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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Jobs and Economic Development Finance Division

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to unemployment insurance; modifying eligibility for secondary students
1.3 during COVID-19 pandemic.

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

1.5 Section 1. **TEMPORARY UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE ELIGIBILITY FOR**
1.6 **SECONDARY STUDENTS.**

1.7 (a) Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes, section 268.085, subdivision 2, clause (3), an
1.8 applicant who establishes an unemployment insurance benefit account between March 16,
1.9 2020, and the date specified in paragraph (b), is eligible for unemployment benefits for any
1.10 week that the applicant is a student in attendance at, doing distance learning through, or on
1.11 vacation from a secondary school, including the period between academic years or terms.

1.12 (b) Eligibility under paragraph (a) expires the later of May 18, 2020, or the day Executive
1.13 Order 20-48, or a related executive order extending the closure of bars, restaurants, and
1.14 other places of public accommodation, is terminated or rescinded, or has expired.

1.15 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment and
1.16 is retroactive to March 16, 2020.