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03/24/2016	5251	Comm report: To pass and re-referred to Finance

A bill for an act
relating to education; directing the Board of Teaching to adopt standards for an
endorsement enabling licensed high school teachers to provide dual enrollment
instruction at a high school; amending Minnesota Statutes 2014, sections
122A.09, by adding a subdivision; 124D.091, subdivisions 2, 3; Laws 2015, First
Special Session chapter 3, article 2, section 70, subdivision 9.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 122A.09, is amended by adding a
subdivision to read:

Subd. 12. **Endorsement; dual enrollment instruction.** The Board of Teaching
must issue an endorsement for dual enrollment instruction to a high school teacher
licensed in a content-specific field who successfully completes the faculty qualification
requirements established by the Higher Learning Commission. The licensure endorsement
must allow the teacher to provide dual enrollment instruction in the teacher's licensure
field, consistent with board-adopted standards. The board must adopt standards for this
endorsement in consultation with eligible public postsecondary institutions participating
in course agreements under section 124D.09, subdivision 10. The endorsement means a
change in the teacher's license that allows the teacher to teach postsecondary college in
the schools dual credit courses under section 124D.09, subdivision 10, at a high school
without need for additional preparation or supervision.

EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective the day following final enactment.
The Board of Teaching must start issuing endorsements by September 1, 2017.

Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 124D.091, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

Subd. 2. **Eligibility.** A district that offers a concurrent enrollment course according to an agreement under section 124D.09, subdivision 10, is eligible to receive aid for the costs of providing postsecondary courses at the high school. ~~Beginning in fiscal year 2011,~~ Districts only are eligible for aid if the college or university concurrent enrollment courses offered by the district are accredited by the National Alliance of Concurrent Enrollment Partnership, in the process of being accredited, or are shown by clear evidence to be of comparable standard to accredited courses, or are technical courses within a recognized career and technical education program of study approved by the commissioner of education and the chancellor of the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities.

Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 124D.091, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

Subd. 3. **Aid; tuition reimbursement.** (a) An eligible district shall receive ~~\$150~~ \$300 per pupil enrolled in a concurrent enrollment course. The money must be used to defray the cost of delivering the course at the high school. The commissioner shall establish application procedures and deadlines for receipt of aid payments.

(b) Notwithstanding paragraph (a), by mutual agreement of the school board and the exclusive representative of the teachers, up to 25 percent of the aid under this subdivision may be reserved to offset tuition paid to an accredited higher education institution for coursework necessary for secondary teachers to meet a postsecondary institution's accrediting body's requirements to teach concurrent enrollment courses.

(c) A teacher receiving tuition reimbursement under this subdivision must repay the school district if the teacher does not complete the training. If 50 percent or more of a teacher's tuition is reimbursed by the school district, the teacher must continue to teach in the school district for two years after receiving an endorsement under section 122A.09, subdivision 12. A teacher terminating employment with the district before completing the two years of teaching must repay the district for the tuition reimbursement.

Sec. 4. Laws 2015, First Special Session chapter 3, article 2, section 70, subdivision 9, is amended to read:

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

\$	\$4,000,000	2016
	\$4,000,000		
\$	<u>13,000,000</u>	2017

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

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