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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NINETY-FIRST SESSION

H. F. No. 1901

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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Education Policy
03/04/2020 Adoption of Report: Placed on the General Register as Amended
Read for the Second Time

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to education; requiring school board policy on student deaths; proposing
1.3 coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 123B.

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

1.5 Section 1. 123B.301] BOARD POLICY ON DECEASED STUDENTS.

1.6 A local school board or charter school board of directors must adopt a policy that provides
1.7 how the school district or charter school will respond to the death of an enrolled student.

1.8 The policy must address:

1.9 (1) district communications with students, parents and guardians, teachers, and staff
1.10 regarding notice of a student death;

1.11 (2) the availability of grief counseling for students;

1.12 (3) remembrances during a graduation ceremony or other school event; and

1.13 (4) physical memorials, including benches and trees.

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