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H. F. No. 410

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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; prohibiting graduation fees; requiring a report on school
1.3 district fees; amending Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 123B.37, subdivision 1.

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

1.5 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 123B.37, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

1.6 Subdivision 1. Boards shall not charge certain fees. (a) A board is not authorized to
1.7 charge fees in the following areas:

1.8 (1) textbooks, workbooks, art materials, laboratory supplies, towels;

1.9 (2) supplies necessary for participation in any instructional course except as authorized
1.10 in sections 123B.36 and 123B.38;

1.11 (3) field trips that are required as a part of a basic education program or course;

1.12 (4) graduation caps, gowns, any specific form of dress necessary for any educational
1.13 program, and diplomas;

1.14 (5) instructional costs for necessary school personnel employed in any course or
1.15 educational program required for graduation;

1.16 (6) library books required to be utilized for any educational course or program;

1.17 (7) admission fees, dues, or fees for any activity the pupil is required to attend;

1.18 (8) any admission or examination cost for any required educational course or program;

1.19 (9) locker rentals;

2.1 (10) transportation to and from school of pupils living two miles or more from school;
2.2 and

2.3 (11) attendance or participation in any graduation ceremony or other mandatory
2.4 school-sponsored events related to graduation.

2.5 (b) Notwithstanding paragraph (a), clauses (1) and (6), a board may charge fees for
2.6 textbooks, workbooks, and library books, lost or destroyed by students. The board must
2.7 annually notify parents or guardians and students about its policy to charge a fee under this
2.8 paragraph.

2.9 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective for the 2019-2020 school year and later.

2.10 Sec. 2. **REPORT ON SCHOOL DISTRICT FEES.**

2.11 A school district must report to the commissioner of education, in the form and manner
2.12 determined by the commissioner, all fees the school district requires under Minnesota
2.13 Statutes, section 123B.36, no later than October 1, 2019. The commissioner of education
2.14 must submit a report on school district fees to the legislative committees having jurisdiction
2.15 over kindergarten through grade 12 education by February 1, 2020, in accordance with
2.16 Minnesota Statutes, section 3.195. The report must include:

2.17 (1) the average total fees each school district charged an elementary and secondary
2.18 student in the previous school year;

2.19 (2) the total fees school districts charged students, disaggregated by each area listed in
2.20 Minnesota Statutes, section 123B.36, subdivision 1, paragraph (b); and

2.21 (3) a summary of accommodations provided by school districts for students who qualify
2.22 for free or reduced-price lunch.

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