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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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H. F. No. **3008**

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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 notice to be given to enroll in online learning;
1.3 amending Minnesota Statutes 2012, section 124D.095, subdivision 3.

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

1.5 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2012, section 124D.095, subdivision 3, is amended to
1.6 read:

1.7 Subd. 3. **Authorization; notice; limitations on enrollment.** (a) A student may
1.8 apply for full-time enrollment in an approved online learning program under section
1.9 124D.03, 124D.08, or 124D.10. Notwithstanding sections 124D.03, 124D.08, and
1.10 124D.10, procedures for enrolling in supplemental online learning are as provided in
1.11 this subdivision. A student age 17 or younger must have the written consent of a parent
1.12 or guardian to apply. No school district or charter school may prohibit a student from
1.13 applying to enroll in online learning. In order to enroll in online learning, the student
1.14 and the student's parents must submit an application to the online learning provider and
1.15 identify the student's reason for enrolling. An online learning provider that accepts a
1.16 student under this section must notify the student and the enrolling district in writing
1.17 within ten days if the enrolling district is not the online learning provider. The student and
1.18 the student's parent must notify the online learning provider of the student's intent to enroll
1.19 in online learning within ten days of being accepted, at which time the student and the
1.20 student's parent must sign a statement indicating that they have reviewed the online course
1.21 or program and understand the expectations of enrolling in online learning. The online
1.22 learning provider must use a form provided by the department to notify the enrolling
1.23 district by May 31 of each year of the student's application to enroll in online learning the
1.24 following school year. A student is bound by the notice or lack of notice given by May 31.

2.1 (b) The supplemental online learning notice to the enrolling district when a student
2.2 applies to the online learning provider must be submitted by May 31 of each year and will
2.3 include the courses or program, credits to be awarded, and the start date of the online
2.4 course or program the following school year. An online learning provider must make
2.5 available the supplemental online course syllabus to the enrolling district. Within 15 days
2.6 after the online learning provider makes information in this paragraph available to the
2.7 enrolling district, the enrolling district must notify the online provider whether the student,
2.8 the student's parent, and the enrolling district agree or disagree that the course meets the
2.9 enrolling district's graduation requirements. A student may enroll in a supplemental online
2.10 learning course up to the midpoint of the enrolling district's term only if notice was given
2.11 to the enrolling district by May 31 of the student's intent to enroll for the following school
2.12 year. The enrolling district may waive this requirement for special circumstances and with
2.13 the agreement of the online provider. An online learning course or program that meets
2.14 or exceeds a graduation standard or the grade progression requirement of the enrolling
2.15 district as described in the provider's online course syllabus meets the corresponding
2.16 graduation requirements applicable to the student in the enrolling district. If the enrolling
2.17 district does not agree that the course or program meets its graduation requirements, then:

2.18 (1) the enrolling district must make available an explanation of its decision to the
2.19 student, the student's parent, and the online provider; and

2.20 (2) the online provider may make available a response to the enrolling district,
2.21 showing how the course or program meets the graduation requirements of the enrolling
2.22 district.

2.23 (c) An online learning provider must notify the commissioner that it is delivering
2.24 online learning and report the number of online learning students it accepts and the online
2.25 learning courses and programs it delivers.

2.26 (d) An online learning provider may limit enrollment if the provider's school board
2.27 or board of directors adopts by resolution specific standards for accepting and rejecting
2.28 students' applications.

2.29 (e) An enrolling district may reduce an online learning student's regular classroom
2.30 instructional membership in proportion to the student's membership in online learning
2.31 courses.

2.32 (f) The online provider must report or make available information on an individual
2.33 student's progress and accumulated credit to the student, the student's parent, and the
2.34 enrolling district in a manner specified by the commissioner unless the enrolling district
2.35 and the online provider agree to a different form of notice and notify the commissioner.

3.1 The enrolling district must designate a contact person to help facilitate and monitor the
3.2 student's academic progress and accumulated credits towards graduation.

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