilities bonding and levy revenue according
 154.7 to section 123B.59. A school board shall not separate portions of a single project into
 154.8 components to qualify for health and safety revenue, and shall not combine unrelated
 154.9 projects into a single project to qualify for alternative facilities bonding and levy revenue.

154.10 (c) The commissioner of education shall not make eligibility for health and safety
 154.11 revenue contingent on a district's compliance status, level of program development, or
 154.12 training. The commissioner shall not mandate additional performance criteria such as
 154.13 training, certifications, or compliance evaluations as a prerequisite for levy approval.

154.14 Subd. 2. **Health and safety policy.** To qualify for health and safety revenue, a
 154.15 school board must adopt a health and safety policy. The policy must include provisions
 154.16 for implementing a health and safety program that complies with health, safety, and
 154.17 environmental regulations and best practices including indoor air quality management.

154.18 Subd. 3. **Health and safety revenue.** A district's health and safety revenue
 154.19 for a fiscal year equals the district's alternative facilities levy under section 123B.59,
 154.20 subdivision 5, paragraph (b), plus the greater of zero or:

154.21 (1) the sum of (a) the total approved cost of the district's hazardous substance
 154.22 plan for fiscal years 1985 through 1989, plus (b) the total approved cost of the district's
 154.23 health and safety program for fiscal year 1990 through the fiscal year to which the levy
 154.24 is attributable, excluding expenditures funded with bonds issued under section 123B.59
 154.25 or 123B.62, or chapter 475; certificates of indebtedness or capital notes under section
 154.26 123B.61; levies under section 123B.58, 123B.59, 123B.63, or 126C.40, subdivision 1 or
 154.27 6; and other federal, state, or local revenues, minus

154.28 (2) the sum of (a) the district's total hazardous substance aid and levy for fiscal years
 154.29 1985 through 1989 under sections 124.245 and 275.125, subdivision 11c, plus (b) the
 154.30 district's health and safety revenue under this subdivision, for years before the fiscal year
 154.31 to which the levy is attributable.

154.32 Subd. 4. **Health and safety levy.** To receive health and safety revenue, a district
 154.33 may levy an amount equal to the district's health and safety revenue as defined in
 154.34 subdivision 3 multiplied by the lesser of one, or the ratio of the quotient derived by
 154.35 dividing the adjusted net tax capacity of the district for the year preceding the year the

155.1 levy is certified by the adjusted pupil units in the district for the school year to which
 155.2 the levy is attributable, to \$3,165.

155.3 ~~Subd. 5. **Health and safety aid.** A district's health and safety aid is the difference~~
 155.4 ~~between its health and safety revenue and its health and safety levy. If a district does not~~
 155.5 ~~levy the entire amount permitted, health and safety aid must be reduced in proportion to~~
 155.6 ~~the actual amount levied. Health and safety aid may not be reduced as a result of reducing~~
 155.7 ~~a district's health and safety levy according to section 123B.79.~~

155.8 Subd. 6. **Uses of Health and safety revenue capital projects.** (a) Health and
 155.9 safety revenue may be used only for approved capital projects may include expenditures
 155.10 necessary for the correction of fire and life safety hazards; design, purchase, installation,
 155.11 maintenance, and inspection of fire protection and alarm equipment; purchase or
 155.12 construction of appropriate facilities for the storage of combustible and flammable
 155.13 materials; inventories and facility modifications not related to a remodeling project
 155.14 to comply with lab safety requirements under section 121A.31; inspection, testing,
 155.15 repair, removal or encapsulation, and disposal of asbestos-containing building materials;
 155.16 cleanup and disposal of polychlorinated biphenyls; cleanup and disposal of hazardous and
 155.17 infectious wastes; cleanup, removal, disposal, and repairs related to storing heating fuel or
 155.18 transportation fuels such as alcohol, gasoline, fuel oil, and special fuel, as defined in section
 155.19 296A.01; correction of occupational safety and health administration regulated hazards;
 155.20 indoor air quality inspections, investigations, and testing; mold abatement; upgrades or
 155.21 replacement of mechanical ventilation systems to meet American Society of Heating,
 155.22 Refrigerating and Air Conditioning Engineers standards and State Mechanical Code;
 155.23 design, materials, and installation of local exhaust ventilation systems, including required
 155.24 make-up air for controlling regulated hazardous substances; correction of Department of
 155.25 Health Food Code violations; correction of swimming pool hazards excluding depth
 155.26 correction; playground safety inspections, repair of unsafe outdoor playground equipment,
 155.27 and the installation of impact surfacing materials; bleacher repair or rebuilding to comply
 155.28 with the order of a building code inspector under section 326B.112; testing and mitigation
 155.29 of elevated radon hazards; lead testing; copper in water testing; cleanup after major
 155.30 weather-related disasters or flooding; reduction of excessive organic and inorganic levels
 155.31 in wells and capping of abandoned wells; installation and testing of boiler backflow valves
 155.32 to prevent contamination of potable water; vaccinations, titers, and preventative supplies
 155.33 for bloodborne pathogen compliance; costs to comply with the Janet B. Johnson Parents'
 155.34 Right to Know Act; automated external defibrillators and other emergency plan equipment
 155.35 and supplies specific to the district's emergency action plan; compliance with the National
 155.36 Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants for school generators established by the

156.1 United States Environmental Protection Agency; and health, safety, and environmental
 156.2 management costs associated with implementing the district's health and safety program
 156.3 including costs to establish and operate safety committees, in school buildings or property
 156.4 owned or being acquired by the district. Testing and calibration activities are permitted for
 156.5 existing mechanical ventilation systems at intervals no less than every five years.

156.6 (b) For fiscal years 2014 through 2017, a school district must not include expenses
 156.7 related to emission compliance projects for school generators in its health and safety
 156.8 ~~revenue capital projects~~ unless it reduces its approved spending on other qualified health
 156.9 and safety projects by the same amount.

156.10 ~~Subd. 6a. **Restrictions on health and safety revenue.** Notwithstanding subdivision~~
 156.11 ~~6, health and safety revenue must not be used:~~

156.12 ~~(1) to finance a lease purchase agreement, installment purchase agreement, or other~~
 156.13 ~~deferred payments agreement;~~

156.14 ~~(2) for the construction of new facilities, remodeling of existing facilities, or the~~
 156.15 ~~purchase of portable classrooms;~~

156.16 ~~(3) for interest or other financing expenses;~~

156.17 ~~(4) for energy-efficiency projects under section 123B.65, for a building or property~~
 156.18 ~~or part of a building or property used for postsecondary instruction or administration or for~~
 156.19 ~~a purpose unrelated to elementary and secondary education;~~

156.20 ~~(5) for replacement of building materials or facilities including roof, walls, windows,~~
 156.21 ~~internal fixtures and flooring, nonhealth and safety costs associated with demolition of~~
 156.22 ~~facilities, structural repair or replacement of facilities due to unsafe conditions, violence~~
 156.23 ~~prevention and facility security, ergonomics, or public announcement systems and~~
 156.24 ~~emergency communication devices; or~~

156.25 ~~(6) for building and heating, ventilating and air conditioning supplies, maintenance,~~
 156.26 ~~and cleaning activities. All assessments, investigations, inventories, and support~~
 156.27 ~~equipment not leading to the engineering or construction of a project shall be included in~~
 156.28 ~~the health, safety, and environmental management costs in subdivision 8, paragraph (a).~~

156.29 ~~Subd. 6b. **Health and safety projects.** (a) Health and safety revenue applications~~
 156.30 ~~defined in subdivision 1 must be accompanied by a description of each project for which~~
 156.31 ~~funding is being requested. Project descriptions must provide enough detail for an auditor~~
 156.32 ~~to determine if the work qualifies for revenue. For projects other than fire and life~~
 156.33 ~~safety projects, playground projects, and health, safety, and environmental management~~
 156.34 ~~activities, a project description does not need to include itemized details such as material~~
 156.35 ~~types, room locations, square feet, names, or license numbers. The commissioner~~

157.1 ~~may request supporting information and shall approve only projects that comply with~~
 157.2 ~~subdivisions 6 and 8, as defined by the Department of Education.~~

157.3 ~~(b) Districts may request funding for allowable projects based on self-assessments,~~
 157.4 ~~safety committee recommendations, insurance inspections, management assistance~~
 157.5 ~~reports, fire marshal orders, or other mandates. Notwithstanding subdivision 1, paragraph~~
 157.6 ~~(b), and subdivision 8, paragraph (b), for projects under \$500,000, individual project~~
 157.7 ~~size for projects authorized by this subdivision is not limited and may include related~~
 157.8 ~~work in multiple facilities. Health and safety management costs from subdivision 8 may~~
 157.9 ~~be reported as a single project.~~

157.10 ~~(c) All costs directly related to a project shall be reported in the appropriate Uniform~~
 157.11 ~~Financial Accounting and Reporting Standards (UFARS) finance code.~~

157.12 ~~(d) For fire and life safety egress and all other projects exceeding \$20,000, cited~~
 157.13 ~~under the Minnesota Fire Code, a fire marshal plan review is required.~~

157.14 ~~(e) Districts shall update project estimates with actual expenditures for each~~
 157.15 ~~fiscal year. If a project's final cost is significantly higher than originally approved, the~~
 157.16 ~~commissioner may request additional supporting information.~~

157.17 ~~Subd. 6c. **Appeals process.** In the event a district is denied funding approval for~~
 157.18 ~~a project the district believes complies with subdivisions 6 and 8, and is not otherwise~~
 157.19 ~~excluded, a district may appeal the decision. All such requests must be in writing. The~~
 157.20 ~~commissioner shall respond in writing. A written request must contain the following:~~
 157.21 ~~project number; description and amount; reason for denial; unresolved questions for~~
 157.22 ~~consideration; reasons for reconsideration; and a specific statement of what action the~~
 157.23 ~~district is requesting.~~

157.24 ~~Subd. 7. **Proration.** In the event that the health and safety aid available for any year~~
 157.25 ~~is prorated, a district having its aid prorated may levy an additional amount equal to the~~
 157.26 ~~amount not paid by the state due to proration.~~

157.27 ~~Subd. 8. **Health, safety, and environmental management cost.** (a) "Health, safety,~~
 157.28 ~~and environmental management" is defined in section 123B.56.~~

157.29 ~~(b) A district's cost for health, safety, and environmental management is limited to~~
 157.30 ~~the lesser of:~~

157.31 ~~(1) actual cost to implement their plan; or~~

157.32 ~~(2) an amount determined by the commissioner, based on enrollment, building~~
 157.33 ~~age, and size.~~

157.34 ~~(c) The department may contract with regional service organizations, private~~
 157.35 ~~contractors, Minnesota Safety Council, or state agencies to provide management~~
 157.36 ~~assistance to school districts for health and safety capital projects. Management assistance~~

158.1 is the development of written programs for the identification, recognition and control of
158.2 hazards, and prioritization and scheduling of district health and safety capital projects. The
158.3 commissioner shall not mandate management assistance or exclude private contractors
158.4 from the opportunity to provide any health and safety services to school districts.

158.5 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective for revenue in fiscal year 2017 and
158.6 later.

158.7 Sec. 4. **[123B.595] LONG-TERM FACILITIES MAINTENANCE REVENUE.**

158.8 Subdivision 1. **Long-term facilities maintenance revenue.** (a) For fiscal year
158.9 2017 only, long-term facilities maintenance revenue equals the greater of (1) \$193 times
158.10 the district's adjusted pupil units times the lesser of one or the ratio of the district's
158.11 average building age to 35 years, plus the cost approved by the commissioner for indoor
158.12 air quality, fire alarm and suppression, and asbestos abatement projects under section
158.13 123B.57, subdivision 6, with an estimated cost of \$100,000 or more per site or (2) the
158.14 sum of the amount the district would have qualified for under Minnesota Statutes 2014,
158.15 section 123B.57, Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 123B.59, and Minnesota Statutes
158.16 2014, section 123B.591.

158.17 (b) For fiscal year 2018 only, long-term facilities maintenance revenue equals the
158.18 greater of (1) \$292 times the district's adjusted pupil units times the lesser of one or the
158.19 ratio of the district's average building age to 35 years, plus the cost approved by the
158.20 commissioner for indoor air quality, fire alarm and suppression, and asbestos abatement
158.21 projects under section 123B.57, subdivision 6, with an estimated cost of \$100,000 or more
158.22 per site or (2) the sum of the amount the district would have qualified for under Minnesota
158.23 Statutes 2014, section 123B.57, Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 123B.59, and Minnesota
158.24 Statutes 2014, section 123B.591.

158.25 (c) For fiscal year 2019 and later, long-term facilities maintenance revenue equals
158.26 the greater of (1) \$380 times the district's adjusted pupil units times the lesser of one or
158.27 the ratio of the district's average building age to 35 years, plus the cost approved by the
158.28 commissioner for indoor air quality, fire alarm and suppression, and asbestos abatement
158.29 projects under section 123B.57, subdivision 6, with an estimated cost of \$100,000 or more
158.30 per site or (2) the sum of the amount the district would have qualified for under Minnesota
158.31 Statutes 2014, section 123B.57, Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 123B.59, and Minnesota
158.32 Statutes 2014, section 123B.591.

158.33 Subd. 2. **Long-term facilities maintenance revenue for a charter school.** (a)
158.34 For fiscal year 2017 only, long-term facilities maintenance revenue for a charter school
158.35 equals \$34 times the adjusted pupil units.

159.1 (b) For fiscal year 2018 only, long-term facilities maintenance revenue for a charter
159.2 school equals \$85 times the adjusted pupil units.

159.3 (c) For fiscal year 2019 and later, long-term facilities maintenance revenue for a
159.4 charter school equals \$132 times the adjusted pupil units.

159.5 Subd. 3. **Intermediate districts and other cooperative units.** Upon approval
159.6 through the adoption of a resolution by each member district school board of an
159.7 intermediate district or other cooperative units under section 123A.24, subdivision 2,
159.8 and the approval of the commissioner of education, a school district may include in its
159.9 authority under this section a proportionate share of the long-term maintenance costs
159.10 of the intermediate district or cooperative unit. The cooperative unit may issue bonds
159.11 to finance the project costs or levy for the costs, using long-term maintenance revenue
159.12 transferred from member districts to make debt service payments or pay project costs.
159.13 Authority under this subdivision is in addition to the authority for individual district
159.14 projects under subdivision 1.

159.15 Subd. 4. **Facilities plans.** (a) To qualify for revenue under this section, a school
159.16 district or intermediate district, not including a charter school, must have a ten-year facility
159.17 plan adopted by the school board and approved by the commissioner. The plan must include
159.18 provisions for implementing a health and safety program that complies with health, safety,
159.19 and environmental regulations and best practices, including indoor air quality management.

159.20 (b) The district must annually update the plan, biennially submit a facility
159.21 maintenance plan to the commissioner, and indicate whether the district will issue bonds
159.22 to finance the plan or levy for the costs.

159.23 (c) For school districts issuing bonds to finance the plan, the plan must include a
159.24 debt service schedule demonstrating that the debt service revenue required to pay the
159.25 principal and interest on the bonds each year will not exceed the projected long-term
159.26 facilities revenue for that year.

159.27 Subd. 5. **Bond authorization.** (a) A school district may issue general obligation
159.28 bonds under this section to finance facilities plans approved by its board and the
159.29 commissioner. Chapter 475, except sections 475.58 and 475.59, must be complied with.
159.30 The authority to issue bonds under this section is in addition to any bonding authority
159.31 authorized by this chapter or other law. The amount of bonding authority authorized
159.32 under this section must be disregarded in calculating the bonding or net debt limits of this
159.33 chapter, or any other law other than section 475.53, subdivision 4.

159.34 (b) At least 20 days before the earliest of solicitation of bids, the issuance of bonds,
159.35 or the final certification of levies under subdivision 6, the district must publish notice

160.1 of the intended projects, the amount of the bond issue, and the total amount of district
160.2 indebtedness.

160.3 (c) The portion of revenue under this section for bonded debt must be recognized
160.4 in the debt service fund.

160.5 Subd. 6. **Levy authorization.** A district may levy for costs related to an approved
160.6 plan under subdivision 4 as follows:

160.7 (1) if the district has indicated to the commissioner that bonds will be issued, the
160.8 district may levy for the principal and interest payments on outstanding bonds issued
160.9 under subdivision 5 after reduction for any aid receivable under subdivision 9;

160.10 (2) if the district has indicated to the commissioner that the plan will be funded
160.11 through levy, the district may levy according to the schedule approved in the plan after
160.12 reduction for any aid receivable under subdivision 9; or

160.13 (3) if the debt service revenue for a district required to pay the principal and interest
160.14 on bonds issued under subdivision 5 exceeds the district's long-term facilities maintenance
160.15 revenue for the same fiscal year, the district's general fund levy must be reduced by the
160.16 amount of the excess.

160.17 Subd. 7. **Long-term facilities maintenance equalization revenue.** (a) For fiscal
160.18 year 2017 only, a district's long-term facilities maintenance equalization revenue equals
160.19 the lesser of (1) \$193 times the adjusted pupil units or (2) the district's revenue under
160.20 subdivision 1.

160.21 (b) For fiscal year 2018 only, a district's long-term facilities maintenance
160.22 equalization revenue equals the lesser of (1) \$292 times the adjusted pupil units or (2)
160.23 the district's revenue under subdivision 1.

160.24 (c) For fiscal year 2019 and later, a district's long-term facilities maintenance
160.25 equalization revenue equals the lesser of (1) \$380 times the adjusted pupil units or (2)
160.26 the district's revenue under subdivision 1.

160.27 Subd. 8. **Long-term facilities maintenance equalized levy.** For fiscal year 2017
160.28 and later, a district's long-term facilities maintenance equalized levy equals the district's
160.29 long-term facilities maintenance revenue minus the greater of:

160.30 (1) the lesser of the district's long-term facilities maintenance revenue or the amount
160.31 of aid the district received for fiscal year 2015 under Minnesota Statutes 2014, section
160.32 123B.59, subdivision 6; or

160.33 (2) the district's long-term facilities maintenance equalization revenue times the
160.34 greater of (i) zero or (ii) one minus the ratio of its adjusted net tax capacity per adjusted
160.35 pupil unit in the year preceding the year the levy is certified to 123 percent of the state

161.1 average adjusted net tax capacity per adjusted pupil unit in the year preceding the year
 161.2 the levy is certified.

161.3 Subd. 9. **Long-term facilities maintenance equalized aid.** For fiscal year 2017
 161.4 and later, a district's long-term facilities maintenance equalized aid equals its long-term
 161.5 facilities maintenance revenue minus its long-term facilities maintenance equalized levy
 161.6 times the ratio of the actual amount levied to the permitted levy.

161.7 Subd. 10. **Allowed uses for long-term facilities maintenance revenue.** (a) A
 161.8 district may use revenue under this section for any of the following:

161.9 (1) deferred capital expenditures and maintenance projects necessary to prevent
 161.10 further erosion of facilities;

161.11 (2) increasing accessibility of school facilities; or

161.12 (3) health and safety capital projects under section 123B.57.

161.13 (b) A charter school may use revenue under this section for any purpose related
 161.14 to the school.

161.15 Subd. 11. **Restrictions on long-term facilities maintenance revenue.**

161.16 Notwithstanding subdivision 11, long-term facilities maintenance revenue may not be used:

161.17 (1) for the construction of new facilities, remodeling of existing facilities, or the
 161.18 purchase of portable classrooms;

161.19 (2) to finance a lease purchase agreement, installment purchase agreement, or other
 161.20 deferred payments agreement;

161.21 (3) for energy-efficiency projects under section 123B.65, for a building or property
 161.22 or part of a building or property used for postsecondary instruction or administration or for
 161.23 a purpose unrelated to elementary and secondary education; or

161.24 (4) for violence prevention and facility security, ergonomics, or emergency
 161.25 communication devices.

161.26 Subd. 12. **Reserve account.** The portion of long-term facilities maintenance
 161.27 revenue not recognized under subdivision 5, paragraph (c), must be maintained in a
 161.28 reserve account within the general fund.

161.29 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective for revenue in fiscal year 2017 and
 161.30 later.

161.31 Sec. 5. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 125B.26, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

161.32 Subd. 2. **E-rates.** To be eligible for aid under this section, a district, charter school,
 161.33 or intermediate school district is required to file an e-rate application either separately or
 161.34 through its telecommunications access cluster ~~and have a current technology plan on file~~

162.1 ~~with the department.~~ Discounts received on telecommunications expenditures shall be
 162.2 reflected in the costs submitted to the department for aid under this section.

162.3 Sec. 6. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 126C.01, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

162.4 Subd. 2. **Adjusted net tax capacity.** (a) Except as provided in paragraph (b),
 162.5 "adjusted net tax capacity" means the net tax capacity of the taxable property of the
 162.6 district as adjusted by the commissioner of revenue under sections 127A.48 and 273.1325.
 162.7 The adjusted net tax capacity for any given calendar year must be used to compute levy
 162.8 limitations for levies certified in the succeeding calendar year and aid for the school year
 162.9 beginning in the second succeeding calendar year.

162.10 (b) For purposes of the long-term maintenance facilities equalization levy under
 162.11 section 123B.595, subdivision 8, "adjusted net tax capacity" means the value described in
 162.12 paragraph (a) reduced by 50 percent of the value of class 2a agricultural land determined
 162.13 under that paragraph before the application of the growth limit under section 127A.48,
 162.14 subdivision 7.

162.15 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective for taxes payable in 2016 and later.

162.16 Sec. 7. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 297A.70, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

162.17 Subd. 2. **Sales to government.** (a) All sales, except those listed in paragraph (b),
 162.18 to the following governments and political subdivisions, or to the listed agencies or
 162.19 instrumentalities of governments and political subdivisions, are exempt:

162.20 (1) the United States and its agencies and instrumentalities;

162.21 (2) school districts, local governments, the University of Minnesota, state universities,
 162.22 community colleges, technical colleges, state academies, the Perpich Minnesota Center for
 162.23 Arts Education, and an instrumentality of a political subdivision that is accredited as an
 162.24 optional/special function school by the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools;

162.25 (3) hospitals and nursing homes owned and operated by political subdivisions of
 162.26 the state of tangible personal property and taxable services used at or by hospitals and
 162.27 nursing homes;

162.28 (4) notwithstanding paragraph (d), the sales and purchases by the Metropolitan
 162.29 Council of vehicles and repair parts to equip operations provided for in section 473.4051
 162.30 are exempt through December 31, 2016;

162.31 (5) other states or political subdivisions of other states, if the sale would be exempt
 162.32 from taxation if it occurred in that state; and

163.1 (6) public libraries, public library systems, multicounty, multitype library systems
 163.2 as defined in section 134.001, county law libraries under chapter 134A, state agency
 163.3 libraries, the state library under section 480.09, and the Legislative Reference Library.

163.4 (b) This exemption does not apply to the sales of the following products and services:

163.5 (1) building, construction, or reconstruction materials purchased by a contractor
 163.6 or a subcontractor as a part of a lump-sum contract or similar type of contract with a
 163.7 guaranteed maximum price covering both labor and materials for use in the construction,
 163.8 alteration, or repair of a building or facility;

163.9 (2) construction materials purchased by tax exempt entities or their contractors to
 163.10 be used in constructing buildings or facilities which will not be used principally by the
 163.11 tax exempt entities;

163.12 (3) the leasing of a motor vehicle as defined in section 297B.01, subdivision 11,
 163.13 except for leases entered into by the United States or its agencies or instrumentalities;

163.14 (4) lodging as defined under section 297A.61, subdivision 3, paragraph (g), clause
 163.15 (2), and prepared food, candy, soft drinks, and alcoholic beverages as defined in section
 163.16 297A.67, subdivision 2, except for lodging, prepared food, candy, soft drinks, and alcoholic
 163.17 beverages purchased directly by the United States or its agencies or instrumentalities; or

163.18 (5) goods or services purchased by a local government as inputs to a liquor store, gas
 163.19 or electric utility, solid waste hauling service, solid waste recycling service, landfill, golf
 163.20 course, marina, campground, cafe, or laundromat.

163.21 (c) As used in this subdivision, "school districts" means public school entities and
 163.22 districts of every kind and nature organized under the laws of the state of Minnesota, and
 163.23 any instrumentality of a school district, as defined in section 471.59.

163.24 (d) For purposes of the exemption granted under this subdivision, "local
 163.25 governments" has the following meaning:

163.26 (1) for the period prior to January 1, ~~2016~~ 2017, local governments means statutory
 163.27 or home rule charter cities, counties, and townships; and

163.28 ~~(2) for the period of January 1, 2016, to December 31, 2016, local governments~~
 163.29 ~~means statutory or home rule charter cities, counties, and townships; special districts as~~
 163.30 ~~defined under section 6.465, except for the Metropolitan Council under sections 473.123~~
 163.31 ~~to 473.549; any instrumentality of a statutory or home rule charter city, county, or~~
 163.32 ~~township as defined in section 471.59; and any joint powers board or organization created~~
 163.33 ~~under section 471.59; and~~

163.34 ~~(3)~~ (2) beginning January 1, 2017, local governments means statutory or home rule
 163.35 charter cities, counties, and townships; special districts as defined under section 6.465; any

164.1 instrumentality of a statutory or home rule charter city, county, or township as defined in
164.2 section 471.59; and any joint powers board or organization created under section 471.59.

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

164.4 Sec. 8. **COMMISSIONER OF EDUCATION; 1:1 DEVICE PROGRAM**
164.5 **GUIDELINES.**

164.6 The commissioner of education must research existing 1:1 device programs in
164.7 Minnesota and across the country to determine best practices for Minnesota schools
164.8 implementing 1:1 device programs. By February 15, 2016, the commissioner must
164.9 develop and publish guidelines to ensure maximum effectiveness of 1:1 device programs
164.10 and make a report on the research findings to the committees of the legislature with
164.11 jurisdiction over kindergarten through grade 12 education.

164.12 Sec. 9. **FAIR SCHOOL CRYSTAL TRANSITION.**

164.13 Subdivision 1. **Student enrollment.** A student enrolled in the FAIR School
164.14 Crystal during the 2014-2015 school year and a student accepted for enrollment during
164.15 the 2015-2016 school year may continue to enroll in the FAIR School Crystal in any
164.16 year through the 2019-2020 school year. For the 2015-2016 school year and later, other
164.17 students may apply for enrollment under Minnesota Statutes, section 124D.03.

164.18 Subd. 2. **Compensatory revenue; literacy aid; alternative compensation**
164.19 **revenue.** For the 2015-2016 school year only, the Department of Education must calculate
164.20 compensatory revenue, literacy aid, and alternative compensation revenue for the FAIR
164.21 School Crystal based on the October 1, 2014, enrollment counts.

164.22 Subd. 3. **Pupil transportation.** The district may transport a pupil enrolled in
164.23 the 2014-2015 school year and a pupil accepted for enrollment during the 2015-2016
164.24 school year to and from the FAIR School Crystal in succeeding school years regardless
164.25 of the pupil's district of residence. Pupil transportation expenses under this section are
164.26 reimbursable under Minnesota Statutes, section 124D.87.

164.27 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following the date on which
164.28 the real and personal property of the FAIR School Crystal in Crystal is conveyed to
164.29 Independent School District No. 281, Robbinsdale.

164.30 Sec. 10. **FAIR SCHOOL DOWNTOWN TRANSITION.**

164.31 Subdivision 1. **Student enrollment.** A student enrolled in the FAIR School
164.32 downtown during the 2014-2015 school year and a student accepted for enrollment during

165.1 the 2015-2016 school year may continue to enroll in the FAIR School downtown in any
 165.2 year through the 2018-2019 school year. For the 2015-2016 school year and later, other
 165.3 students may apply for enrollment under Minnesota Statutes, section 124D.03.

165.4 Subd. 2. **Compensatory revenue; literacy aid; alternative compensation**
 165.5 **revenue.** For the 2015-2016 school year only, the Department of Education must calculate
 165.6 compensatory revenue, literacy aid, and alternative compensation revenue for the FAIR
 165.7 School downtown based on the October 1, 2014, enrollment counts.

165.8 Subd. 3. **Pupil transportation.** The district may transport a pupil enrolled in the
 165.9 2014-2015 school year and a pupil accepted for enrollment during the 2015-2016 school
 165.10 year to and from the FAIR School downtown in succeeding school years regardless of
 165.11 the pupil's district of residence. Pupil transportation expenses under this section are
 165.12 reimbursable under Minnesota Statutes, section 124D.87.

165.13 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following the date on which
 165.14 the real and personal property of the FAIR School downtown in Minneapolis is conveyed
 165.15 to Special School District No. 1, Minneapolis.

165.16 Sec. 11. **INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY CERTIFICATION PARTNERSHIP.**

165.17 Subdivision 1. **Request for proposals.** The commissioner of education shall issue
 165.18 a request for proposals no later than August 1, 2015, and award a contract no later than
 165.19 October 15, 2015, to a provider for the program under subdivision 3.

165.20 Subd. 2. **Eligible schools.** A school district, intermediate district, or charter school
 165.21 is eligible to participate in the program under this section, as long as funds are available.

165.22 Subd. 3. **Program description; provider duties.** (a) The provider must partner
 165.23 with eligible schools to make available a program to teach information technology skills
 165.24 and competencies that are essential for career and college readiness. By December 1,
 165.25 2015, the provider must contact each eligible school and indicate how the school can
 165.26 access program services under this section.

165.27 (b) The provider shall recruit up to 200 schools to participate in the program as long
 165.28 as funds are available. The provider must engage schools on a first-come, first-served
 165.29 basis, except that no more than half of the total funds available may be used to deliver the
 165.30 program to schools located in the seven-county metropolitan area.

165.31 (c) The provider shall deliver to each participating school:

165.32 (1) a research-based information technology curriculum;

165.33 (2) online access to the curriculum;

165.34 (3) instructional software for classroom and student use;

165.35 (4) training for teachers who will be using the curriculum or instructional software;

166.1 (5) industry-recognized certification of skills and competencies in a broad array of
166.2 information technology-related skill areas; and

166.3 (6) project management, deployment, and program support, including, but not
166.4 limited to, integration with academic standards under Minnesota Statutes, section
166.5 120B.021 or 120B.022.

166.6 Subd. 4. **Department support.** The Department of Education must make support
166.7 available to the provider, including acting as the primary liaison between schools and the
166.8 provider and providing direction and oversight, consistent with the purposes of this section.

166.9 Subd. 5. **Report required.** By February 1, 2018, the provider and commissioner
166.10 must jointly develop and deliver to the committees of the legislature with jurisdiction over
166.11 kindergarten through grade 12 education, a summary report on program activities and
166.12 outcomes, including a description of the number and location of participating schools and
166.13 students, and the number and type of certifications earned by students.

166.14 Sec. 12. **CANCELLATION OF PREVIOUS BIENNIUM APPROPRIATION.**

166.15 The appropriation made by Laws 2014, chapter 312, article 16, section 16,
166.16 subdivision 5, is canceled.

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

166.18 Sec. 13. **APPROPRIATIONS.**

166.19 Subdivision 1. **Department of Education.** The sums indicated in this section are
166.20 appropriated from the general fund to the Department of Education for the fiscal years
166.21 designated.

166.22 Subd. 2. **Long-term maintenance equalization aid.** For long-term maintenance
166.23 equalization aid under Minnesota Statutes, section 123B.595:

166.24 \$ 0 2016

166.25 \$ 52,088,000 2017

166.26 The 2017 appropriation includes \$0 for 2016 and \$52,088,000 for 2017.

166.27 Subd. 3. **Debt service equalization.** For debt service aid according to Minnesota
166.28 Statutes, section 123B.53, subdivision 6:

166.29 \$ 20,349,000 2016

166.30 \$ 22,171,000 2017

166.31 The 2016 appropriation includes \$2,295,000 for 2015 and \$18,054,000 for 2016.

166.32 The 2017 appropriation includes \$2,005,000 for 2016 and \$20,166,000 for 2017.

167.1 Subd. 4. **Alternative facilities bonding aid.** For alternative facilities bonding aid,
 167.2 according to Minnesota Statutes, section 123B.59, subdivision 1:

167.3 \$ 19,287,000 2016

167.4 \$ 1,928,000 2017

167.5 The 2016 appropriation includes \$1,928,000 for 2015 and \$17,359,000 for 2016.

167.6 The 2017 appropriation includes \$1,928,000 for 2016 and \$0 for 2017.

167.7 Subd. 5. **Equity in telecommunications access.** For equity in telecommunications
 167.8 access:

167.9 \$ 3,750,000 2016

167.10 \$ 3,750,000 2017

167.11 If the appropriation amount is insufficient, the commissioner shall reduce the
 167.12 reimbursement rate in Minnesota Statutes, section 125B.26, subdivisions 4 and 5, and the
 167.13 revenue for fiscal years 2016 and 2017 shall be prorated.

167.14 Any balance in the first year does not cancel but is available in the second year.

167.15 Subd. 6. **Deferred maintenance aid.** For deferred maintenance aid, according to
 167.16 Minnesota Statutes, section 123B.591, subdivision 4:

167.17 \$ 3,520,000 2016

167.18 \$ 345,000 2017

167.19 The 2016 appropriation includes \$409,000 for 2015 and \$3,111,000 for 2016.

167.20 The 2017 appropriation includes \$345,000 for 2016 and \$0 for 2017.

167.21 Subd. 7. **Health and safety revenue.** For health and safety aid according to
 167.22 Minnesota Statutes, section 123B.57, subdivision 5:

167.23 \$ 501,000 2016

167.24 \$ 48,000 2017

167.25 The 2016 appropriation includes \$66,000 for 2015 and \$435,000 for 2016.

167.26 The 2017 appropriation includes \$48,000 for 2016 and \$0 for 2017.

167.27 Subd. 8. **Information technology certification partnership.** For an information
 167.28 technology certification partnership:

167.29 \$ 500,000 2016

167.30 \$ 0 2017

167.31 This is a onetime appropriation. Any balance in the first year does not cancel but is
 167.32 available in the second year. Of this appropriation, five percent is for departmental costs
 167.33 related to providing support for the information technology certification partnership.

169.1 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 123B.77, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

169.2 Subd. 3. **Statement for comparison and correction.** (a) By November 30 of the
169.3 calendar year of the submission of the unaudited financial data, the district must provide to
169.4 the commissioner audited financial data for the preceding fiscal year. The audit must be
169.5 conducted in compliance with generally accepted governmental auditing standards, the
169.6 federal Single Audit Act, and the Minnesota legal compliance guide issued by the Office
169.7 of the State Auditor. An audited financial statement prepared in a form which will allow
169.8 comparison with and correction of material differences in the unaudited financial data
169.9 shall be submitted to the commissioner and the state auditor by December 31. The audited
169.10 financial statement must also provide a statement of assurance pertaining to uniform
169.11 financial accounting and reporting standards compliance and a copy of the management
169.12 letter submitted to the district by the school district's auditor.

169.13 (b) By February ~~15~~ 1 of the calendar year following the submission of the unaudited
169.14 financial data, the commissioner shall convert the audited financial data required by this
169.15 subdivision into the consolidated financial statement format required under subdivision 1a
169.16 and publish the information on the department's Web site.

169.17 Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 125A.75, subdivision 9, is amended to read:

169.18 Subd. 9. **Litigation costs; annual report.** (a) By November 30 of each year,
169.19 a school district must annually report the district's special education litigation costs,
169.20 including attorney fees and costs of due process hearings, to the commissioner of
169.21 education, consistent with the Uniform Financial Accounting and Reporting Standards.

169.22 (b) By ~~January 15~~ February 1 of each year, the commissioner shall report school
169.23 district special education litigation costs to the house of representatives and the senate
169.24 committees having jurisdiction over kindergarten through grade 12 education finance.

169.25 Sec. 4. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 127A.05, subdivision 6, is amended to read:

169.26 Subd. 6. **Survey of districts.** The commissioner of education shall survey the state's
169.27 school districts and teacher preparation programs and report to the education committees
169.28 of the legislature by ~~January 15~~ February 1 of each odd-numbered year on the status of
169.29 teacher early retirement patterns, the teacher shortage, and the substitute teacher shortage,
169.30 including patterns and shortages in subject areas and regions of the state. The report must
169.31 also include how districts are making progress in hiring teachers and substitutes in the
169.32 areas of shortage and a five-year projection of teacher demand for each district.

169.33 Sec. 5. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 127A.49, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

170.1 Subdivision 1. **Omissions.** No adjustments to any aid payments made pursuant
 170.2 to this chapter or chapters 120B, 122A, 123A, 123B, 124D, 125A, and 126C resulting
 170.3 from omissions in district reports, except those adjustments determined by the legislative
 170.4 auditor, shall be made for any school year after December 30 15 of the next school year,
 170.5 unless otherwise specifically provided by law.

170.6 Sec. 6. Laws 2013, chapter 116, article 7, section 19, is amended to read:

170.7 Sec. 19. **FUND TRANSFER; FISCAL YEARS YEAR 2014 AND 2015**
 170.8 **THROUGH FISCAL YEAR 2017 ONLY.**

170.9 (a) Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes, section 123B.80, subdivision 3, for fiscal
 170.10 years year 2014 and 2015 through fiscal year 2017 only, the commissioner must approve
 170.11 a request for a fund transfer if the transfer does not increase state aid obligations to the
 170.12 district or result in additional property tax authority for the district. This section does not
 170.13 permit transfers from the community service fund, the food service fund, or the reserved
 170.14 account for staff development under section 122A.61.

170.15 (b) A school board may approve a fund transfer under paragraph (a) only after
 170.16 adopting a resolution stating the fund transfer will not diminish instructional opportunities
 170.17 for students.

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

170.19 Sec. 7. **APPROPRIATIONS.**

170.20 Subdivision 1. **Department of Education.** The sums indicated in this section are
 170.21 appropriated from the general fund to the Department of Education for the fiscal years
 170.22 designated.

170.23 Subd. 2. **School lunch.** For school lunch aid according to Minnesota Statutes,
 170.24 section 124D.111, and Code of Federal Regulations, title 7, section 210.17:

170.25	\$	<u>15,661,000</u>	.....	<u>2016</u>
170.26	\$	<u>15,818,000</u>	.....	<u>2017</u>

170.27 Subd. 3. **School breakfast.** For traditional school breakfast aid under Minnesota
 170.28 Statutes, section 124D.1158:

170.29	\$	<u>9,731,000</u>	.....	<u>2016</u>
170.30	\$	<u>10,361,000</u>	.....	<u>2017</u>

170.31 Subd. 4. **Kindergarten milk.** For kindergarten milk aid under Minnesota Statutes,
 170.32 section 124D.118:

172.1 (1) the connections are adequate and employ an open network architecture that
 172.2 will ensure interconnectivity and interoperability with school districts, postsecondary
 172.3 education, or other governmental agencies;

172.4 (2) that the connection is established through the most cost-effective means and that
 172.5 the regional library has explored and coordinated connections through school districts,
 172.6 postsecondary education, or other governmental agencies;

172.7 (3) that the regional library system has and member libraries included in the
 172.8 application have filed or are included in an e-rate application; and

172.9 (4) other information, as determined by the commissioner of education, to ensure
 172.10 that connections are coordinated, efficient, and cost-effective, take advantage of discounts,
 172.11 and meet applicable state standards.

172.12 The library system may include costs associated with cooperative arrangements with
 172.13 postsecondary institutions, school districts, and other governmental agencies.

172.14 Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 134.355, subdivision 10, is amended to read:

172.15 Subd. 10. **Award of funds.** The commissioner of education shall develop an
 172.16 application and a reporting form and procedures for regional library telecommunications
 172.17 aid. Aid shall be based on actual costs of including, but not limited to, connections, as
 172.18 documented in e-rate funding commitment decision letters for category one services and
 172.19 acceptable documentation for category two services and funds available for this purpose.

172.20 The commissioner shall make payments directly to the regional public library system.

172.21 Sec. 4. **APPROPRIATIONS.**

172.22 Subdivision 1. **Department of Education.** The sums indicated in this section are
 172.23 appropriated from the general fund to the Department of Education for the fiscal years
 172.24 designated.

172.25 Subd. 2. **Basic system support.** For basic system support aid under Minnesota
 172.26 Statutes, section 134.355:

172.27 \$ 13,570,000 2016

172.28 \$ 13,570,000 2017

172.29 The 2016 appropriation includes \$1,357,000 for 2015 and \$12,213,000 for 2016.

172.30 The 2017 appropriation includes \$1,357,000 for 2016 and \$12,213,000 for 2017.

172.31 Subd. 3. **Multicounty, multitype library systems.** For aid under Minnesota
 172.32 Statutes, sections 134.353 and 134.354, to multicounty, multitype library systems:

174.1 or guardian is submitted to the administrator or other person having general control and
 174.2 supervision of the school that the child has not been screened.

174.3 (b) A school district that enrolls students from an adjoining state under section
 174.4 124D.041 may inform a nonresident child whose family resides at a Minnesota address as
 174.5 assigned by the United States Postal Service about the availability of the developmental
 174.6 screening program and may provide screening under this section to that child.

174.7 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective for revenue for fiscal year 2016
 174.8 and later.

174.9 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 124D.041, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

174.10 Subdivision 1. **Agreements.** (a) The commissioner may enter into an agreement
 174.11 with the designated authority from an adjoining state to establish an enrollment options
 174.12 program between Minnesota and the adjoining state. Any agreement entered into pursuant
 174.13 to this section must specify the following:

174.14 (1) for students who are not residents of Minnesota, the enrollment options program
 174.15 applies only to a student whose resident school district borders Minnesota;

174.16 (2) the commissioner must negotiate equal, reciprocal rates with the designated
 174.17 authority from the adjoining state;

174.18 (3) if the adjoining state sends more students to Minnesota than Minnesota sends to
 174.19 the adjoining state, the adjoining state must pay the state of Minnesota the rate agreed
 174.20 upon under clause (2) for the excess number of students sent to Minnesota;

174.21 (4) if Minnesota sends more students to the adjoining state than the adjoining state
 174.22 sends to Minnesota, the state of Minnesota will pay the adjoining state the rate agreed
 174.23 upon under clause (2) for the excess number of students sent to the adjoining state;

174.24 (5) the application procedures for the enrollment options program between
 174.25 Minnesota and the adjoining state;

174.26 (6) the reasons for which an application for the enrollment options program between
 174.27 Minnesota and the adjoining state may be denied; and

174.28 (7) that a Minnesota school district is not responsible for transportation for any
 174.29 resident student attending school in an adjoining state under the provisions of this section.

174.30 A Minnesota school district may, at its discretion, provide transportation services for
 174.31 such a student.

174.32 (b) Any agreement entered into pursuant to this section may specify additional
 174.33 terms relating to any student in need of special education and related services pursuant
 174.34 to chapter 125A, including early childhood special education services. Any additional
 174.35 terms must apply equally to both states.

175.1 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 1, 2015.

175.2 Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 124D.041, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

175.3 Subd. 2. **Pupil accounting.** (a) Any student from an adjoining state enrolled in
175.4 Minnesota pursuant to this section is included in the receiving school district's average
175.5 daily membership and pupil units according to section 126C.05 as if the student were
175.6 a resident of another Minnesota school district attending the receiving school district
175.7 under section 124D.03.

175.8 (b) Any Minnesota resident student enrolled in an adjoining state pursuant to this
175.9 section is included in the resident school district's average daily membership and pupil
175.10 units according to section 126C.05 as if the student were a resident of the district attending
175.11 another Minnesota school district under section 124D.03.

175.12 (c) A prekindergarten child from an adjoining state whose family resides at a
175.13 Minnesota address as assigned by the United States Postal Service and is receiving early
175.14 childhood special education services from a Minnesota school district is considered
175.15 enrolled in a Minnesota school district.

175.16 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 1, 2015.

175.17 Sec. 4. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 124D.15, subdivision 5, is amended to read:

175.18 Subd. 5. **Services with new or existing providers.** A district may contract
175.19 with a charter school or community-based organization to provide eligible children
175.20 developmentally appropriate services that meet the program requirements in subdivision
175.21 3. In the alternative, a district may pay tuition or fees to place an eligible child in an
175.22 existing program. A district may establish a new program where no existing, reasonably
175.23 accessible program meets the program requirements in subdivision 3. ~~Districts must~~
175.24 ~~submit a copy of each contract to the commissioner with the biennial plan.~~ Services may
175.25 be provided in a site-based program or in the home of the child or a combination of both.
175.26 The district may not restrict participation to district residents.

175.27 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective for fiscal year 2017 and later.

175.28 Sec. 5. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 124D.16, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

175.29 Subd. 2. **Amount of aid.** (a) A district is eligible to receive school readiness aid
175.30 for eligible prekindergarten pupils enrolled in a school readiness program under section
175.31 124D.15 if the biennial plan required by section 124D.15, subdivision 3a, has been
175.32 approved by the commissioner.

176.1 (b) A district must receive school readiness aid equal to:

176.2 (1) the number of four-year-old children in the district on October 1 for the previous
 176.3 school year times the ratio of 50 percent of the total school readiness aid for that year to
 176.4 the total number of four-year-old children reported to the commissioner for the previous
 176.5 school year; plus

176.6 (2) the number of pupils enrolled in the school district from families eligible for the
 176.7 free or reduced school lunch program for the previous school year times the ratio of
 176.8 50 percent of the total school readiness aid for that year to the total number of pupils
 176.9 in the state from families eligible for the free or reduced school lunch program for the
 176.10 previous school year.

176.11 (c) ~~For fiscal year 2015 and later,~~ The total school readiness aid entitlement equals
 176.12 ~~\$12,170,000~~ \$23,558,000 for fiscal year 2016 and \$33,683,000 for fiscal year 2017 and
 176.13 later.

176.14 Sec. 6. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 124D.165, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

176.15 Subd. 2. **Family eligibility.** (a) For a family to receive an early learning scholarship,
 176.16 parents or guardians must meet the following eligibility requirements:

176.17 (1) have a child three or four years of age on September 1 of the current school year,
 176.18 who has not yet started kindergarten; and

176.19 (2) have income equal to or less than 185 percent of federal poverty level income
 176.20 in the current calendar year, or be able to document their child's current participation in
 176.21 the free and reduced-price lunch program or child and adult care food program, National
 176.22 School Lunch Act, United States Code, title 42, sections 1751 and 1766; the Food
 176.23 Distribution Program on Indian Reservations, Food and Nutrition Act, United States
 176.24 Code, title 7, sections 2011-2036; Head Start under the federal Improving Head Start for
 176.25 School Readiness Act of 2007; Minnesota family investment program under chapter 256J;
 176.26 child care assistance programs under chapter 119B; the supplemental nutrition assistance
 176.27 program; or placement in foster care under section 260C.212.

176.28 (b) Notwithstanding the other provisions of this section, a parent under age 21 who
 176.29 is pursuing a high school or general education equivalency diploma is eligible for an early
 176.30 learning scholarship if the parent has a child age zero to five years old and meets the
 176.31 income eligibility guidelines in this subdivision.

176.32 (c) Any siblings between the ages zero to five years old of a child who has been
 176.33 awarded a scholarship under this section must be awarded a scholarship upon request,
 176.34 provided the sibling attends the same program as long as funds are available.

177.1 (d) A child who has received a scholarship under this section must continue to
 177.2 receive a scholarship each year until that child is eligible for kindergarten under section
 177.3 120A.20 and as long as funds are available.

177.4 (e) Early learning scholarships may not be counted as earned income for the
 177.5 purposes of medical assistance under chapter 256B, MinnesotaCare under chapter 256L,
 177.6 Minnesota family investment program under chapter 256J, child care assistance programs
 177.7 under chapter 119B, or Head Start under the federal Improving Head Start for School
 177.8 Readiness Act of 2007.

177.9 (f) A child from an adjoining state whose family resides at a Minnesota address as
 177.10 assigned by the United States Postal Service, who has received developmental screening
 177.11 under sections 121A.16 to 121A.19, who intends to enroll in a Minnesota school district,
 177.12 and whose family meets the criteria of paragraph (a) is eligible for an early learning
 177.13 scholarship under this section.

177.14 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 1, 2015.

177.15 Sec. 7. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 125A.03, is amended to read:

177.16 **125A.03 SPECIAL INSTRUCTION FOR CHILDREN WITH A DISABILITY.**

177.17 (a) As defined in paragraph (b), every district must provide special instruction and
 177.18 services, either within the district or in another district, for all children with a disability,
 177.19 including providing required services under Code of Federal Regulations, title 34, section
 177.20 300.121, paragraph (d), to those children suspended or expelled from school for more than
 177.21 ten school days in that school year, who are residents of the district and who are disabled
 177.22 as set forth in section 125A.02. For purposes of state and federal special education laws,
 177.23 the phrase "special instruction and services" in the state Education Code means a free
 177.24 and appropriate public education provided to an eligible child with disabilities. "Free
 177.25 appropriate public education" means special education and related services that:

177.26 (1) are provided at public expense, under public supervision and direction, and
 177.27 without charge;

177.28 (2) meet the standards of the state, including the requirements of the Individuals
 177.29 with Disabilities Education Act, Part B or C;

177.30 (3) include an appropriate preschool, elementary school, or secondary school
 177.31 education; and

177.32 (4) are provided to children ages three through 21 in conformity with an
 177.33 individualized education program that meets the requirements of the Individuals with
 177.34 Disabilities Education Act, subpart A, sections 300.320 to 300.324, and provided to

178.1 infants and toddlers in conformity with an individualized family service plan that meets
 178.2 the requirements of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, subpart A, sections
 178.3 303.300 to 303.346.

178.4 (b) Notwithstanding any age limits in laws to the contrary, special instruction and
 178.5 services must be provided from birth until July 1 after the child with a disability becomes
 178.6 21 years old but shall not extend beyond secondary school or its equivalent, except as
 178.7 provided in section 124D.68, subdivision 2. Local health, education, and social service
 178.8 agencies must refer children under age five who are known to need or suspected of
 178.9 needing special instruction and services to the school district. Districts with less than the
 178.10 minimum number of eligible children with a disability as determined by the commissioner
 178.11 must cooperate with other districts to maintain a full range of programs for education
 178.12 and services for children with a disability. This section does not alter the compulsory
 178.13 attendance requirements of section 120A.22.

178.14 (c) At the board's discretion, a school district that participates in a reciprocity
 178.15 agreement with a neighboring state under section 124D.041 may enroll and provide
 178.16 special instruction and services to a child from an adjoining state whose family resides
 178.17 at a Minnesota address as assigned by the United States Postal Service if the district has
 178.18 completed child identification procedures for that child to determine the child's eligibility
 178.19 for special education services, and the child has received developmental screening under
 178.20 sections 121A.16 to 121A.19.

178.21 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 1, 2015.

178.22 Sec. 8. **APPROPRIATIONS.**

178.23 Subdivision 1. **Department of Education.** The sums indicated in this section are
 178.24 appropriated from the general fund to the Department of Education for the fiscal years
 178.25 designated.

178.26 Subd. 2. **School readiness.** For revenue for school readiness programs under
 178.27 Minnesota Statutes, sections 124D.15 and 124D.16:

178.28 \$ 22,420,000 2016

178.29 \$ 32,670,000 2017

178.30 The 2016 appropriation includes \$1,217,000 for 2015 and \$21,203,000 for 2016.

178.31 The 2017 appropriation includes \$2,355,000 for 2016 and \$30,315,000 for 2017.

178.32 Subd. 3. **Early learning scholarships.** For the early learning scholarship program
 178.33 under Minnesota Statutes, section 124D.165:

179.1 \$ 44,134,000 2016

179.2 \$ 59,884,000 2017

179.3 Up to \$950,000 each year is for administration of this program.

179.4 Any balance in the first year does not cancel but is available in the second year.

179.5 Subd. 4. **Head Start program.** For Head Start programs under Minnesota Statutes,
179.6 section 119A.52:

179.7 \$ 25,100,000 2016

179.8 \$ 25,100,000 2017

179.9 Subd. 5. **Early childhood family education aid.** For early childhood family
179.10 education aid under Minnesota Statutes, section 124D.135:

179.11 \$ 28,444,000 2016

179.12 \$ 29,939,000 2017

179.13 The 2016 appropriation includes \$2,713,000 for 2015 and \$25,731,000 for 2016.

179.14 The 2017 appropriation includes \$2,858,000 for 2016 and \$27,081,000 for 2017.

179.15 Subd. 6. **Developmental screening aid.** For developmental screening aid under
179.16 Minnesota Statutes, sections 121A.17 and 121A.19:

179.17 \$ 3,363,000 2016

179.18 \$ 3,369,000 2017

179.19 The 2016 appropriation includes \$338,000 for 2015 and \$3,025,000 for 2016.

179.20 The 2017 appropriation includes \$336,000 for 2016 and \$3,033,000 for 2017.

179.21 Subd. 7. **Parent-child home program.** For a grant to the parent-child home
179.22 program:

179.23 \$ 350,000 2016

179.24 \$ 350,000 2017

179.25 The grant must be used for an evidence-based and research-validated early childhood
179.26 literacy and school readiness program for children ages 16 months to four years at its
179.27 existing suburban program location. The program must include urban and rural program
179.28 locations for fiscal years 2016 and 2017.

179.29 Subd. 8. **Kindergarten entrance assessment initiative and intervention**
179.30 **program.** For the kindergarten entrance assessment initiative and intervention program
179.31 under Minnesota Statutes, section 124D.162:

179.32 \$ 281,000 2016

179.33 \$ 281,000 2017

181.1 potential eye problems but is not a substitute for a comprehensive eye exam." The notice
181.2 must clearly state that declining to answer questions or provide information does not
181.3 prevent the child from being enrolled in kindergarten or first grade if all other screening
181.4 components are met. If a parent or guardian is not able to read and comprehend the written
181.5 notice, the district and the person performing or supervising the screening must convey
181.6 the information in another manner. The notice must also inform the parent or guardian
181.7 that a child need not submit to the district screening program if the child's health records
181.8 indicate to the school that the child has received comparable developmental screening
181.9 performed within the preceding 365 days by a public or private health care organization or
181.10 individual health care provider. The notice must be given to a parent or guardian at the
181.11 time the district initially provides information to the parent or guardian about screening
181.12 and must be given again at the screening location.

181.13 (b) All screening components shall be consistent with the standards of the state
181.14 commissioner of health for early developmental screening programs. A developmental
181.15 screening program must not provide laboratory tests or a physical examination to any
181.16 child. The district must request from the public or private health care organization or the
181.17 individual health care provider the results of any laboratory test or physical examination
181.18 within the 12 months preceding a child's scheduled screening. For the purposes of this
181.19 section, "comprehensive vision examination" means a vision examination performed by
181.20 an optometrist or ophthalmologist.

181.21 (c) If a child is without health coverage, the school district must refer the child to an
181.22 appropriate health care provider.

181.23 (d) A board may offer additional components such as nutritional, physical and
181.24 dental assessments, review of family circumstances that might affect development, blood
181.25 pressure, laboratory tests, and health history.

181.26 (e) If a statement signed by the child's parent or guardian is submitted to the
181.27 administrator or other person having general control and supervision of the school that
181.28 the child has not been screened because of conscientiously held beliefs of the parent
181.29 or guardian, the screening is not required.

181.30 **Sec. 2. COMPREHENSIVE VISION EXAMINATION REPORT.**

181.31 By January 15, 2017, the commissioner must submit to the committees of the
181.32 legislature with jurisdiction over kindergarten through grade 12 education a report
181.33 describing the number and proportion of children in each school district who report having
181.34 had a comprehensive vision examination, disaggregated by age at the time of early
181.35 childhood developmental screening under Minnesota Statutes, section 121A.17.

182.1 Sec. 3. **APPROPRIATIONS.**

182.2 Subdivision 1. Department of Education. The sums indicated in this section are
 182.3 appropriated from the general fund to the Department of Education for the fiscal years
 182.4 designated.

182.5 Subd. 2. Community education aid. For community education aid under
 182.6 Minnesota Statutes, section 124D.20:

182.7 \$ 788,000 2016

182.8 \$ 554,000 2017

182.9 The 2016 appropriation includes \$107,000 for 2015 and \$681,000 for 2016.

182.10 The 2017 appropriation includes \$75,000 for 2016 and \$479,000 for 2017.

182.11 Subd. 3. Adults with disabilities program aid. For adults with disabilities
 182.12 programs under Minnesota Statutes, section 124D.56:

182.13 \$ 710,000 2016

182.14 \$ 710,000 2017

182.15 The 2016 appropriation includes \$71,000 for 2015 and \$639,000 for 2016.

182.16 The 2017 appropriation includes \$71,000 for 2016 and \$639,000 for 2017.

182.17 Subd. 4. Hearing-impaired adults. For programs for hearing-impaired adults
 182.18 under Minnesota Statutes, section 124D.57:

182.19 \$ 70,000 2016

182.20 \$ 70,000 2017

182.21 Subd. 5. School-age care revenue. For extended day aid under Minnesota Statutes,
 182.22 section 124D.22:

182.23 \$ 1,000 2016

182.24 \$ 1,000 2017

182.25 The 2016 appropriation includes \$0 for 2015 and \$1,000 for 2016.

182.26 The 2017 appropriation includes \$0 for 2016 and \$1,000 for 2017.

182.27 Subd. 6. Northside Achievement Zone. For a grant to the Northside Achievement
 182.28 Zone:

182.29 \$ 1,200,000 2016

182.30 \$ 1,200,000 2017

182.31 Funds appropriated in this section are to reduce multigenerational poverty and the
 182.32 educational achievement gap through increased enrollment of families within the zone,

183.1 and may be used for Northside Achievement Zone programming and services consistent
183.2 with federal Promise Neighborhood program agreements and requirements.

183.3 Subd. 7. St. Paul Promise Neighborhood. For a grant to the St. Paul Promise
183.4 Neighborhood:

183.5 \$ 1,200,000 2016

183.6 \$ 1,200,000 2017

183.7 Funds appropriated in this section are to reduce multigenerational poverty and the
183.8 educational achievement gap through increased enrollment of families within the zone,
183.9 and may be used for St. Paul Promise Neighborhood programming and services consistent
183.10 with federal Promise Neighborhood program agreements and requirements.

183.11 **ARTICLE 11**

183.12 **SELF-SUFFICIENCY AND LIFELONG LEARNING**

183.13 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 290.0671, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

183.14 Subdivision 1. **Credit allowed.** (a) An individual who is a resident of Minnesota is
183.15 allowed a credit against the tax imposed by this chapter equal to a percentage of earned
183.16 income. To receive a credit, a taxpayer must be eligible for a credit under section 32 of the
183.17 Internal Revenue Code.

183.18 (b) For individuals with no qualifying children, the credit equals 2.10 percent of the
183.19 first \$6,180 of earned income. The credit is reduced by 2.01 percent of earned income
183.20 or adjusted gross income, whichever is greater, in excess of \$8,130, but in no case is
183.21 the credit less than zero.

183.22 (c) For individuals with one qualifying child, the credit equals 9.35 percent of the
183.23 first \$11,120 of earned income. The credit is reduced by 6.02 percent of earned income
183.24 or adjusted gross income, whichever is greater, in excess of \$21,190, but in no case is
183.25 the credit less than zero.

183.26 (d) For individuals with two or more qualifying children, the credit equals 11 percent
183.27 of the first \$18,240 of earned income. The credit is reduced by 10.82 percent of earned
183.28 income or adjusted gross income, whichever is greater, in excess of \$25,130, but in no
183.29 case is the credit less than zero.

183.30 (e) For a ~~nonresident~~ or part-year resident, the credit must be allocated based on the
183.31 percentage calculated under section 290.06, subdivision 2c, paragraph (e).

183.32 (f) For a person who was a resident for the entire tax year and has earned income
183.33 not subject to tax under this chapter, including income excluded under section 290.01,
183.34 subdivision 19b, clause (9), the credit must be allocated based on the ratio of federal

184.1 adjusted gross income reduced by the earned income not subject to tax under this chapter
184.2 over federal adjusted gross income. For purposes of this paragraph, the subtractions
184.3 for military pay under section 290.01, subdivision 19b, clauses (10) and (11), are not
184.4 considered "earned income not subject to tax under this chapter."

184.5 For the purposes of this paragraph, the exclusion of combat pay under section 112
184.6 of the Internal Revenue Code is not considered "earned income not subject to tax under
184.7 this chapter."

184.8 (g) For tax years beginning after December 31, 2007, and before December 31,
184.9 2010, and for tax years beginning after December 31, 2017, the \$8,130 in paragraph (b),
184.10 the \$21,190 in paragraph (c), and the \$25,130 in paragraph (d), after being adjusted for
184.11 inflation under subdivision 7, are each increased by \$3,000 for married taxpayers filing joint
184.12 returns. For tax years beginning after December 31, 2008, the commissioner shall annually
184.13 adjust the \$3,000 by the percentage determined pursuant to the provisions of section 1(f)
184.14 of the Internal Revenue Code, except that in section 1(f)(3)(B), the word "2007" shall be
184.15 substituted for the word "1992." For 2009, the commissioner shall then determine the
184.16 percent change from the 12 months ending on August 31, 2007, to the 12 months ending on
184.17 August 31, 2008, and in each subsequent year, from the 12 months ending on August 31,
184.18 2007, to the 12 months ending on August 31 of the year preceding the taxable year. The
184.19 earned income thresholds as adjusted for inflation must be rounded to the nearest \$10. If the
184.20 amount ends in \$5, the amount is rounded up to the nearest \$10. The determination of the
184.21 commissioner under this subdivision is not a rule under the Administrative Procedure Act.

184.22 (h)(1) For tax years beginning after December 31, 2012, and before January 1, 2014,
184.23 the \$5,770 in paragraph (b), the \$15,080 in paragraph (c), and the \$17,890 in paragraph (d),
184.24 after being adjusted for inflation under subdivision 7, are increased by \$5,340 for married
184.25 taxpayers filing joint returns; and (2) for tax years beginning after December 31, 2013, and
184.26 before January 1, 2018, the \$8,130 in paragraph (b), the \$21,190 in paragraph (c), and the
184.27 \$25,130 in paragraph (d), after being adjusted for inflation under subdivision 7, are each
184.28 increased by \$5,000 for married taxpayers filing joint returns. For tax years beginning
184.29 after December 31, 2010, and before January 1, 2012, and for tax years beginning after
184.30 December 31, 2013, and before January 1, 2018, the commissioner shall annually adjust
184.31 the \$5,000 by the percentage determined pursuant to the provisions of section 1(f) of
184.32 the Internal Revenue Code, except that in section 1(f)(3)(B), the word "2008" shall be
184.33 substituted for the word "1992." For 2011, the commissioner shall then determine the
184.34 percent change from the 12 months ending on August 31, 2008, to the 12 months ending on
184.35 August 31, 2010, and in each subsequent year, from the 12 months ending on August 31,
184.36 2008, to the 12 months ending on August 31 of the year preceding the taxable year. The

185.1 earned income thresholds as adjusted for inflation must be rounded to the nearest \$10. If the
185.2 amount ends in \$5, the amount is rounded up to the nearest \$10. The determination of the
185.3 commissioner under this subdivision is not a rule under the Administrative Procedure Act.

185.4 (i) The commissioner shall construct tables showing the amount of the credit at
185.5 various income levels and make them available to taxpayers. The tables shall follow
185.6 the schedule contained in this subdivision, except that the commissioner may graduate
185.7 the transition between income brackets.

185.8 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective for taxable years beginning after
185.9 December 31, 2014.

185.10 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 290.0671, subdivision 6a, is amended to read:

185.11 Subd. 6a. **TANF appropriation for working family credit expansion.** (a) On
185.12 an annual basis the commissioner of revenue, with the assistance of the commissioner
185.13 of human services, shall calculate the value of the refundable portion of the Minnesota
185.14 Working Family Credit provided under this section that qualifies for payment with funds
185.15 from the federal Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) block grant. Of this
185.16 total amount, the commissioner of revenue shall estimate the portion entailed by the
185.17 expansion of the credit rates provided in Laws 2000, chapter 490, article 4, section 17,
185.18 for individuals with qualifying children over the rates provided in Laws 1999, chapter
185.19 243, article 2, section 12.

185.20 (b) An amount sufficient to pay the refunds entailed by the expansion of the credit
185.21 rates provided in Laws 2000, chapter 490, article 4, section 17, for individuals with
185.22 qualifying children over the rates provided in Laws 1999, chapter 243, article 2, section
185.23 12, as estimated in paragraph (a), is appropriated to the commissioner of human services
185.24 from the federal Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) block grant funds, for
185.25 transfer to the commissioner of revenue for deposit in the general fund.

185.26 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective retroactively for transfers in fiscal
185.27 year 2015 and thereafter.

185.28 Sec. 3. **APPROPRIATIONS.**

185.29 Subdivision 1. Department of Education. The sums indicated in this section are
185.30 appropriated from the general fund to the Department of Education for the fiscal years
185.31 designated.

186.1 Subd. 2. **Adult basic education aid.** For adult basic education aid under Minnesota
 186.2 Statutes, section 124D.531:

186.3 \$ 49,118,000 2016

186.4 \$ 50,592,000 2017

186.5 The 2016 appropriation includes \$4,782,000 for 2015 and \$44,336,000 for 2016.

186.6 The 2017 appropriation includes \$4,926,000 for 2016 and \$45,666,000 for 2017.

186.7 Subd. 3. **GED tests.** For payment of 60 percent of the costs of GED tests under
 186.8 Minnesota Statutes, section 124D.55:

186.9 \$ 125,000 2016

186.10 \$ 125,000 2017

186.11 **ARTICLE 12**

186.12 **STATE AGENCIES**

186.13 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 5A.03, is amended to read:

186.14 **5A.03 ORGANIZATION APPLICATION FOR REGISTRATION.**

186.15 Subdivision 1. **Placing high school students in Minnesota.** (a) An application for
 186.16 registration as an international student exchange visitor placement organization must be
 186.17 submitted in the form prescribed by the secretary of state. The application must include:

186.18 (1) evidence that the organization meets the standards established by the secretary of
 186.19 state by rule;

186.20 (2) the name, address, and telephone number of the organization, its chief executive
 186.21 officer, and the person within the organization who has primary responsibility for
 186.22 supervising placements within the state;

186.23 (3) the organization's unified business identification number, if any;

186.24 (4) the organization's Office of Exchange Coordination and Designation, United
 186.25 States Department of State number, if any;

186.26 (5) evidence of Council on Standards for International Educational Travel listing, if
 186.27 any;

186.28 (6) whether the organization is exempt from federal income tax; and

186.29 (7) a list of the organization's placements in Minnesota for the previous academic
 186.30 year including the number of students placed, their home countries, the school districts in
 186.31 which they were placed, and the length of their placements.

186.32 (b) The application must be signed by the chief executive officer of the organization
 186.33 and the person within the organization who has primary responsibility for supervising

187.1 placements within Minnesota. If the secretary of state determines that the application is
187.2 complete, the secretary of state shall file the application and the applicant is registered.

187.3 (c) Organizations that have registered shall inform the secretary of state of any
187.4 changes in the information required under paragraph (a), clause (1), within 30 days of the
187.5 change. There is no fee to amend a registration.

187.6 (d) Registration under this chapter is valid for one year. The registration may be
187.7 renewed annually. The fee to renew a registration is \$50 per year.

187.8 (e) Organizations registering for the first time in Minnesota must pay an initial
187.9 registration fee of \$150.

187.10 (f) Fees collected by the secretary of state under this section must be deposited in the
187.11 state treasury and credited to the general fund.

187.12 **Subd. 2. Placing Minnesota students in travel abroad programs.** (a) A school
187.13 district or charter school with enrolled students who participate in a foreign exchange or
187.14 study or other travel abroad program under a written agreement between the district or
187.15 charter school and the program provider must use a form developed by the Department
187.16 of Education to annually report to the department by November 1 the following data
187.17 from the previous school year:

187.18 (1) the number of Minnesota student deaths that occurred while Minnesota students
187.19 were participating in the foreign exchange or study or other travel abroad program and
187.20 that resulted from Minnesota students participating in the program;

187.21 (2) the number of Minnesota students hospitalized due to accidents and the illnesses
187.22 that occurred while Minnesota students were participating in the foreign exchange or study
187.23 or other travel abroad program and that resulted from Minnesota students participating
187.24 in the program; and

187.25 (3) the name and type of the foreign exchange or study or other travel abroad
187.26 program and the city or region where the reported death, hospitalization due to accident,
187.27 or the illness occurred.

187.28 (b) School districts and charter schools must ask but must not require enrolled
187.29 eligible students and the parents or guardians of other enrolled students who complete
187.30 a foreign exchange or study or other travel abroad program to disclose the information
187.31 under paragraph (a).

187.32 (c) When reporting the data under paragraph (a), a school district or charter school
187.33 may supplement the data with a brief explanatory statement. The Department of Education
187.34 annually must aggregate and publish the reported data on the department Web site in
187.35 a format that facilitates public access to the aggregated data and include links to both
187.36 the United States Department of State's Consular Information Program that informs the

188.1 public of conditions abroad that may affect students' safety and security and the publicly
188.2 available reports on sexual assaults and other criminal acts affecting students participating
188.3 in a foreign exchange or study or other travel abroad program.

188.4 (d) School districts and charter schools with enrolled students who participate in
188.5 foreign exchange or study or other travel abroad programs under a written agreement
188.6 between the district or charter school and the program provider are encouraged to adopt
188.7 policies supporting the programs and to include program standards in their policies to
188.8 ensure students' health and safety.

188.9 (e) To be eligible under this subdivision to provide a foreign exchange or study or
188.10 other travel abroad program to Minnesota students enrolled in a school district or charter
188.11 school, a program provider annually must register with the secretary of state and provide
188.12 the following information on a form developed by the secretary of state: the name,
188.13 address, and telephone number of the program provider, its chief executive officer, and
188.14 the person within the provider's organization who is primarily responsible for supervising
188.15 programs within the state; the program provider's unified business identification number,
188.16 if any; whether the program provider is exempt from federal income tax; a list of the
188.17 program provider's placements in foreign countries for the previous school year including
188.18 the number of Minnesota students placed, where Minnesota students were placed, and
188.19 the length of their placement; the terms and limits of the medical and accident insurance
188.20 available to cover participating students and the process for filing a claim; and the
188.21 signatures of the program provider's chief executive officer and the person primarily
188.22 responsible for supervising Minnesota students' placements in foreign countries. If the
188.23 secretary of state determines the registration is complete, the secretary of state shall file the
188.24 registration and the program provider is registered. Registration with the secretary of state
188.25 must not be considered or represented as an endorsement of the program provider by the
188.26 secretary of state. The secretary of state annually must publish on its Web site aggregated
188.27 data under paragraph (c) received from the Department of Education.

188.28 (f) Program providers, annually by August 1, must provide the data required under
188.29 paragraph (a), clauses (1) to (3), to the districts and charter schools with enrolled students
188.30 participating in the provider's program.

188.31 (g) The Department of Education must publish the information it has under
188.32 paragraph (c), but it is not responsible for any errors or omissions in the information
188.33 provided to it by a school district or charter school. A school district or charter school is
188.34 not responsible for omissions in the information provided to it by students and programs.

188.35 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective for the 2015-2016 school year and
188.36 later.

189.1 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 127A.353, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

189.2 Subd. 2. **Qualifications.** The governor shall select the school trust lands director on
189.3 the basis of outstanding professional qualifications and knowledge of finance, business
189.4 practices, minerals, forest and real estate management, and the fiduciary responsibilities
189.5 of a trustee to the beneficiaries of a trust. The school trust lands director serves in the
189.6 unclassified service for a term of four years. The first term shall end on December 31,
189.7 ~~2016~~ 2020. The governor may remove the school trust lands director for cause. If a
189.8 director resigns or is removed for cause, the governor shall appoint a director for the
189.9 remainder of the term.

189.10 Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 127A.70, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

189.11 Subdivision 1. **Establishment; membership.** (a) A P-20 education partnership is
189.12 established to create a seamless system of education that maximizes achievements of
189.13 all students, from early childhood through elementary, secondary, and postsecondary
189.14 education, while promoting the efficient use of financial and human resources. The
189.15 partnership shall consist of major statewide educational groups or constituencies or
189.16 noneducational statewide organizations with a stated interest in P-20 education. The initial
189.17 membership of the partnership includes the members serving on the Minnesota P-16
189.18 Education Partnership and four legislators appointed as follows:

189.19 (1) one senator from the majority party and one senator from the minority party,
189.20 appointed by the Subcommittee on Committees of the Committee on Rules and
189.21 Administration; and

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

189.24 (b) The chair of the P-16 education partnership must convene the first meeting
189.25 of the P-20 partnership. Prospective members may be nominated by any partnership
189.26 member and new members will be added with the approval of a two-thirds majority of the
189.27 partnership. The partnership will also seek input from nonmember organizations whose
189.28 expertise can help inform the partnership's work.

189.29 (c) Partnership members shall be represented by the chief executives, presidents, or
189.30 other formally designated leaders of their respective organizations, or their designees. The
189.31 partnership shall meet at least three times during each calendar year.

189.32 (d) The P-20 education partnership shall be the state council for the Interstate
189.33 Compact on Educational Opportunity for Military Children under section 127A.85 with
189.34 ~~the chair~~ commissioner or commissioner's designee serving as the compact commissioner
189.35 responsible for the administration and management of the state's participation in the

190.1 compact. When conducting business required under section 127A.85, the P-20 partnership
 190.2 shall include a representative from a military installation appointed by the adjutant general
 190.3 of the Minnesota National Guard.

190.4 **Sec. 4. APPROPRIATIONS; DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION.**

190.5 **Subdivision 1. Department of Education.** Unless otherwise indicated, the sums
 190.6 indicated in this section are appropriated from the general fund to the Department of
 190.7 Education for the fiscal years designated.

190.8 **Subd. 2. Department.** (a) For the Department of Education:

190.9 \$ 21,246,000 2016

190.10 \$ 21,973,000 2017

190.11 Of these amounts:

190.12 (1) \$718,000 each year is for the Board of Teaching;

190.13 (2) \$228,000 in fiscal year 2016 and \$231,000 in fiscal year 2017 are for the Board
 190.14 of School Administrators;

190.15 (3) \$1,000,000 each year is for Regional Centers of Excellence under Minnesota
 190.16 Statutes, section 120B.115;

190.17 (4) \$500,000 each year is for the School Safety Technical Assistance Center under
 190.18 Minnesota Statutes, section 127A.052;

190.19 (5) \$250,000 each year is for the School Finance Division to enhance financial
 190.20 data analysis; and

190.21 (6) \$441,000 in fiscal year 2016 and \$720,000 in fiscal year 2017 is for implementing
 190.22 Laws 2014, chapter 272, article 1, Minnesota's Learning for English Academic Proficiency
 190.23 and Success Act, as amended.

190.24 (b) Any balance in the first year does not cancel but is available in the second year.

190.25 (c) None of the amounts appropriated under this subdivision may be used for
 190.26 Minnesota's Washington, D.C. office.

190.27 (d) The expenditures of federal grants and aids as shown in the biennial budget
 190.28 document and its supplements are approved and appropriated and shall be spent as
 190.29 indicated.

190.30 (e) This appropriation includes funds for information technology project services and
 190.31 support subject to the provisions of Minnesota Statutes, section 16E.0466. Any ongoing
 190.32 information technology costs will be incorporated into the service level agreement and
 190.33 will be paid to the Office of MN.IT Services by the Department of Education under the
 190.34 rates and mechanism specified in that agreement.

191.1 (f) The agency's base budget in fiscal year 2018 is \$21,973,000. The agency's base
191.2 budget in fiscal year 2019 is \$21,948,000.

191.3 **Sec. 5. APPROPRIATIONS; MINNESOTA STATE ACADEMIES.**

191.4 (a) The sums indicated in this section are appropriated from the general fund to the
191.5 Minnesota State Academies for the Deaf and the Blind for the fiscal years designated:

191.6 \$ 12,853,000 2016

191.7 \$ 12,819,000 2017

191.8 (b) Of the amounts appropriated in paragraph (a), \$708,000 in fiscal year 2016 and
191.9 \$490,000 in fiscal year 2017 are for technology enhancements and may be used for:

191.10 (1) computer hardware; (2) computer software; (3) connectivity, communications, and
191.11 infrastructure; (4) assistive technology; (5) access to electronic books and other online
191.12 materials, licenses, and subscriptions; and (6) technology staff and training costs.

191.13 (c) Any balance in the first year does not cancel but is available in the second year.

191.14 (d) The agency's budget base in fiscal year 2018 is \$12,804,000.

191.15 (e) The agency's budget base in fiscal year 2019 is \$12,786,000.

191.16 **Sec. 6. APPROPRIATIONS; PERPICH CENTER FOR ARTS EDUCATION.**

191.17 (a) The sums in this section are appropriated from the general fund to the Perpich
191.18 Center for Arts Education for the fiscal years designated:

191.19 \$ 6,872,000 2016

191.20 \$ 6,973,000 2017

191.21 (b) Any balance in the first year does not cancel but is available in the second year.

191.22 **ARTICLE 13**

191.23 **FORECAST ADJUSTMENTS**

191.24 **A. GENERAL EDUCATION**

191.25 Section 1. Laws 2013, chapter 116, article 1, section 58, subdivision 2, as amended
191.26 by Laws 2013, chapter 144, section 7, and Laws 2014, chapter 312, article 15, section
191.27 26, is amended to read:

191.28 Subd. 2. **General education aid.** For general education aid under Minnesota
191.29 Statutes, section 126C.13, subdivision 4:

191.30 \$ 6,851,419,000 2014

191.31 6,464,199,000

191.32 \$ 6,443,330,000 2015

192.1 The 2014 appropriation includes \$780,156,000 for 2013 and \$6,071,263,000 for
192.2 2014.

192.3 The 2015 appropriation includes ~~\$589,095,000~~ \$586,824,000 for 2014 and
192.4 ~~\$5,875,104,000~~ \$5,856,506,000 for 2015.

192.5 Sec. 2. Laws 2013, chapter 116, article 1, section 58, subdivision 3, as amended by
192.6 Laws 2014, chapter 312, article 22, section 1, is amended to read:

192.7 Subd. 3. **Enrollment options transportation.** For transportation of pupils attending
192.8 postsecondary institutions under Minnesota Statutes, section 124D.09, or for transportation
192.9 of pupils attending nonresident districts under Minnesota Statutes, section 124D.03:

192.10 \$ 37,000 2014

192.11 ~~40,000~~

192.12 \$ 36,000 2015

192.13 Sec. 3. Laws 2013, chapter 116, article 1, section 58, subdivision 4, as amended by
192.14 Laws 2014, chapter 312, article 22, section 2, is amended to read:

192.15 Subd. 4. **Abatement revenue.** For abatement aid under Minnesota Statutes, section
192.16 127A.49:

192.17 \$ 2,876,000 2014

192.18 ~~3,103,000~~

192.19 \$ 2,796,000 2015

192.20 The 2014 appropriation includes \$301,000 for 2013 and \$2,575,000 for 2014.

192.21 The 2015 appropriation includes \$286,000 for 2014 and ~~\$2,817,000~~ \$2,510,000
192.22 for 2015.

192.23 Sec. 4. Laws 2013, chapter 116, article 1, section 58, subdivision 5, as amended by
192.24 Laws 2014, chapter 312, article 22, section 3, is amended to read:

192.25 Subd. 5. **Consolidation transition.** For districts consolidating under Minnesota
192.26 Statutes, section 123A.485:

192.27 \$ 585,000 2014

192.28 ~~254,000~~

192.29 \$ 263,000 2015

192.30 The 2014 appropriation includes \$40,000 for 2013 and \$545,000 for 2014.

192.31 The 2015 appropriation includes \$60,000 for 2014 and ~~\$194,000~~ \$203,000 for 2015.

192.32 Sec. 5. Laws 2013, chapter 116, article 1, section 58, subdivision 6, as amended by
192.33 Laws 2014, chapter 312, article 15, section 27, is amended to read:

193.1 Subd. 6. **Nonpublic pupil education aid.** For nonpublic pupil education aid under
 193.2 Minnesota Statutes, sections 123B.40 to 123B.43 and 123B.87:

193.3 \$ 15,867,000 2014

193.4 ~~16,132,000~~

193.5 \$ 15,569,000 2015

193.6 The 2014 appropriation includes \$1,898,000 for 2013 and \$13,969,000 for 2014.

193.7 The 2015 appropriation includes ~~\$1,552,000~~ \$1,394,000 for 2014 and ~~\$14,580,000~~

193.8 \$14,175,000 for 2015.

193.9 Sec. 6. Laws 2013, chapter 116, article 1, section 58, subdivision 7, as amended by
 193.10 Laws 2014, chapter 312, article 15, section 28, is amended to read:

193.11 Subd. 7. **Nonpublic pupil transportation.** For nonpublic pupil transportation aid
 193.12 under Minnesota Statutes, section 123B.92, subdivision 9:

193.13 \$ 18,500,000 2014

193.14 ~~17,710,000~~

193.15 \$ 18,118,000 2015

193.16 The 2014 appropriation includes \$2,602,000 for 2013 and \$15,898,000 for 2014.

193.17 The 2015 appropriation includes \$1,766,000 for 2014 and ~~\$15,944,000~~ \$16,352,000

193.18 for 2015.

193.19 Sec. 7. Laws 2013, chapter 116, article 1, section 58, subdivision 11, as amended by
 193.20 Laws 2014, chapter 312, article 22, section 4, is amended to read:

193.21 Subd. 11. **Career and technical aid.** For career and technical aid under Minnesota
 193.22 Statutes, section 124D.4531, subdivision 1b:

193.23 \$ 3,959,000 2014

193.24 ~~5,172,000~~

193.25 \$ 5,617,000 2015

193.26 The 2014 appropriation includes \$0 for 2013 and \$3,959,000 for 2014.

193.27 The 2015 appropriation includes ~~\$439,000~~ \$445,000 for 2014 and ~~\$4,733,000~~

193.28 \$5,172,000 for 2015.

193.29 B. EDUCATION EXCELLENCE

193.30 Sec. 8. Laws 2013, chapter 116, article 3, section 37, subdivision 3, as amended by
 193.31 Laws 2014, chapter 312, article 22, section 5, is amended to read:

193.32 Subd. 3. **Achievement and integration aid.** For achievement and integration aid
 193.33 under Minnesota Statutes, section 124D.862:

195.1 Sec. 12. Laws 2013, chapter 116, article 4, section 9, subdivision 2, as amended by
 195.2 Laws 2014, chapter 312, article 22, section 10, is amended to read:

195.3 Subd. 2. **Charter school building lease aid.** For building lease aid under Minnesota
 195.4 Statutes, section 124D.11, subdivision 4:

195.5 \$ 54,625,000 2014

195.6 ~~58,294,000~~

195.7 \$ 59,565,000 2015

195.8 The 2014 appropriation includes \$6,681,000 for 2013 and \$47,944,000 for 2014.

195.9 The 2015 appropriation includes ~~\$5,327,000~~ \$5,270,000 for 2014 and ~~\$52,967,000~~
 195.10 \$54,295,000 for 2015.

195.11 D. SPECIAL PROGRAMS

195.12 Sec. 13. Laws 2013, chapter 116, article 5, section 31, subdivision 2, as amended by
 195.13 Laws 2013, chapter 144, section 14, and Laws 2014, chapter 312, article 22, section
 195.14 11, is amended to read:

195.15 Subd. 2. **Special education; regular.** For special education aid under Minnesota
 195.16 Statutes, section 125A.75:

195.17 \$ 1,038,465,000 2014

195.18 ~~1,111,641,000~~

195.19 \$ 1,109,144,000 2015

195.20 The 2014 appropriation includes \$118,183,000 for 2013 and \$920,282,000 for 2014.

195.21 The 2015 appropriation includes ~~\$129,549,000~~ \$129,317,000 for 2014 and
 195.22 ~~\$982,092,000~~ \$979,827,000 for 2015.

195.23 Sec. 14. Laws 2013, chapter 116, article 5, section 31, subdivision 3, as amended by
 195.24 Laws 2014, chapter 312, article 22, section 12, is amended to read:

195.25 Subd. 3. **Aid for children with disabilities.** For aid under Minnesota Statutes,
 195.26 section 125A.75, subdivision 3, for children with disabilities placed in residential facilities
 195.27 within the district boundaries for whom no district of residence can be determined:

195.28 \$ 1,548,000 2014

195.29 ~~1,674,000~~

195.30 \$ 1,367,000 2015

195.31 If the appropriation for either year is insufficient, the appropriation for the other
 195.32 year is available.

196.1 Sec. 15. Laws 2013, chapter 116, article 5, section 31, subdivision 4, as amended by
 196.2 Laws 2014, chapter 312, article 22, section 13, is amended to read:

196.3 Subd. 4. **Travel for home-based services.** For aid for teacher travel for home-based
 196.4 services under Minnesota Statutes, section 125A.75, subdivision 1:

196.5 \$ 351,000 2014

196.6 ~~346,000~~

196.7 \$ 351,000 2015

196.8 The 2014 appropriation includes \$45,000 for 2013 and \$306,000 for 2014.

196.9 The 2015 appropriation includes \$33,000 for 2014 and ~~\$313,000~~ \$318,000 for 2015.

196.10 E. FACILITIES AND TECHNOLOGY

196.11 Sec. 16. Laws 2013, chapter 116, article 6, section 12, subdivision 2, as amended by
 196.12 Laws 2014, chapter 312, article 22, section 15, is amended to read:

196.13 Subd. 2. **Health and safety revenue.** For health and safety aid according to
 196.14 Minnesota Statutes, section 123B.57, subdivision 5:

196.15 \$ 471,000 2014

196.16 ~~651,000~~

196.17 \$ 649,000 2015

196.18 The 2014 appropriation includes \$24,000 for 2013 and \$447,000 for 2014.

196.19 The 2015 appropriation includes \$49,000 for 2014 and ~~\$602,000~~ \$600,000 for 2015.

196.20 Sec. 17. Laws 2013, chapter 116, article 6, section 12, subdivision 6, as amended by
 196.21 Laws 2014, chapter 312, article 22, section 18, is amended to read:

196.22 Subd. 6. **Deferred maintenance aid.** For deferred maintenance aid, according to
 196.23 Minnesota Statutes, section 123B.591, subdivision 4:

196.24 \$ 3,877,000 2014

196.25 ~~4,024,000~~

196.26 \$ 4,067,000 2015

196.27 The 2014 appropriation includes \$475,000 for 2013 and \$3,402,000 for 2014.

196.28 The 2015 appropriation includes \$378,000 for 2014 and ~~\$3,646,000~~ \$3,689,000

196.29 for 2015.

196.30 F. NUTRITION AND LIBRARIES

196.31 Sec. 18. Laws 2013, chapter 116, article 7, section 21, subdivision 2, as amended by
 196.32 Laws 2014, chapter 312, article 19, section 5, is amended to read:

197.1 Subd. 2. **School lunch.** For school lunch aid according to Minnesota Statutes,
197.2 section 124D.111, and Code of Federal Regulations, title 7, section 210.17:

197.3 \$ 12,417,000 2014

197.4 ~~16,185,000~~

197.5 \$ 15,506,000 2015

197.6 Sec. 19. Laws 2013, chapter 116, article 7, section 21, subdivision 3, as amended by
197.7 Laws 2014, chapter 312, article 19, section 6, is amended to read:

197.8 Subd. 3. **School breakfast.** For traditional school breakfast aid under Minnesota
197.9 Statutes, section 124D.1158:

197.10 \$ 5,308,000 2014

197.11 ~~6,176,000~~

197.12 \$ 9,168,000 2015

197.13 Sec. 20. Laws 2013, chapter 116, article 7, section 21, subdivision 4, as amended by
197.14 Laws 2014, chapter 312, article 22, section 19, is amended to read:

197.15 Subd. 4. **Kindergarten milk.** For kindergarten milk aid under Minnesota Statutes,
197.16 section 124D.118:

197.17 \$ 992,000 2014

197.18 ~~1,002,000~~

197.19 \$ 942,000 2015

197.20 **G. EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION, SELF-SUFFICIENCY,**
197.21 **AND LIFELONG LEARNING**

197.22 Sec. 21. Laws 2013, chapter 116, article 8, section 5, subdivision 3, as amended by
197.23 Laws 2014, chapter 312, article 20, section 17, is amended to read:

197.24 Subd. 3. **Early childhood family education aid.** For early childhood family
197.25 education aid under Minnesota Statutes, section 124D.135:

197.26 \$ 22,797,000 2014

197.27 ~~26,651,000~~

197.28 \$ 26,623,000 2015

197.29 The 2014 appropriation includes \$3,008,000 for 2013 and \$19,789,000 for 2014.

197.30 The 2015 appropriation includes \$2,198,000 for 2014 and ~~\$24,453,000~~ \$24,425,000
197.31 for 2015.

197.32 Sec. 22. Laws 2013, chapter 116, article 8, section 5, subdivision 4, as amended by
197.33 Laws 2014, chapter 312, article 22, section 23, is amended to read:

198.1 Subd. 4. **Health and developmental screening aid.** For health and developmental
 198.2 screening aid under Minnesota Statutes, sections 121A.17 and 121A.19:

198.3 \$ 3,524,000 2014

198.4 ~~3,330,000~~

198.5 \$ 3,390,000 2015

198.6 The 2014 appropriation includes \$471,000 for 2013 and \$3,053,000 for 2014.

198.7 The 2015 appropriation includes \$339,000 for 2014 and ~~\$2,991,000~~ \$3,051,000

198.8 for 2015.

198.9 Sec. 23. Laws 2013, chapter 116, article 8, section 5, subdivision 14, as amended by
 198.10 Laws 2014, chapter 312, article 20, section 20, is amended to read:

198.11 Subd. 14. **Adult basic education aid.** For adult basic education aid under
 198.12 Minnesota Statutes, section 124D.531:

198.13 \$ 48,776,000 2014

198.14 ~~48,415,000~~

198.15 \$ 47,750,000 2015

198.16 The 2014 appropriation includes \$6,278,000 for 2013 and \$42,498,000 for 2014.

198.17 The 2015 appropriation includes ~~\$4,722,000~~ \$4,712,000 for 2014 and ~~\$43,693,000~~

198.18 \$43,038,000 for 2015.

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120B.128 EDUCATIONAL PLANNING AND ASSESSMENT SYSTEM (EPAS) PROGRAM.

(a) School districts and charter schools may elect to participate in the Educational Planning and Assessment System (EPAS) program offered by ACT, Inc. to provide a longitudinal, systematic approach to student educational and career planning, assessment, instructional support, and evaluation. The EPAS achievement tests include English, reading, mathematics, science, and components on planning for high school and postsecondary education, interest inventory, needs assessments, and student education plans. These tests are linked to the ACT assessment for college admission and allow students, parents, teachers, and schools to determine the student's college readiness before grades 11 and 12.

(b) The commissioner of education shall provide ACT Explore tests for students in grade 8 and the ACT Plan test for students in grade 10 to assess individual student academic strengths and weaknesses, academic achievement and progress, higher order thinking skills, and college readiness.

(c) Students enrolled in grade 8 through the 2011-2012 school year who have not yet demonstrated proficiency on the Minnesota Comprehensive Assessments, the graduation-required assessments for diploma, or the basic skills testing requirements prior to high school graduation may satisfy state high school graduation requirements for assessments in reading, mathematics, and writing by taking the graduation-required assessment for diploma in reading, mathematics, or writing under Minnesota Statutes 2012, section 120B.30, subdivision 1, paragraph (c), clauses (1) and (2), the WorkKeys job skills assessment, the Compass college placement test, a nationally recognized armed services vocation aptitude test, or the ACT assessment for college admission.

(d) The state shall pay the test costs for public school students to participate in the assessments under this section. The commissioner shall establish an application procedure and a process for state payment of costs.

123B.59 ALTERNATIVE FACILITIES BONDING AND LEVY PROGRAM.

Subdivision 1. **To qualify.** (a) An independent or special school district qualifies to participate in the alternative facilities bonding and levy program if the district has:

- (1) more than 66 students per grade;
- (2) over 1,850,000 square feet of space and the average age of building space is 15 years or older or over 1,500,000 square feet and the average age of building space is 35 years or older;
- (3) insufficient funds from projected health and safety revenue and capital facilities revenue to meet the requirements for deferred maintenance, to make accessibility improvements, or to make fire, safety, or health repairs; and
- (4) a ten-year facility plan approved by the commissioner according to subdivision 2.

(b) An independent or special school district not eligible to participate in the alternative facilities bonding and levy program under paragraph (a) qualifies for limited participation in the program if the district has:

- (1) one or more health and safety projects with an estimated cost of \$500,000 or more per site that would qualify for health and safety revenue except for the project size limitation in section 123B.57, subdivision 1, paragraph (b); and
- (2) insufficient funds from capital facilities revenue to fund those projects.

(c) Notwithstanding the square footage limitation in paragraph (a), clause (2), a school district that qualified for eligibility under paragraph (a) as of July 1, 2007, remains eligible for funding under this section as long as the district continues to meet the requirements of paragraph (a), clauses (1), (3), and (4).

Subd. 2. **Facility plan.** (a) A district qualifying under subdivision 1, paragraph (a), must have a ten-year facility plan approved by the commissioner that includes an inventory of projects and costs that would be eligible for:

- (1) health and safety revenue, without restriction as to project size;
- (2) disabled access levy; and
- (3) deferred capital expenditures and maintenance projects necessary to prevent further erosion of facilities.

(b) A district qualifying under subdivision 1, paragraph (b), must have a five-year plan that includes an inventory of projects and costs for health and safety projects with an estimated cost of \$500,000 or more per site that would qualify for health and safety revenue except for the project size limitation in section 123B.57, subdivision 1, paragraph (b).

(c) The school district must:

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- (1) annually update the plans;
- (2) biennially submit a facility maintenance plan; and
- (3) indicate whether the district will issue bonds to finance the plan or levy for the costs.

Subd. 3. **Bond authorization.** (a) A school district may issue general obligation bonds under this section to finance facilities plans approved by its board and the commissioner. Chapter 475, except sections 475.58 and 475.59, must be complied with. The district may levy under subdivision 5 for the debt service revenue. The authority to issue bonds under this section is in addition to any bonding authority authorized by this chapter, or other law. The amount of bonding authority authorized under this section must be disregarded in calculating the bonding or net debt limits of this chapter, or any other law other than section 475.53, subdivision 4.

(b) At least 20 days before the earliest of solicitation of bids, the issuance of bonds, or the final certification of levies under subdivision 5, the district must publish notice of the intended projects, the amount of the bond issue, and the total amount of district indebtedness.

Subd. 3a. **Levy authorization.** (a) A school district may levy under this section to finance the portion of facilities plans approved by its board and the commissioner that are not financed through bond issues according to subdivision 3.

(b) At least 20 days before a final district certification of levies under subdivision 5, the district must publish notice of the intended projects, including the total estimated project cost.

Subd. 4. **Levy prohibited for capital projects.** A district that participates in the alternative facilities bonding and levy program is not eligible to levy and cannot receive aid under sections 123B.57 and 123B.58 for any capital projects funded under this section. A district may levy and receive aid for health and safety environmental management costs and health and safety regulatory, hazard assessment, record keeping, and maintenance programs as defined in section 123A.443, subdivision 2, and approved by the commissioner.

Subd. 5. **Levy authorized.** A district may levy for costs related to an approved facility plan as follows:

(a) if the district has indicated to the commissioner that bonds will be issued, the district may levy for the principal and interest payments on outstanding bonds issued according to subdivision 3 after reduction for any alternative facilities aid receivable under subdivision 6; or

(b) if the district has indicated to the commissioner that the plan will be funded through levy, the district may levy according to the schedule approved in the plan after reduction for any alternative facilities aid receivable under subdivision 6.

Subd. 6. **Alternative facilities aid.** A district's alternative facilities aid is the amount equal to the district's annual debt service costs, provided that the amount does not exceed the amount certified to be levied for those purposes for taxes payable in 1997, or for a district that made a levy under subdivision 5, paragraph (b), the lesser of the district's annual levy amount, or one-sixth of the amount of levy that it certified for that purpose for taxes payable in 1998.

Subd. 7. **Alternative facilities appropriation.** (a) An amount not to exceed \$19,700,000 for fiscal year 2000 and \$20,000,000 for fiscal year 2001 and each year thereafter is appropriated from the general fund to the commissioner of education for payment of alternative facilities aid under subdivision 6.

(b) The appropriation in paragraph (a) must be reduced by the amount of any money specifically appropriated for the same purpose in any year from any state fund.

Subd. 8. **Separate account.** A district must establish a separate account under the uniform financial accounting and reporting standards (UFARS) for this program. If the district's levy exceeds the necessary interest and principal payments and noncapital health and safety costs, the district must reserve the revenue to replace future bonding authority, prepay bonds authorized under this program, or make payments on principal and interest.

123B.591 DEFERRED MAINTENANCE REVENUE.

Subdivision 1. **Eligibility.** An independent or special school district that does not qualify to participate in the alternative facilities bonding and levy under section 123B.59, subdivision 1, paragraph (a), is eligible to receive deferred maintenance revenue.

Subd. 2. **Deferred maintenance revenue.** The deferred maintenance revenue for an eligible school district equals the product of \$64 times the adjusted pupil units for the school year times the lesser of one or the ratio of the district's average age of building space to 35 years.

Subd. 3. **Deferred maintenance levy.** To obtain deferred maintenance revenue, a district may levy an amount not more than the product of its deferred maintenance revenue for the fiscal year times the lesser of one or the ratio of its adjusted net tax capacity per adjusted pupil unit to \$5,965.

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Subd. 4. **Deferred maintenance aid.** For fiscal year 2008 and later, a district's deferred maintenance aid equals its deferred maintenance revenue minus its deferred maintenance levy times the ratio of the actual amount levied to the permitted levy.

Subd. 5. **Reserve account.** Deferred maintenance revenue must be maintained in a reserve account within the general fund. Deferred maintenance revenue may be used only for expenditures that would be eligible for alternative facilities bonding and levy revenue under section 123B.59, subdivision 2, paragraph (a), if the district qualified for that revenue under section 123B.59, subdivision 1, paragraph (a).

125A.63 RESOURCE CENTERS; DEAF OR HARD OF HEARING AND BLIND OR VISUALLY IMPAIRED.

Subdivision 1. **Also for multiply disabled.** Resource centers for the deaf or hard of hearing, and the blind or visually impaired, each also serving multiply disabled pupils, are transferred to the Department of Education.

126C.12 LEARNING AND DEVELOPMENT REVENUE AMOUNT AND USE.

Subd. 6. **Annual report.** By December 1 of each year, districts receiving revenue under subdivision 1 shall make available to the public a report on the amount of revenue the district has received and the use of the revenue. This report shall be in the form and manner determined by the commissioner and shall include the district average class sizes in kindergarten through grade 6 as of October 1 of the current school year and the class sizes for each site serving kindergarten through grade 6 students in the district. A copy of the report shall be filed with the commissioner by December 15.

126C.13 GENERAL EDUCATION AID.

Subd. 3a. **Student achievement rate.** The commissioner must establish the student achievement rate by July 1 of each year for levies payable in the following year. The student achievement rate must be a rate, rounded up to the nearest hundredth of a percent, that, when applied to the adjusted net tax capacity for all districts, raises the amount specified in this subdivision. The student achievement rate must be the rate that raises \$20,000,000 for fiscal year 2015 and later years. The student achievement rate may not be changed due to changes or corrections made to a district's adjusted net tax capacity after the rate has been established.

Subd. 3b. **Student achievement levy.** To obtain general education revenue, a district may levy an amount not to exceed the student achievement rate times the adjusted net tax capacity of the district for the preceding year. If the amount of the student achievement levy would exceed the general education revenue, the student achievement levy must be determined according to subdivision 3c.

Subd. 3c. **Student achievement levy; districts off the formula.** (a) If the amount of the student achievement levy for a district exceeds the district's general education revenue, excluding operating capital revenue, equity revenue, and transition revenue, the amount of the student achievement levy must be limited to the district's general education revenue, excluding operating capital revenue, equity revenue, and transition revenue.

(b) A levy made according to this subdivision shall also be construed to be the levy made according to subdivision 3b.

126C.41 BENEFITS LEVIES.

Subdivision 1. **Health insurance.** (a) A district may levy the amount necessary to make employer contributions for insurance for retired employees under this subdivision.

(b) The school board of a joint vocational technical district formed under the provisions formerly codified as sections 136C.60 to 136C.69 and the school board of a school district may provide employer-paid hospital, medical, and dental benefits to a person who:

(1) is eligible for employer-paid insurance under collective bargaining agreements or personnel plans in effect on June 30, 1992;

(2) has at least 25 years of service credit in the public pension plan of which the person is a member on the day before retirement or, in the case of a teacher, has a total of at least 25 years of service credit in the teachers retirement association, a first-class city teacher retirement fund, or any combination of these;

(3) upon retirement is immediately eligible for a retirement annuity;

(4) is at least 55 and not yet 65 years of age; and

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(5) retires on or after May 15, 1992, and before July 21, 1992.

A school board paying insurance under this subdivision may not exclude any eligible employees.

(c) An employee who is eligible both for the health insurance benefit under this subdivision and for an early retirement incentive under a collective bargaining agreement or personnel plan established by the employer must select either the early retirement incentive provided under the collective bargaining agreement personnel plan or the incentive provided under this subdivision, but may not receive both. For purposes of this subdivision, a person retires when the person terminates active employment and applies for retirement benefits. The retired employee is eligible for single and dependent coverages and employer payments to which the person was entitled immediately before retirement, subject to any changes in coverage and employer and employee payments through collective bargaining or personnel plans, for employees in positions equivalent to the position from which the employee retired. The retired employee is not eligible for employer-paid life insurance. Eligibility ceases when the retired employee attains the age of 65, or when the employee chooses not to receive the retirement benefits for which the employee has applied, or when the employee is eligible for employer-paid health insurance from a new employer. Coverages must be coordinated with relevant health insurance benefits provided through the federally sponsored Medicare program.

(d) Unilateral implementation of this section by a public employer is not an unfair labor practice for purposes of chapter 179A. The authority provided in this subdivision for an employer to pay health insurance costs for certain retired employees is not subject to the limits in section 179A.20, subdivision 2a.

(e) If a school district levies according to this subdivision, it may not also levy according to section 123A.73, subdivision 12, for eligible employees.