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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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H. F. No. 2534

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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Education Policy

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to education; requiring districts to grant students credit for satisfying
1.3 academic standards before enrolling in high school; amending Minnesota Statutes
1.4 2022, section 120B.024, subdivision 1.

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

1.6 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 120B.024, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

1.7 Subdivision 1. Graduation requirements. (a) Students beginning 9th grade in the
1.8 2011-2012 school year and later must successfully complete the following high school level
1.9 credits for graduation:

1.10 (1) four credits of language arts sufficient to satisfy all of the academic standards in
1.11 English language arts;

1.12 (2) three credits of mathematics, including an algebra II credit or its equivalent, sufficient
1.13 to satisfy all of the academic standards in mathematics;

1.14 (3) an algebra I credit by the end of 8th grade sufficient to satisfy all of the 8th grade
1.15 standards in mathematics;

1.16 (4) three credits of science, including at least one credit of biology, one credit of chemistry
1.17 or physics, and one elective credit of science. The combination of credits under this clause
1.18 must be sufficient to satisfy (i) all of the academic standards in either chemistry or physics
1.19 and (ii) all other academic standards in science;

1.20 (5) three and one-half credits of social studies, encompassing at least United States
1.21 history, geography, government and citizenship, world history, and economics sufficient
1.22 to satisfy all of the academic standards in social studies;

2.1 (6) one credit of the arts sufficient to satisfy all of the state or local academic standards  
2.2 in the arts; and

2.3 (7) a minimum of seven elective credits.

2.4 (b) A school district is encouraged to offer a course for credit in government and  
2.5 citizenship to 11th or 12th grade students who begin 9th grade in the 2020-2021 school year  
2.6 and later, that satisfies the government and citizenship requirement in paragraph (a), clause  
2.7 (5).

2.8 (c) A school district must award a student high school credit for coursework the student  
2.9 completes before enrolling in high school that satisfies high school academic standards.  
2.10 The credit must be equivalent to the credit the student would have received for completing  
2.11 the standards after enrolling in high school.

2.12 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 1, 2023.