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1.1 A bill for an act

1.2 relating to early childhood through grade 12 education; providing for general

1.3 education; education excellence; teachers; special education; facilities and

1.4 technology; nutrition; libraries; early childhood and family support; community

1.5 education and prevention; self-sufficiency and lifelong learning; state agencies

1.6 and forecast adjustments; appropriating money; rulemaking; amending Minnesota

1.7 Statutes 2016, sections 120A.41; 120B.021, subdivisions 1, 3; 120B.022,

1.8 subdivision 1b; 120B.12; 120B.125; 120B.132; 120B.30, subdivisions 1, 1a;

1.9 120B.31, subdivision 4, by adding a subdivision; 120B.35, subdivision 3; 120B.363,

1.10 subdivision 1; 121A.22, subdivision 2; 121A.221; 122A.06, subdivisions 2, 3;

1.11 122A.07; 122A.08; 122A.09, subdivisions 1, 2, 3, 4, 4a, 6, 7, 9, 10, by adding a

1.12 subdivision; 122A.17; 122A.18, subdivisions 1, 2, 2b, 3, 3a, 7a, 7c, 8; 122A.19;

1.13 122A.20, subdivisions 1, 2; 122A.21, subdivision 2; 122A.22; 122A.23, subdivision

1.14 3; 122A.26, subdivision 2; 122A.28; 122A.29; 122A.30; 122A.414, subdivision

1.15 2; 122A.415, subdivision 4; 122A.70, subdivision 1; 123A.73, subdivision 2;

1.16 123B.41, subdivisions 2, 5a; 123B.52, subdivision 1, by adding a subdivision;

1.17 123B.92, subdivision 1; 124D.09, subdivisions 3, 5, 10, 13, by adding a subdivision;

1.18 124D.13, subdivision 11; 124D.151, subdivision 2; 124D.165, subdivisions 1, 2,

1.19 3; 124D.19, by adding a subdivision; 124D.20, subdivision 8; 124D.454,

1.20 subdivision 12; 124D.52, subdivision 7; 124D.549; 124D.55; 124D.68, subdivision

1.21 2; 124D.695; 124D.75, subdivisions 1, 6; 124D.98, subdivision 1; 124E.03,

1.22 subdivision 2; 124E.05, subdivisions 4, 7, by adding a subdivision; 124E.06,

1.23 subdivision 7; 124E.07, subdivisions 3, 4, 7; 124E.10, by adding a subdivision;

1.24 124E.11; 124E.17, subdivision 1; 124E.22; 125A.0941; 125A.11, subdivision 1;

1.25 125A.21, subdivision 2; 125A.515; 125A.56, subdivision 1; 125A.67, subdivision

1.26 2; 125A.74, subdivision 1; 125A.76, subdivision 2c; 126C.05, subdivision 8;

1.27 126C.10, subdivisions 2, 3; 126C.17, subdivision 9; 127A.05, subdivision 6;

1.28 127A.45, subdivision 10; 134.31, subdivision 2; 136A.1791, subdivision 1; 214.04,

1.29 subdivision 1; 214.045; 256B.0625, subdivision 26; 256J.08, subdivisions 38, 39;

1.30 Laws 2015, First Special Session chapter 3, article 1, section 27, subdivisions 2,

1.31 as amended, 3, 4, as amended, 6, as amended, 7, as amended, 9, as amended; article

1.32 2, section 70, subdivisions 2, as amended, 3, as amended, 4, as amended, 5, as

1.33 amended, 7, as amended, 11, as amended; article 4, section 9, subdivision 2, as

1.34 amended; article 5, section 30, subdivisions 2, as amended, 3, as amended, 5, as

1.35 amended, 6; article 6, section 13, subdivisions 2, as amended, 3, as amended;

1.36 article 7, section 7, subdivisions 2, as amended, 3, as amended, 4, as amended;

1.37 article 9, section 8, subdivisions 5, as amended, 6, as amended; article 10, section

1.38 3, subdivision 2, as amended; article 11, section 3, subdivision 2, as amended;

1.39 Laws 2016, chapter 189, article 25, section 62, subdivisions 7, 17; article 30,

2.1 section 25, subdivision 5; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes,  
 2.2 chapters 120A; 120B; 122A; 123B; 124D; repealing Minnesota Statutes 2016,  
 2.3 sections 122A.162; 122A.163; 122A.18, subdivisions 4, 4a, 7; 122A.23,  
 2.4 subdivisions 1, 2; 122A.245; 122A.25; 123A.73, subdivision 3; 124D.73,  
 2.5 subdivision 2; 124E.10, subdivision 5; 125A.75, subdivision 7; 125A.76,  
 2.6 subdivision 2b; 129C.10, subdivision 5a; 129C.30; Minnesota Rules, part  
 2.7 3500.3100, subpart 4.

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

2.9 **ARTICLE 1**

2.10 **GENERAL EDUCATION**

2.11 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 120A.41, is amended to read:

2.12 **120A.41 LENGTH OF SCHOOL YEAR; HOURS OF INSTRUCTION.**

2.13 (a) A school board's annual school calendar must include at least 425 hours of instruction  
 2.14 for a kindergarten student without a disability, 935 hours of instruction for a student in  
 2.15 grades 1 through 6, and 1,020 hours of instruction for a student in grades 7 through 12, not  
 2.16 including summer school. The school calendar for all-day kindergarten must include at least  
 2.17 850 hours of instruction for the school year. The school calendar for a prekindergarten  
 2.18 student under section 124D.151, if offered by the district, must include at least 350 hours  
 2.19 of instruction for the school year. A school board's annual calendar must include at least  
 2.20 165 days of instruction for a student in grades 1 through 11 unless a four-day week schedule  
 2.21 has been approved by the commissioner under section 124D.126.

2.22 (b) A school board's annual school calendar may include plans for up to five days of  
 2.23 instruction provided through online instruction due to inclement weather. The inclement  
 2.24 weather plans must be developed according to section 120A.414.

2.25 **Sec. 2. [120A.414] E-LEARNING DAYS.**

2.26 Subdivision 1. **Days.** "E-learning day" means a school day where a school offers full  
 2.27 access to online instruction provided by students' individual teachers due to inclement  
 2.28 weather. A school district or charter school that chooses to have e-learning days may have  
 2.29 up to five e-learning days in one school year. An e-learning day is counted as a day of  
 2.30 instruction and included in the hours of instruction under section 120A.41. A school district  
 2.31 with an e-learning day plan may choose not to have an e-learning day if the district has not  
 2.32 reached the number of snow days that would bring the district below the number of  
 2.33 instructional hours required under section 120A.41.

2.34 Subd. 2. **Plan.** The school board must consult the exclusive representative of the teachers  
 2.35 for that school regarding the district's e-learning day plan. A charter school may adopt an

3.1 e-learning day plan after consulting with its teachers and when appropriate, must negotiate  
 3.2 with the exclusive representative of the teachers. The plan must include accommodations  
 3.3 for students without Internet access at home and for digital device access for families without  
 3.4 the technology or an insufficient amount of technology for the number of children in the  
 3.5 household. A school's e-learning day plan must provide accessible options for students with  
 3.6 disabilities, according to chapter 125A. The district or charter school must take into  
 3.7 consideration the needs of students eligible for free or reduced-price lunch in developing  
 3.8 the plan.

3.9 Subd. 3. **Annual notice.** A school district or charter school must notify parents and  
 3.10 students of the e-learning day plan at the beginning of the school year.

3.11 Subd. 4. **Daily notice.** On an e-learning day declared by the school, a school district or  
 3.12 charter school must notify parents and students at least two hours prior to the normal school  
 3.13 start time that students need to follow the e-learning day plan for that day.

3.14 Subd. 5. **Teacher access.** Each student's teacher must be accessible both online and by  
 3.15 school voice mail during normal school hours on an e-learning day to assist students and  
 3.16 parents.

3.17 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective for the 2017-2018 school year and later.

3.18 Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 121A.22, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

3.19 Subd. 2. **Exclusions.** In addition, this section does not apply to drugs or medicine that  
 3.20 are:

3.21 (1) purchased without a prescription;

3.22 (2) used by a pupil who is 18 years old or older;

3.23 (3) used in connection with services for which a minor may give effective consent,  
 3.24 including section 144.343, subdivision 1, and any other law;

3.25 (4) used in situations in which, in the judgment of the school personnel who are present  
 3.26 or available, the risk to the pupil's life or health is of such a nature that drugs or medicine  
 3.27 should be given without delay;

3.28 (5) used off the school grounds;

3.29 (6) used in connection with athletics or extra curricular activities;

3.30 (7) used in connection with activities that occur before or after the regular school day;

4.1 (8) provided or administered by a public health agency to prevent or control an illness  
4.2 or a disease outbreak as provided for in sections 144.05 and 144.12;

4.3 (9) prescription asthma or reactive airway disease medications self-administered by a  
4.4 pupil with an asthma inhaler, consistent with section 121A.221, if the district has received  
4.5 a written authorization from the pupil's parent permitting the pupil to self-administer the  
4.6 medication, the inhaler is properly labeled for that student, and the parent has not requested  
4.7 school personnel to administer the medication to the pupil. The parent must submit written  
4.8 authorization for the pupil to self-administer the medication each school year; or

4.9 (10) epinephrine auto-injectors, consistent with section 121A.2205, if the parent and  
4.10 prescribing medical professional annually inform the pupil's school in writing that (i) the  
4.11 pupil may possess the epinephrine or (ii) the pupil is unable to possess the epinephrine and  
4.12 requires immediate access to epinephrine auto-injectors that the parent provides properly  
4.13 labeled to the school for the pupil as needed.

4.14 Sec. 4. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 121A.221, is amended to read:

4.15 **121A.221 POSSESSION AND USE OF ASTHMA INHALERS BY ASTHMATIC**  
4.16 **STUDENTS.**

4.17 (a) Consistent with section 121A.22, subdivision 2, clause (9), in a school district that  
4.18 employs a school nurse or provides school nursing services under another arrangement, the  
4.19 school nurse or other appropriate party must assess the student's knowledge and skills to  
4.20 safely possess and use an asthma inhaler in a school setting and enter into the student's  
4.21 school health record a plan to implement safe possession and use of asthma inhalers.

4.22 (b) Consistent with section 121A.22, subdivision 2, clause (9), in a school that does not  
4.23 have a school nurse or school nursing services, the student's parent or guardian must submit  
4.24 written verification from the prescribing professional that documents an assessment of the  
4.25 student's knowledge and skills to safely possess and use an asthma inhaler in a school setting  
4.26 has been completed.

4.27 Sec. 5. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 123B.41, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

4.28 Subd. 2. **Textbook.** (a) "Textbook" means any book or book substitute, including  
4.29 electronic books as well as other printed materials delivered electronically, which a pupil  
4.30 uses as a text or text substitute in a particular class or program in the school regularly  
4.31 attended and a copy of which is expected to be available for the individual use of each pupil  
4.32 in this class or program. Textbook includes an online book with an annual subscription cost.

5.1 (b) For purposes of calculating the annual nonpublic pupil aid entitlement for textbooks,  
5.2 the term shall be limited to books, workbooks, or manuals, whether bound or in loose-leaf  
5.3 form, as well as electronic books and other printed materials delivered electronically,  
5.4 intended for use as a principal source of study material for a given class or a group of  
5.5 students.

5.6 (c) For purposes of sections 123B.40 to 123B.48, the terms "textbook" and "software  
5.7 or other educational technology" include only such secular, neutral, and nonideological  
5.8 materials as are available, used by, or of benefit to Minnesota public school pupils.

5.9 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective for revenue in fiscal year 2018 and later.

5.10 Sec. 6. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 123B.41, subdivision 5a, is amended to read:

5.11 Subd. 5a. **Software or other educational technology.** For purposes of sections 123B.42  
5.12 and 123B.43, "software or other educational technology" includes software, programs,  
5.13 applications, hardware, and any other electronic educational technology. Software or other  
5.14 educational technology includes course registration fees for advanced placement courses  
5.15 delivered online.

5.16 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective for revenue in fiscal year 2018 and later.

5.17 Sec. 7. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 123B.52, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

5.18 Subdivision 1. **Contracts.** A contract for work or labor, or for the purchase of furniture,  
5.19 fixtures, or other property, except books registered under the copyright laws and information  
5.20 systems software, or for the construction or repair of school houses, the estimated cost or  
5.21 value of which shall exceed that specified in section 471.345, subdivision 3, must not be  
5.22 made by the school board without first advertising for bids or proposals by two weeks'  
5.23 published notice in the official newspaper. This notice must state the time and place of  
5.24 receiving bids and contain a brief description of the subject matter.

5.25 Additional publication in the official newspaper or elsewhere may be made as the board  
5.26 shall deem necessary.

5.27 After taking into consideration conformity with the specifications, terms of delivery,  
5.28 and other conditions imposed in the call for bids, every such contract for which a call for  
5.29 bids has been issued must be awarded to the lowest responsible bidder, be duly executed  
5.30 in writing, and be otherwise conditioned as required by law. The person to whom the contract  
5.31 is awarded shall give a sufficient bond to the board for its faithful performance.

5.32 Notwithstanding section 574.26 or any other law to the contrary, on a contract limited to

6.1 the purchase of a finished tangible product, a board may require, at its discretion, a  
6.2 performance bond of a contractor in the amount the board considers necessary. A record  
6.3 must be kept of all bids, with names of bidders and amount of bids, and with the successful  
6.4 bid indicated thereon. A bid containing an alteration or erasure of any price contained in  
6.5 the bid which is used in determining the lowest responsible bid must be rejected unless the  
6.6 alteration or erasure is corrected as provided in this section. An alteration or erasure may  
6.7 be crossed out and the correction thereof printed in ink or typewritten adjacent thereto and  
6.8 initialed in ink by the person signing the bid. In the case of identical low bids from two or  
6.9 more bidders, the board may, at its discretion, utilize negotiated procurement methods with  
6.10 the tied low bidders for that particular transaction, so long as the price paid does not exceed  
6.11 the low tied bid price. In the case where only a single bid is received, the board may, at its  
6.12 discretion, negotiate a mutually agreeable contract with the bidder so long as the price paid  
6.13 does not exceed the original bid. If no satisfactory bid is received, the board may readvertise.  
6.14 Standard requirement price contracts established for supplies or services to be purchased  
6.15 by the district must be established by competitive bids. Such standard requirement price  
6.16 contracts may contain escalation clauses and may provide for a negotiated price increase  
6.17 or decrease based upon a demonstrable industrywide or regional increase or decrease in the  
6.18 vendor's costs. Either party to the contract may request that the other party demonstrate  
6.19 such increase or decrease. The term of such contracts must not exceed two years with an  
6.20 option on the part of the district to renew for an additional two years, except as provided in  
6.21 subdivision 7. Contracts for the purchase of perishable food items, except milk for school  
6.22 lunches and vocational training programs, in any amount may be made by direct negotiation  
6.23 by obtaining two or more written quotations for the purchase or sale, when possible, without  
6.24 advertising for bids or otherwise complying with the requirements of this section or section  
6.25 471.345, subdivision 3. All quotations obtained shall be kept on file for a period of at least  
6.26 one year after receipt.

6.27 Every contract made without compliance with the provisions of this section shall be  
6.28 void. Except in the case of the destruction of buildings or injury thereto, where the public  
6.29 interest would suffer by delay, contracts for repairs may be made without advertising for  
6.30 bids.

6.31 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective for contracts entered into on or after July  
6.32 1, 2017.

7.1 Sec. 8. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 123B.52, is amended by adding a subdivision to  
7.2 read:

7.3 Subd. 7. **Food service contracts.** A contract between a school board and a food service  
7.4 management company that complies with Code of Federal Regulations, title 7, section  
7.5 210.16, may be renewed annually after its initial term for not more than four additional  
7.6 years.

7.7 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective for contracts entered into on or after July  
7.8 1, 2017.

7.9 Sec. 9. **[123B.651] ENERGY USE REDUCTION AND REPORTING FOR PUBLIC**  
7.10 **SCHOOLS.**

7.11 Beginning October 1, 2017, each public school or school district reporting on behalf of  
7.12 a public school must enter and maintain monthly utility consumption data into the Minnesota  
7.13 B3 Benchmarking program for all buildings under its custodial control.

7.14 Sec. 10. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 123B.92, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

7.15 Subdivision 1. **Definitions.** For purposes of this section and section 125A.76, the terms  
7.16 defined in this subdivision have the meanings given to them.

7.17 (a) "Actual expenditure per pupil transported in the regular and excess transportation  
7.18 categories" means the quotient obtained by dividing:

7.19 (1) the sum of:

7.20 (i) all expenditures for transportation in the regular category, as defined in paragraph  
7.21 (b), clause (1), and the excess category, as defined in paragraph (b), clause (2), plus

7.22 (ii) an amount equal to one year's depreciation on the district's school bus fleet and  
7.23 mobile units computed on a straight line basis at the rate of 15 percent per year for districts  
7.24 operating a program under section 124D.128 for grades 1 to 12 for all students in the district  
7.25 and 12-1/2 percent per year for other districts of the cost of the fleet, plus

7.26 (iii) an amount equal to one year's depreciation on the district's type III vehicles, as  
7.27 defined in section 169.011, subdivision 71, which must be used a majority of the time for  
7.28 pupil transportation purposes, computed on a straight line basis at the rate of 20 percent per  
7.29 year of the cost of the type three school buses by:

8.1 (2) the number of pupils eligible for transportation in the regular category, as defined  
8.2 in paragraph (b), clause (1), and the excess category, as defined in paragraph (b), clause  
8.3 (2).

8.4 (b) "Transportation category" means a category of transportation service provided to  
8.5 pupils as follows:

8.6 (1) Regular transportation is:

8.7 (i) transportation to and from school during the regular school year for resident elementary  
8.8 pupils residing one mile or more from the public or nonpublic school they attend, and  
8.9 resident secondary pupils residing two miles or more from the public or nonpublic school  
8.10 they attend, excluding desegregation transportation and noon kindergarten transportation;  
8.11 but with respect to transportation of pupils to and from nonpublic schools, only to the extent  
8.12 permitted by sections 123B.84 to 123B.87;

8.13 (ii) transportation of resident pupils to and from language immersion programs;

8.14 (iii) transportation of a pupil who is a custodial parent and that pupil's child between the  
8.15 pupil's home and the child care provider and between the provider and the school, if the  
8.16 home and provider are within the attendance area of the school;

8.17 (iv) transportation to and from or board and lodging in another district, of resident pupils  
8.18 of a district without a secondary school; and

8.19 (v) transportation to and from school during the regular school year required under  
8.20 subdivision 3 for nonresident elementary pupils when the distance from the attendance area  
8.21 border to the public school is one mile or more, and for nonresident secondary pupils when  
8.22 the distance from the attendance area border to the public school is two miles or more,  
8.23 excluding desegregation transportation and noon kindergarten transportation.

8.24 For the purposes of this paragraph, a district may designate a licensed day care facility,  
8.25 school day care facility, respite care facility, the residence of a relative, or the residence of  
8.26 a person or other location chosen by the pupil's parent or guardian, or an after-school program  
8.27 for children operated by a political subdivision of the state, as the home of a pupil for part  
8.28 or all of the day, if requested by the pupil's parent or guardian, and if that facility, residence,  
8.29 or program is within the attendance area of the school the pupil attends.

8.30 (2) Excess transportation is:

8.31 (i) transportation to and from school during the regular school year for resident secondary  
8.32 pupils residing at least one mile but less than two miles from the public or nonpublic school  
8.33 they attend, and transportation to and from school for resident pupils residing less than one

9.1 mile from school who are transported because of full-service school zones, extraordinary  
9.2 traffic, drug, or crime hazards; and

9.3 (ii) transportation to and from school during the regular school year required under  
9.4 subdivision 3 for nonresident secondary pupils when the distance from the attendance area  
9.5 border to the school is at least one mile but less than two miles from the public school they  
9.6 attend, and for nonresident pupils when the distance from the attendance area border to the  
9.7 school is less than one mile from the school and who are transported because of full-service  
9.8 school zones, extraordinary traffic, drug, or crime hazards.

9.9 (3) Desegregation transportation is transportation within and outside of the district during  
9.10 the regular school year of pupils to and from schools located outside their normal attendance  
9.11 areas under a plan for desegregation mandated by the commissioner or under court order.

9.12 (4) "Transportation services for pupils with disabilities" is:

9.13 (i) transportation of pupils with disabilities who cannot be transported on a regular school  
9.14 bus between home or a respite care facility and school;

9.15 (ii) necessary transportation of pupils with disabilities from home or from school to  
9.16 other buildings, including centers such as developmental achievement centers, hospitals,  
9.17 and treatment centers where special instruction or services required by sections 125A.03 to  
9.18 125A.24, 125A.26 to 125A.48, and 125A.65 are provided, within or outside the district  
9.19 where services are provided;

9.20 (iii) necessary transportation for resident pupils with disabilities required by sections  
9.21 125A.12, and 125A.26 to 125A.48;

9.22 (iv) board and lodging for pupils with disabilities in a district maintaining special classes;

9.23 (v) transportation from one educational facility to another within the district for resident  
9.24 pupils enrolled on a shared-time basis in educational programs, and necessary transportation  
9.25 required by sections 125A.18, and 125A.26 to 125A.48, for resident pupils with disabilities  
9.26 who are provided special instruction and services on a shared-time basis or if resident pupils  
9.27 are not transported, the costs of necessary travel between public and private schools or  
9.28 neutral instructional sites by essential personnel employed by the district's program for  
9.29 children with a disability;

9.30 (vi) transportation for resident pupils with disabilities to and from board and lodging  
9.31 facilities when the pupil is boarded and lodged for educational purposes;

10.1 (vii) transportation of pupils for a curricular field trip activity on a school bus equipped  
 10.2 with a power lift when the power lift is required by a student's disability or section 504 plan;  
 10.3 and

10.4 (viii) services described in clauses (i) to (vii), when provided for pupils with disabilities  
 10.5 in conjunction with a summer instructional program that relates to the pupil's individualized  
 10.6 education program or in conjunction with a learning year program established under section  
 10.7 124D.128.

10.8 For purposes of computing special education initial aid under section 125A.76, the cost  
 10.9 of providing transportation for children with disabilities includes (A) the additional cost of  
 10.10 transporting a student in a shelter care facility as defined in section 260C.007, subdivision  
 10.11 30, a homeless student ~~from a temporary nonshelter home~~ in another district to the school  
 10.12 of origin, or a formerly homeless student from a permanent home in another district to the  
 10.13 school of origin but only through the end of the academic year; and (B) depreciation on  
 10.14 district-owned school buses purchased after July 1, 2005, and used primarily for  
 10.15 transportation of pupils with disabilities, calculated according to paragraph (a), clauses (ii)  
 10.16 and (iii). Depreciation costs included in the disabled transportation category must be excluded  
 10.17 in calculating the actual expenditure per pupil transported in the regular and excess  
 10.18 transportation categories according to paragraph (a). For purposes of subitem (A), a school  
 10.19 district may transport a child who does not have a school of origin to the same school  
 10.20 attended by that child's sibling, if the siblings are homeless or in a shelter care facility.

10.21 (5) "Nonpublic nonregular transportation" is:

10.22 (i) transportation from one educational facility to another within the district for resident  
 10.23 pupils enrolled on a shared-time basis in educational programs, excluding transportation  
 10.24 for nonpublic pupils with disabilities under clause (4);

10.25 (ii) transportation within district boundaries between a nonpublic school and a public  
 10.26 school or a neutral site for nonpublic school pupils who are provided pupil support services  
 10.27 pursuant to section 123B.44; and

10.28 (iii) late transportation home from school or between schools within a district for  
 10.29 nonpublic school pupils involved in after-school activities.

10.30 (c) "Mobile unit" means a vehicle or trailer designed to provide facilities for educational  
 10.31 programs and services, including diagnostic testing, guidance and counseling services, and  
 10.32 health services. A mobile unit located off nonpublic school premises is a neutral site as  
 10.33 defined in section 123B.41, subdivision 13.

11.1 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective retroactively from December 10, 2016.

11.2 Sec. 11. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 124D.151, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

11.3 Subd. 2. **Program requirements.** (a) A voluntary prekindergarten program provider  
11.4 must:

11.5 (1) provide instruction through play-based learning to foster children's social and  
11.6 emotional development, cognitive development, physical and motor development, and  
11.7 language and literacy skills, including the native language and literacy skills of English  
11.8 learners, to the extent practicable;

11.9 (2) measure each child's cognitive and social skills using a formative measure aligned  
11.10 to the state's early learning standards when the child enters and again before the child leaves  
11.11 the program, and screening and progress monitoring measures, and others must be  
11.12 multi-domain and an age-appropriate version from the state-approved menu of kindergarten  
11.13 entry profile measures;

11.14 (3) provide comprehensive program content including the implementation of curriculum,  
11.15 assessment, and instructional strategies aligned with the state early learning standards, and  
11.16 kindergarten through grade 3 academic standards;

11.17 (4) provide instructional content and activities that are of sufficient length and intensity  
11.18 to address learning needs including offering a program with at least 350 hours of instruction  
11.19 per school year for a prekindergarten student;

11.20 (5) provide voluntary prekindergarten instructional staff salaries comparable to the  
11.21 salaries of local kindergarten through grade 12 instructional staff;

11.22 (6) coordinate appropriate kindergarten transition with families, community-based  
11.23 prekindergarten programs, and school district kindergarten programs;

11.24 (7) involve parents in program planning and transition planning by implementing parent  
11.25 engagement strategies that include culturally and linguistically responsive activities in  
11.26 prekindergarten through third grade that are aligned with early childhood family education  
11.27 under section 124D.13;

11.28 (8) coordinate with relevant community-based services, including physical and mental  
11.29 health and social service agencies, to ensure children have access to comprehensive services;

11.30 (9) coordinate with all relevant school district programs and services including early  
11.31 childhood special education, homeless food and nutrition, students experiencing  
11.32 homelessness, and English learners;

12.1 (10) ensure staff-to-child ratios of one-to-ten and a maximum group size of 20 children;

12.2 (11) provide high-quality coordinated professional development, training, and coaching  
 12.3 for both school district and community-based early learning providers that is informed by  
 12.4 a measure of adult-child interactions and enables teachers to be highly knowledgeable in  
 12.5 early childhood curriculum content, assessment, native and English language development  
 12.6 programs, and instruction; and

12.7 (12) implement strategies that support the alignment of professional development,  
 12.8 instruction, assessments, and curriculum in prekindergarten through grade 3 curricula.

12.9 (b) A voluntary prekindergarten program must have teachers knowledgeable in early  
 12.10 childhood curriculum content, assessment, native and English language programs, and  
 12.11 instruction.

12.12 (c) Districts and charter schools must include their strategy for implementing and  
 12.13 measuring the impact of their voluntary prekindergarten program under section 120B.11  
 12.14 and provide results in their world's best workforce annual summary to the commissioner of  
 12.15 education.

12.16 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 1, 2017.

12.17 Sec. 12. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 126C.05, subdivision 8, is amended to read:

12.18 Subd. 8. **Average daily membership.** (a) Membership for pupils in grades kindergarten  
 12.19 through 12 and for prekindergarten pupils with disabilities shall mean the number of pupils  
 12.20 on the current roll of the school, counted from the date of entry until withdrawal. The date  
 12.21 of withdrawal shall mean the day the pupil permanently leaves the school or the date it is  
 12.22 officially known that the pupil has left or has been legally excused. However, a pupil,  
 12.23 regardless of age, who has been absent from school for 15 consecutive school days during  
 12.24 the regular school year or for five consecutive school days during summer school or  
 12.25 intersession classes of flexible school year programs without receiving instruction in the  
 12.26 home or hospital shall be dropped from the roll and classified as withdrawn. Nothing in this  
 12.27 section shall be construed as waiving the compulsory attendance provisions cited in section  
 12.28 120A.22. Average daily membership equals the sum for all pupils of the number of days  
 12.29 of the school year each pupil is enrolled in the district's schools divided by the number of  
 12.30 days the schools are in session or are providing e-learning days due to inclement weather.  
 12.31 Days of summer school or intersession classes of flexible school year programs are only  
 12.32 included in the computation of membership for pupils with a disability not appropriately  
 12.33 served primarily in the regular classroom. A student must not be counted as more than 1.2

13.1 pupils in average daily membership under this section. When the initial total average daily  
 13.2 membership exceeds 1.2 for a pupil enrolled in more than one school district during the  
 13.3 fiscal year, each district's average daily membership must be reduced proportionately.

13.4 (b) A student must not be counted as more than one pupil in average daily membership  
 13.5 except for purposes of section 126C.10, subdivision 2a.

13.6 Sec. 13. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 126C.10, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

13.7 Subd. 2. **Basic revenue.** The basic revenue for each district equals the formula allowance  
 13.8 times the adjusted pupil units for the school year. ~~The formula allowance for fiscal year~~  
 13.9 ~~2015 is \$5,831. The formula allowance for fiscal year 2016 is \$5,948.~~ The formula allowance  
 13.10 for fiscal year 2017 ~~and later~~ is \$6,067. The formula allowance for fiscal year 2018 is \$6,158.  
 13.11 The formula allowance for fiscal year 2019 and later is \$6,249.

13.12 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective for revenue in fiscal year 2018 and later.

13.13 Sec. 14. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 126C.10, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

13.14 Subd. 3. **Compensatory education revenue.** ~~(a) For fiscal year 2014, the compensatory~~  
 13.15 ~~education revenue for each building in the district equals the formula allowance minus \$415~~  
 13.16 ~~times the compensation revenue pupil units computed according to section 126C.05,~~  
 13.17 ~~subdivision 3. For fiscal year 2015 and later, The compensatory education revenue for each~~  
 13.18 building in the district equals the formula allowance minus \$839 times the compensation  
 13.19 revenue pupil units computed according to section 126C.05, subdivision 3. A district's  
 13.20 compensatory revenue equals the sum of its compensatory revenue for each building in the  
 13.21 district and the amounts designated under Laws 2015, First Special Session chapter 3, article  
 13.22 2, section 70, subdivision 8, for fiscal year 2017. Revenue shall be paid to the district and  
 13.23 must be allocated according to section 126C.15, subdivision 2.

13.24 (b) When the district contracting with an alternative program under section 124D.69  
 13.25 changes prior to the start of a school year, the compensatory revenue generated by pupils  
 13.26 attending the program shall be paid to the district contracting with the alternative program  
 13.27 for the current school year, and shall not be paid to the district contracting with the alternative  
 13.28 program for the prior school year.

13.29 (c) When the fiscal agent district for an area learning center changes prior to the start of  
 13.30 a school year, the compensatory revenue shall be paid to the fiscal agent district for the  
 13.31 current school year, and shall not be paid to the fiscal agent district for the prior school year.

13.32 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective for revenue for fiscal year 2018 and later.

14.1 Sec. 15. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 126C.17, subdivision 9, is amended to read:

14.2 Subd. 9. **Referendum revenue.** (a) The revenue authorized by section 126C.10,  
14.3 subdivision 1, may be increased in the amount approved by the voters of the district at a  
14.4 referendum called for the purpose. The referendum may be called by the board. The  
14.5 referendum must be conducted one or two calendar years before the increased levy authority,  
14.6 if approved, first becomes payable. Only one election to approve an increase may be held  
14.7 in a calendar year. Unless the referendum is conducted by mail under subdivision 11,  
14.8 paragraph (a), the referendum must be held on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in  
14.9 November. The ballot must state the maximum amount of the increased revenue per adjusted  
14.10 pupil unit. The ballot may state a schedule, determined by the board, of increased revenue  
14.11 per adjusted pupil unit that differs from year to year over the number of years for which the  
14.12 increased revenue is authorized or may state that the amount shall increase annually by the  
14.13 rate of inflation. For this purpose, the rate of inflation shall be the annual inflationary increase  
14.14 calculated under subdivision 2, paragraph (b). The ballot may state that existing referendum  
14.15 levy authority is expiring. In this case, the ballot may also compare the proposed levy  
14.16 authority to the existing expiring levy authority, and express the proposed increase as the  
14.17 amount, if any, over the expiring referendum levy authority. The ballot must designate the  
14.18 specific number of years, not to exceed ten, for which the referendum authorization applies.  
14.19 The ballot, including a ballot on the question to revoke or reduce the increased revenue  
14.20 amount under paragraph (c), must abbreviate the term "per adjusted pupil unit" as "per  
14.21 pupil." The notice required under section 275.60 may be modified to read, in cases of  
14.22 renewing existing levies at the same amount per pupil as in the previous year:

14.23 "BY VOTING "YES" ON THIS BALLOT QUESTION, YOU ARE VOTING TO  
14.24 EXTEND AN EXISTING PROPERTY TAX REFERENDUM THAT IS SCHEDULED  
14.25 TO EXPIRE."

14.26 The ballot may contain a textual portion with the information required in this subdivision  
14.27 and a question stating substantially the following:

14.28 "Shall the increase in the revenue proposed by (petition to) the board of ....., School  
14.29 District No. ..., be approved?"

14.30 If approved, an amount equal to the approved revenue per adjusted pupil unit times the  
14.31 adjusted pupil units for the school year beginning in the year after the levy is certified shall  
14.32 be authorized for certification for the number of years approved, if applicable, or until  
14.33 revoked or reduced by the voters of the district at a subsequent referendum.

15.1 (b) The board must ~~prepare and~~ deliver by ~~first class~~ mail at least 15 days but no more  
15.2 than 30 days before the day of the referendum to each taxpayer a notice of the referendum  
15.3 and the proposed revenue increase. The board need not mail more than one notice to any  
15.4 taxpayer. For the purpose of giving mailed notice under this subdivision, owners must be  
15.5 those shown to be owners on the records of the county auditor or, in any county where tax  
15.6 statements are mailed by the county treasurer, on the records of the county treasurer. Every  
15.7 property owner whose name does not appear on the records of the county auditor or the  
15.8 county treasurer is deemed to have waived this mailed notice unless the owner has requested  
15.9 in writing that the county auditor or county treasurer, as the case may be, include the name  
15.10 on the records for this purpose. The notice must project the anticipated amount of tax increase  
15.11 in annual dollars for typical residential homesteads, agricultural homesteads, apartments,  
15.12 and commercial-industrial property within the school district.

15.13 The notice for a referendum may state that an existing referendum levy is expiring and  
15.14 project the anticipated amount of increase over the existing referendum levy in the first  
15.15 year, if any, in annual dollars for typical residential homesteads, agricultural homesteads,  
15.16 apartments, and commercial-industrial property within the district.

15.17 The notice must include the following statement: "Passage of this referendum will result  
15.18 in an increase in your property taxes." However, in cases of renewing existing levies, the  
15.19 notice may include the following statement: "Passage of this referendum extends an existing  
15.20 operating referendum at the same amount per pupil as in the previous year."

15.21 (c) A referendum on the question of revoking or reducing the increased revenue amount  
15.22 authorized pursuant to paragraph (a) may be called by the board. A referendum to revoke  
15.23 or reduce the revenue amount must state the amount per adjusted pupil unit by which the  
15.24 authority is to be reduced. Revenue authority approved by the voters of the district pursuant  
15.25 to paragraph (a) must be available to the school district at least once before it is subject to  
15.26 a referendum on its revocation or reduction for subsequent years. Only one revocation or  
15.27 reduction referendum may be held to revoke or reduce referendum revenue for any specific  
15.28 year and for years thereafter.

15.29 (d) The approval of 50 percent plus one of those voting on the question is required to  
15.30 pass a referendum authorized by this subdivision.

15.31 (e) At least 15 days before the day of the referendum, the district must submit a copy of  
15.32 the notice required under paragraph (b) to the commissioner and to the county auditor of  
15.33 each county in which the district is located. Within 15 days after the results of the referendum  
15.34 have been certified by the board, or in the case of a recount, the certification of the results

16.1 of the recount by the canvassing board, the district must notify the commissioner of the  
16.2 results of the referendum.

16.3 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective August 1, 2017.

16.4 Sec. 16. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 127A.45, subdivision 10, is amended to read:

16.5 Subd. 10. **Payments to school nonoperating funds.** Each fiscal year state general fund  
16.6 payments for a district nonoperating fund must be made at the current year aid payment  
16.7 percentage of the estimated entitlement during the fiscal year of the entitlement. This amount  
16.8 shall be paid in ~~12~~ six equal monthly installments from July through December. The amount  
16.9 of the actual entitlement, after adjustment for actual data, minus the payments made during  
16.10 the fiscal year of the entitlement must be paid prior to October 31 of the following school  
16.11 year. The commissioner may make advance payments of debt service equalization aid and  
16.12 state-paid tax credits for a district's debt service fund earlier than would occur under the  
16.13 preceding schedule if the district submits evidence showing a serious cash flow problem in  
16.14 the fund. The commissioner may make earlier payments during the year and, if necessary,  
16.15 increase the percent of the entitlement paid to reduce the cash flow problem.

16.16 Sec. 17. **NEVIS SCHOOL DISTRICT; LEVY ADJUSTMENT.**

16.17 Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes, section 126C.48, Independent School District No.  
16.18 308, Nevis, at the discretion of its school board, may spread any levy adjustment remaining  
16.19 from the conversion of its operating referendum revenue over three or fewer years beginning  
16.20 with school property taxes for taxes payable in 2018.

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

16.22 Sec. 18. **DIRECTION TO COMMISSIONER; TRANSPORTATION REPORT.**

16.23 By February 15, 2018, the commissioner of education must prepare a report for the  
16.24 legislative committees with jurisdiction over kindergarten through grade 12 education  
16.25 finance on pupil transportation costs. The commissioner must consult with pupil  
16.26 transportation professionals throughout the state in developing and preparing the report.  
16.27 The report must:

16.28 (1) identify and analyze funding inequities between districts;

16.29 (2) make recommendations for statutory changes necessary to provide equitable and  
16.30 adequate transportation funding;

17.1 (3) consider changes in student demographics, attendance patterns, online learning, open  
 17.2 enrollment, and declining enrollment;

17.3 (4) consider district topography, including the presence of lakes and rivers within the  
 17.4 district;

17.5 (5) consider differential labor and fuel costs; and

17.6 (6) examine whether public transportation options can be used more effectively to provide  
 17.7 transportation services.

17.8 Sec. 19. **APPROPRIATIONS.**

17.9 Subdivision 1. **Department of Education.** The sums indicated in this section are  
 17.10 appropriated from the general fund to the Department of Education for the fiscal years  
 17.11 designated.

17.12 Subd. 2. **General education aid.** For general education aid under Minnesota Statutes,  
 17.13 section 126C.13, subdivision 4:

17.14 \$ 6,993,862,000 ..... 2018

17.15 \$ 7,153,189,000 ..... 2019

17.16 The 2018 appropriation includes \$661,180,000 for 2017 and \$6,332,682,000 for 2018.

17.17 The 2019 appropriation includes \$674,770,000 for 2018 and \$6,478,419,000 for 2019.

17.18 Subd. 3. **Enrollment options transportation.** For transportation of pupils attending  
 17.19 postsecondary institutions under Minnesota Statutes, section 124D.09, or for transportation  
 17.20 of pupils attending nonresident districts under Minnesota Statutes, section 124D.03:

17.21 \$ 29,000 ..... 2018

17.22 \$ 31,000 ..... 2019

17.23 Subd. 4. **Abatement aid.** For abatement aid under Minnesota Statutes, section 127A.49:

17.24 \$ 2,374,000 ..... 2018

17.25 \$ 2,163,000 ..... 2019

17.26 The 2018 appropriation includes \$262,000 for 2017 and \$2,112,000 for 2018.

17.27 The 2019 appropriation includes \$234,000 for 2018 and \$1,929,000 for 2019.

17.28 Subd. 5. **Consolidation transition aid.** For districts consolidating under Minnesota  
 17.29 Statutes, section 123A.485:

17.30 \$ 185,000 ..... 2018

17.31 \$ 382,000 ..... 2019

18.1 The 2018 appropriation includes \$0 for 2017 and \$185,000 for 2018.

18.2 The 2019 appropriation includes \$20,000 for 2018 and \$362,000 for 2019.

18.3 Subd. 6. **Nonpublic pupil education aid.** For nonpublic pupil education aid under  
 18.4 Minnesota Statutes, sections 123B.40 to 123B.43 and 123B.87:

18.5 \$ 18,182,000 ..... 2018

18.6 \$ 19,164,000 ..... 2019

18.7 The 2018 appropriation includes \$1,687,000 for 2017 and \$16,495,000 for 2018.

18.8 The 2019 appropriation includes \$1,832,000 for 2018 and \$17,332,000 for 2019.

18.9 Subd. 7. **Nonpublic pupil transportation.** For nonpublic pupil transportation aid under  
 18.10 Minnesota Statutes, section 123B.92, subdivision 9:

18.11 \$ 18,292,000 ..... 2018

18.12 \$ 18,366,000 ..... 2019

18.13 The 2018 appropriation includes \$1,835,000 for 2017 and \$16,457,000 for 2018.

18.14 The 2019 appropriation includes \$1,828,000 for 2018 and \$16,538,000 for 2019.

18.15 Subd. 8. **One-room schoolhouse.** For a grant to Independent School District No. 690,  
 18.16 Warroad, to operate the Angle Inlet School:

18.17 \$ 65,000 ..... 2018

18.18 \$ 65,000 ..... 2019

18.19 Subd. 9. **Career and technical aid.** For career and technical aid under Minnesota  
 18.20 Statutes, section 124D.4531, subdivision 1b:

18.21 \$ 4,561,000 ..... 2018

18.22 \$ 4,125,000 ..... 2019

18.23 The 2018 appropriation includes \$476,000 for 2017 and \$4,085,000 for 2018.

18.24 The 2019 appropriation includes \$453,000 for 2018 and \$3,672,000 for 2019.

18.25 Sec. 20. **REPEALER.**

18.26 Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 124D.73, subdivision 2, is repealed.

## 18.27 **ARTICLE 2**

### 18.28 **EDUCATION EXCELLENCE**

18.29 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 120B.021, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

19.1 Subdivision 1. **Required academic standards.** (a) The following subject areas are  
19.2 required for statewide accountability:

19.3 (1) language arts;

19.4 (2) mathematics;

19.5 (3) science;

19.6 (4) social studies, including history, geography, economics, and government and  
19.7 citizenship that includes civics consistent with section 120B.02, subdivision 3;

19.8 (5) physical education;

19.9 (6) health, for which locally developed academic standards apply; and

19.10 (7) the arts, for which statewide or locally developed academic standards apply, as  
19.11 determined by the school district. Public elementary and middle schools must offer at least  
19.12 three and require at least two of the following four arts areas: dance; music; theater; and  
19.13 visual arts. Public high schools must offer at least three and require at least one of the  
19.14 following five arts areas: media arts; dance; music; theater; and visual arts.

19.15 (b) For purposes of applicable federal law, the academic standards for language arts,  
19.16 mathematics, and science apply to all public school students, except the very few students  
19.17 with extreme cognitive or physical impairments for whom an individualized education  
19.18 program team has determined that the required academic standards are inappropriate. An  
19.19 individualized education program team that makes this determination must establish  
19.20 alternative standards.

19.21 (c) Beginning in the 2016-2017 school year, the department must adopt the most recent  
19.22 ~~National Association of Sport and Physical Education~~ SHAPE America (Society of Health  
19.23 and Physical Educators) kindergarten through grade 12 standards and benchmarks for  
19.24 physical education as the required physical education academic standards. The department  
19.25 may modify and adapt the national standards to accommodate state interest. The modification  
19.26 and adaptations must maintain the purpose and integrity of the national standards. The  
19.27 department must make available sample assessments, which school districts may use as an  
19.28 alternative to local assessments, to assess students' mastery of the physical education  
19.29 standards beginning in the ~~2018-2019 school year~~ that the standards must be implemented  
19.30 by all schools.

19.31 (d) District efforts to develop, implement, or improve instruction or curriculum as a  
19.32 result of the provisions of this section must be consistent with sections 120B.10, 120B.11,  
19.33 and 120B.20.

20.1 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment and  
20.2 is retroactive to July 1, 2016.

20.3 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 120B.021, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

20.4 Subd. 3. **Rulemaking.** The commissioner, consistent with the requirements of this section  
20.5 and section 120B.022, must adopt statewide rules under section 14.389 for implementing  
20.6 statewide rigorous core academic standards in language arts, mathematics, science, social  
20.7 studies, physical education, and the arts. After the rules authorized under this subdivision  
20.8 are initially adopted, the commissioner may not amend or repeal these rules nor adopt new  
20.9 rules on the same topic without specific legislative authorization. ~~The academic standards  
20.10 for language arts, mathematics, and the arts must be implemented for all students beginning  
20.11 in the 2003-2004 school year. The academic standards for science and social studies must  
20.12 be implemented for all students beginning in the 2005-2006 school year.~~

20.13 Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 120B.022, subdivision 1b, is amended to read:

20.14 Subd. 1b. **State bilingual and multilingual seals.** (a) Consistent with efforts to strive  
20.15 for the world's best workforce under sections 120B.11 and 124E.03, subdivision 2, paragraph  
20.16 (i), and close the academic achievement and opportunity gap under sections 124D.861 and  
20.17 124D.862, voluntary state bilingual and multilingual seals are established to recognize high  
20.18 school students in any Minnesota public, charter, or nonpublic school who demonstrate an  
20.19 advanced-low level or an intermediate high level of functional proficiency in listening,  
20.20 speaking, reading, and writing on either assessments aligned with American Council on the  
20.21 Teaching of Foreign Languages' (ACTFL) proficiency guidelines or on equivalent valid  
20.22 and reliable assessments in one or more languages in addition to English. American Sign  
20.23 Language is a language other than English for purposes of this subdivision and a world  
20.24 language for purposes of subdivision 1a.

20.25 (b) In addition to paragraph (a), to be eligible to receive a seal:

20.26 (1) students must satisfactorily complete all required English language arts credits; and

20.27 (2) students must demonstrate mastery of Minnesota's English language proficiency  
20.28 standards.

20.29 (c) Consistent with this subdivision, a high school student who demonstrates an  
20.30 intermediate high ACTFL level of functional proficiency in one language in addition to  
20.31 English is eligible to receive the state bilingual gold seal. A high school student who  
20.32 demonstrates an intermediate high ACTFL level of functional native proficiency in more

21.1 than one language in addition to English is eligible to receive the state multilingual gold  
21.2 seal. A high school student who demonstrates an advanced-low ACTFL level of functional  
21.3 proficiency in one language in addition to English is eligible to receive the state bilingual  
21.4 platinum seal. A high school student who demonstrates an advanced-low ACTFL level of  
21.5 functional proficiency in more than one language in addition to English is eligible to receive  
21.6 the state multilingual platinum seal.

21.7 (d) School districts and charter schools may give students periodic opportunities to  
21.8 demonstrate their level of proficiency in listening, speaking, reading, and writing in a  
21.9 language in addition to English. Where valid and reliable assessments are unavailable, a  
21.10 school district or charter school may rely on evaluators trained in assessing under ACTFL  
21.11 proficiency guidelines to assess a student's level of foreign, heritage, or indigenous language  
21.12 proficiency under this section. School districts and charter schools must maintain appropriate  
21.13 records to identify high school students eligible to receive the state bilingual or multilingual  
21.14 gold and platinum seals. The school district or charter school must affix the appropriate seal  
21.15 to the transcript of each high school student who meets the requirements of this subdivision  
21.16 and may affix the seal to the student's diploma. A school district or charter school must not  
21.17 charge the high school student a fee for this seal.

21.18 (e) A school district or charter school may award elective course credits in world  
21.19 languages to a student who demonstrates the requisite proficiency in a language other than  
21.20 English under this section.

21.21 (f) A school district or charter school may award community service credit to a student  
21.22 who demonstrates an intermediate high or advanced-low ACTFL level of functional  
21.23 proficiency in listening, speaking, reading, and writing in a language other than English  
21.24 and who participates in community service activities that are integrated into the curriculum,  
21.25 involve the participation of teachers, and support biliteracy in the school or local community.

21.26 (g) The commissioner must list on the Web page those assessments that are aligned to  
21.27 ACTFL proficiency guidelines.

21.28 (h) By August 1, 2015, the colleges and universities of the Minnesota State Colleges  
21.29 and Universities system must establish criteria to translate the seals into college credits  
21.30 based on the world language course equivalencies identified by the Minnesota State Colleges  
21.31 and Universities faculty and staff and, upon request from an enrolled student, the Minnesota  
21.32 State Colleges and Universities may award foreign language credits to a student who receives  
21.33 a Minnesota World Language Proficiency Certificate under subdivision 1a. A student who  
21.34 demonstrated the requisite level of language proficiency in grade 10, 11, or 12 to receive a

22.1 seal or certificate and is enrolled in a Minnesota State Colleges and Universities institution  
 22.2 must request college credits for the student's seal or proficiency certificate within three  
 22.3 academic years after graduating from high school. The University of Minnesota is encouraged  
 22.4 to award students foreign language academic credits consistent with this paragraph.

22.5 Sec. 4. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 120B.12, is amended to read:

22.6 **120B.12 READING PROFICIENTLY NO LATER THAN THE END OF GRADE**  
 22.7 **3.**

22.8 Subdivision 1. **Literacy goal.** The legislature seeks to have every child reading at or  
 22.9 above grade level no later than the end of grade 3, including English learners, students  
 22.10 receiving literacy interventions under section 125A.56, and students in an approved program  
 22.11 under section 125A.50, and that teachers provide comprehensive, scientifically based reading  
 22.12 instruction consistent with section 122A.06, subdivision 4.

22.13 Subd. 1a. **Definitions.** (a) For the purposes of this section, the terms defined in this  
 22.14 subdivision have the meanings given them.

22.15 (b) "Core reading instruction" means the curriculum, assessments, materials, and  
 22.16 instructional practices with which all students are actively engaged to achieve and exceed  
 22.17 proficiency standards.

22.18 (c) "Diagnostic" means assessments intended to identify students' specific areas of need  
 22.19 related to literacy to inform instructional decisions.

22.20 (d) "Evidence-based" means demonstrating a statistically significant effect on improving  
 22.21 student outcomes or other relevant outcomes based on strong evidence from one or more  
 22.22 quality experimental studies, moderate evidence from one or more quasi-experimental  
 22.23 studies, or promising evidence from one or more correlational studies with statistical controls  
 22.24 for selection bias.

22.25 (e) "Fidelity" means the extent to which a practice, program, or strategy is implemented  
 22.26 as designed.

22.27 (f) "Multisensory instruction" means instruction that incorporates opportunities to practice  
 22.28 that include seeing, hearing, saying, and physically doing.

22.29 (g) "Multitiered system of supports" means a framework to improve outcomes for all  
 22.30 students that organizes district-level resources to address each individual student's needs,  
 22.31 such as academic or behavior needs or both, that includes: screening of all students using  
 22.32 valid and reliable measures; tiers of instruction that vary in intensity; collaborative teams

23.1 that review data, problem solve, and organize instruction; frequent progress monitoring  
 23.2 using valid and reliable measures to determine the impact of evidence-based interventions;  
 23.3 and a system to ensure that instruction including interventions are evidence-based and  
 23.4 implemented with fidelity. For the purposes of this section, the multitiered system applies  
 23.5 to the development of literacy to increase the number of students meeting proficiency  
 23.6 standards.

23.7 (h) "Progress monitoring" means frequent assessment to examine a student's rate of  
 23.8 progress on specific skills in order to guide decisions regarding the effectiveness of  
 23.9 intervention programs, as well as assisting in making additional instructional decisions for  
 23.10 a student.

23.11 (i) "Screening" means systematically assessing all students on literacy indicators for the  
 23.12 purpose of identifying students who may require additional support and who are at risk of  
 23.13 poor learning outcomes. Screening assessments are typically brief, conducted with all  
 23.14 students at a grade level, and followed by additional testing or short-term progress monitoring  
 23.15 to corroborate students' risk status.

23.16 (j) "Supplemental and intensive instruction" means instruction that increases the intensity  
 23.17 and practice of an activity, which is accomplished primarily by increasing the instructional  
 23.18 time, reducing the size of the group, and focusing the instruction.

23.19 (k) "Systematic and explicit instruction" means instruction that logically builds from  
 23.20 the smallest to more complex concepts such that there is no confusion or doubt and includes  
 23.21 specific design and delivery procedures.

23.22 **Subd. 2. Identification; report.** (a) Each school district shall identify before the end of  
 23.23 kindergarten, grade 1, and grade 2 students who are not reading at grade level before the  
 23.24 end of the current school year. ~~Reading~~ The district must use locally adopted,  
 23.25 developmentally appropriate, and culturally responsive screening and diagnostic assessments  
 23.26 in English, and in the predominant languages of district students, where practicable, ~~must~~  
 23.27 to identify and evaluate students' areas of academic need related to literacy. The district  
 23.28 also must monitor the progress and provide reading instruction appropriate to the specific  
 23.29 needs of English learners. The district must use a locally adopted, developmentally  
 23.30 appropriate, and culturally responsive assessment and annually report each of the following  
 23.31 to the commissioner by July 1:

23.32 (1) a summary of assessment results to the commissioner by July 1; and

24.1 ~~(2) The district also must annually report~~ a summary of the district's efforts to screen  
 24.2 and identify students with dyslexia consistent with section 125A.01 or convergence  
 24.3 insufficiency disorder ~~to the commissioner by July 1.~~

24.4 (b) A student identified under this subdivision, including English learners, students with  
 24.5 identified reading disorders, and students with disabilities, must be provided ~~with alternate~~  
 24.6 ~~instruction under section 125A.56, subdivision 1~~ additional evidence-based literacy practices  
 24.7 such as through a system of multitiered supports or specially designed instructional services  
 24.8 as identified in an individualized education program.

24.9 Subd. 2a. **Parent notification and involvement.** Schools, at least annually, must give  
 24.10 the parent of each student who is not reading at or above grade level timely information  
 24.11 about:

24.12 (1) the student's reading proficiency as measured by a locally adopted assessment;

24.13 (2) reading-related services currently being provided to the student and the student's  
 24.14 progress; and

24.15 (3) strategies for parents to use at home in helping their student succeed in becoming  
 24.16 grade-level proficient in reading in English and in their native language.

24.17 A district may not use this section to deny a student's right to a special education  
 24.18 evaluation.

24.19 Subd. 3. **Intervention.** (a) For each student identified under subdivision 2, the district  
 24.20 shall provide reading intervention, such as through a multitiered system of supports, to  
 24.21 accelerate student growth and reach the goal of reading at or above grade level by the end  
 24.22 of the current grade and school year consistent with sections 125A.50 and 125A.56,  
 24.23 subdivision 2. Reading instruction and interventions must be appropriate to the specific  
 24.24 needs of English learners.

24.25 (b) District intervention methods shall encourage family engagement and, where possible,  
 24.26 collaboration with appropriate school and community programs.

24.27 (c) Intervention methods delivery options may include, but are not limited to, requiring  
 24.28 attendance in summer school, intensified reading instruction that may require that the student  
 24.29 be removed from the regular classroom for part of the school day, specially designed  
 24.30 instruction for students who qualify for special education services, extended-day programs,  
 24.31 or programs that strengthen students' cultural connections.

24.32 (d) Intervention methods matched to the needs, stage of development, and culture of the  
 24.33 students engaging with the instruction must include, but are not limited to:

- 25.1 (1) evidence-based practices delivered with fidelity;  
 25.2 (2) systematic, explicit, multisensory instruction with sufficient practice;  
 25.3 (3) provision of timely error correction and positive feedback to students;  
 25.4 (4) use of progress monitoring data for decision making; and  
 25.5 (5) supplemental and intensive instruction.
- 25.6 (e) A student, other than a student under an individualized education program (IEP),  
 25.7 who is unable to demonstrate grade-level proficiency as measured by the statewide reading  
 25.8 assessment in grade 3 shall receive a personal learning plan in a format determined by the  
 25.9 school or school district in consultation with classroom teachers, and developed and updated  
 25.10 as needed in consultation, to the extent practicable, with the student and the student's parents  
 25.11 by the classroom teachers and other qualified school professionals involved with the student's  
 25.12 elementary school progress. A personal learning plan shall address knowledge gaps and  
 25.13 skill deficiencies through strategies such as specific exercises and practices during and  
 25.14 outside of the regular school day, periodic assessments and timelines, and may include grade  
 25.15 retention, if necessary, to meet the student's best interests. Intervention must continue after  
 25.16 grade 3 until the student is reading at grade level.

25.17 Subd. 4. **Staff development.** Each district shall use the data under subdivision 2 to  
 25.18 identify the staff development needs so that:

25.19 (1) elementary teachers are able to implement comprehensive, scientifically based reading  
 25.20 and oral language instruction in the five reading areas of phonemic awareness, phonics,  
 25.21 fluency, vocabulary, and comprehension as defined in section 122A.06, subdivision 4, and  
 25.22 other literacy-related areas including writing until the student achieves grade-level reading  
 25.23 proficiency;

25.24 (2) elementary teachers have sufficient training to provide comprehensive, scientifically  
 25.25 based reading and oral language instruction that meets students' developmental, linguistic,  
 25.26 and literacy needs using the intervention methods or programs selected by the district for  
 25.27 the identified students;

25.28 (3) licensed teachers employed by the district have regular opportunities to improve  
 25.29 reading and writing instruction;

25.30 (4) licensed teachers recognize students' diverse needs in cross-cultural settings and are  
 25.31 able to serve the oral language and linguistic needs of students who are English learners by  
 25.32 maximizing strengths in their native languages in order to cultivate students' English language

26.1 development, including oral academic language development, and build academic literacy;  
 26.2 and

26.3 (5) licensed teachers are well trained in culturally responsive pedagogy that enables  
 26.4 students to master content, develop skills to access content, and build relationships.

26.5 Subd. 4a. **Local literacy plan.** (a) Consistent with this section, a school district must  
 26.6 adopt a local literacy plan to have every child reading at or above grade level no later than  
 26.7 the end of grade 3, including English learners. The plan must be consistent with section  
 26.8 122A.06, subdivision 4, and include the following:

26.9 (1) a process to assess students' level of reading proficiency and data to support the  
 26.10 effectiveness of an assessment used to screen and identify a student's level of reading  
 26.11 proficiency;

26.12 (2) a process to notify and involve parents;

26.13 (3) a description of how schools in the district will determine the proper reading  
 26.14 intervention strategy for a student and the process for intensifying or modifying the reading  
 26.15 strategy in order to obtain measurable reading progress;

26.16 (4) evidence-based intervention methods for students who are not reading at or above  
 26.17 grade level and progress monitoring to provide information on the effectiveness of the  
 26.18 intervention; and

26.19 (5) identification of staff development needs, including a program to meet those needs.

26.20 (b) The district must post its literacy plan on the official school district Web site.

26.21 Subd. 5. **Commissioner.** The commissioner shall recommend to districts multiple  
 26.22 assessment tools to assist districts and teachers with identifying students under subdivision  
 26.23 2. The commissioner shall also make available examples of nationally recognized and  
 26.24 research-based instructional methods or programs to districts to provide comprehensive,  
 26.25 scientifically based reading instruction and intervention under this section.

26.26 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective for fiscal year 2018 and later.

26.27 Sec. 5. **[120B.122] DYSLEXIA SPECIALIST.**

26.28 **Subdivision 1. Purpose.** The department must employ a dyslexia specialist to provide  
 26.29 technical assistance for dyslexia and related disorders and to serve as the primary source of  
 26.30 information and support for schools in addressing the needs of students with dyslexia and  
 26.31 related disorders. The dyslexia specialist shall also act to increase professional awareness  
 26.32 and instructional competencies to meet the educational needs of students with dyslexia or

27.1 identified with risk characteristics associated with dyslexia and shall develop implementation  
 27.2 guidance and make recommendations to the commissioner consistent with section 122A.06,  
 27.3 subdivision 4, to be used to assist general education teachers and special education teachers  
 27.4 to recognize educational needs and to improve literacy outcomes for students with dyslexia  
 27.5 or identified with risk characteristics associated with dyslexia, including recommendations  
 27.6 related to increasing the availability of online and asynchronous professional development  
 27.7 programs and materials.

27.8 Subd. 2. **Definition.** For purposes of this section, a "dyslexia specialist" means a dyslexia  
 27.9 therapist, licensed psychologist, licensed speech-language pathologist, or certified dyslexia  
 27.10 training specialist who has a minimum of three years of field experience in screening,  
 27.11 identifying, and treating dyslexia and related disorders.

27.12 Subd. 3. **Requirements.** A dyslexia specialist shall be highly trained in dyslexia and  
 27.13 related disorders and in using interventions and treatments that are evidence-based,  
 27.14 multisensory, direct, explicit, structured, and sequential in the areas of phonics, phonemic  
 27.15 awareness, vocabulary, fluency, and comprehension.

27.16 Sec. 6. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 120B.125, is amended to read:

27.17 **120B.125 PLANNING FOR STUDENTS' SUCCESSFUL TRANSITION TO**  
 27.18 **POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION AND EMPLOYMENT; PERSONAL LEARNING**  
 27.19 **PLANS.**

27.20 (a) Consistent with sections 120B.13, 120B.131, 120B.132, 120B.14, 120B.15, 120B.30,  
 27.21 subdivision 1, paragraph (c), 125A.08, and other related sections, school districts, beginning  
 27.22 in the 2013-2014 school year, must assist all students by no later than grade 9 to explore  
 27.23 their educational, college, and career interests, aptitudes, and aspirations and develop a plan  
 27.24 for a smooth and successful transition to postsecondary education or employment. All  
 27.25 students' plans must:

27.26 (1) provide a comprehensive plan to prepare for and complete a career and college ready  
 27.27 curriculum by meeting state and local academic standards and developing career and  
 27.28 employment-related skills such as team work, collaboration, creativity, communication,  
 27.29 critical thinking, and good work habits;

27.30 (2) emphasize academic rigor and high expectations and inform the student and the  
 27.31 student's parent or guardian, if the student is a minor, of the student's achievement level  
 27.32 score on the Minnesota Comprehensive Assessments that are administered during high  
 27.33 school;

28.1 (3) help students identify interests, aptitudes, aspirations, and personal learning styles  
28.2 that may affect their career and college ready goals and postsecondary education and  
28.3 employment choices;

28.4 (4) set appropriate career and college ready goals with timelines that identify effective  
28.5 means for achieving those goals;

28.6 (5) help students access education and career options;

28.7 (6) integrate strong academic content into career-focused courses and applied and  
28.8 experiential learning opportunities and integrate relevant career-focused courses and applied  
28.9 and experiential learning opportunities into strong academic content;

28.10 (7) help identify and access appropriate counseling and other supports and assistance  
28.11 that enable students to complete required coursework, prepare for postsecondary education  
28.12 and careers, and obtain information about postsecondary education costs and eligibility for  
28.13 financial aid and scholarship;

28.14 (8) help identify collaborative partnerships among prekindergarten through grade 12  
28.15 schools, postsecondary institutions, economic development agencies, and local and regional  
28.16 employers that support students' transition to postsecondary education and employment and  
28.17 provide students with applied and experiential learning opportunities; and

28.18 (9) be reviewed and revised at least annually by the student, the student's parent or  
28.19 guardian, and the school or district to ensure that the student's course-taking schedule keeps  
28.20 the student making adequate progress to meet state and local academic standards and high  
28.21 school graduation requirements and with a reasonable chance to succeed with employment  
28.22 or postsecondary education without the need to first complete remedial course work.

28.23 (b) A school district may develop grade-level curricula or provide instruction that  
28.24 introduces students to various careers, but must not require any curriculum, instruction, or  
28.25 employment-related activity that obligates an elementary or secondary student to involuntarily  
28.26 select or pursue a career, career interest, employment goals, or related job training.

28.27 (c) Educators must possess the knowledge and skills to effectively teach all English  
28.28 learners in their classrooms. School districts must provide appropriate curriculum, targeted  
28.29 materials, professional development opportunities for educators, and sufficient resources  
28.30 to enable English learners to become career and college ready.

28.31 (d) When assisting students in developing a plan for a smooth and successful transition  
28.32 to postsecondary education and employment, districts must recognize the unique possibilities

29.1 of each student and ensure that the contents of each student's plan reflect the student's unique  
 29.2 talents, skills, and abilities as the student grows, develops, and learns.

29.3 (e) If a student with a disability has an individualized education program (IEP) or  
 29.4 standardized written plan that meets the plan components of this section, the IEP satisfies  
 29.5 the requirement and no additional transition plan is needed.

29.6 (f) Students who do not meet or exceed Minnesota academic standards, as measured by  
 29.7 the Minnesota Comprehensive Assessments that are administered during high school, shall  
 29.8 be informed that admission to a public school is free and available to any resident under 21  
 29.9 years of age or who meets the requirements of section 120A.20, subdivision 1, paragraph  
 29.10 (c). A student's plan under this section shall continue while the student is enrolled.

29.11 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 1, 2017.

29.12 Sec. 7. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 120B.132, is amended to read:

29.13 **120B.132 RAISED ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT; ADVANCED PLACEMENT**  
 29.14 **AND INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE PROGRAMS.**

29.15 Subdivision 1. **Establishment; eligibility.** A program is established to raise kindergarten  
 29.16 through grade 12 academic achievement through increased student participation in  
 29.17 preadvanced placement, advanced placement, and international baccalaureate programs,  
 29.18 consistent with section 120B.13. Schools and charter schools eligible to participate under  
 29.19 this section:

29.20 (1) must have a three-year plan approved by the local school board to establish a new  
 29.21 international baccalaureate program leading to international baccalaureate authorization,  
 29.22 expand an existing program that leads to international baccalaureate authorization, or expand  
 29.23 an existing authorized international baccalaureate program; or

29.24 (2) must have a three-year plan approved by the local school board to create a new or  
 29.25 expand an existing program to implement the college board advanced placement courses  
 29.26 and exams or preadvanced placement initiative; and

29.27 (3) must propose to further raise students' academic achievement by:

29.28 (i) increasing the availability of and all students' access to advanced placement or  
 29.29 international baccalaureate courses or programs;

29.30 (ii) expanding the breadth of advanced placement or international baccalaureate courses  
 29.31 or programs that are available to students;

30.1 (iii) increasing the number and the diversity of the students who participate in advanced  
30.2 placement or international baccalaureate courses or programs and succeed;

30.3 (iv) providing low-income and other disadvantaged students with increased access to  
30.4 advanced placement or international baccalaureate courses and programs; or

30.5 (v) increasing the number of high school students, including low-income and other  
30.6 disadvantaged students, who receive college credit by successfully completing advanced  
30.7 placement or international baccalaureate courses or programs and achieving satisfactory  
30.8 scores on related exams.

30.9 Subd. 2. **Application and review process; funding priority.** (a) Charter schools and  
30.10 school districts in which eligible schools under subdivision 1 are located may apply to the  
30.11 commissioner, in the form and manner the commissioner determines, for competitive funding  
30.12 to further raise students' academic achievement. The application must detail the specific  
30.13 efforts the applicant intends to undertake in further raising students' academic achievement,  
30.14 consistent with subdivision 1, and a proposed budget detailing the district or charter school's  
30.15 current and proposed expenditures for advanced placement, preadvanced placement, and  
30.16 international baccalaureate courses and programs. The proposed budget must demonstrate  
30.17 that the applicant's efforts will support implementation of advanced placement, preadvanced  
30.18 placement, and international baccalaureate courses and programs. Expenditures for  
30.19 administration must not exceed five percent of the proposed budget. The commissioner may  
30.20 require an applicant to provide additional information.

30.21 (b) When reviewing applications, the commissioner must determine whether the applicant  
30.22 satisfied all the requirements in this subdivision and subdivision 1. The commissioner may  
30.23 give funding priority to an otherwise qualified applicant that demonstrates:

30.24 (1) a focus on developing or expanding preadvanced placement, advanced placement,  
30.25 or international baccalaureate courses or programs or increasing students' participation in,  
30.26 access to, or success with the courses or programs, including the participation, access, or  
30.27 success of low-income and other disadvantaged students;

30.28 (2) a compelling need for access to preadvanced placement, advanced placement, or  
30.29 international baccalaureate courses or programs;

30.30 (3) an effective ability to actively involve local business and community organizations  
30.31 in student activities that are integral to preadvanced placement, advanced placement, or  
30.32 international baccalaureate courses or programs;

31.1 (4) access to additional public or nonpublic funds or in-kind contributions that are  
 31.2 available for preadvanced placement, advanced placement, or international baccalaureate  
 31.3 courses or programs; ~~or~~

31.4 (5) an intent to implement activities that target low-income and other disadvantaged  
 31.5 students; or

31.6 (6) an intent to increase the advanced placement and international baccalaureate course  
 31.7 offerings in science, technology, engineering, and math to low-income and other  
 31.8 disadvantaged students.

31.9 Subd. 3. **Funding; permissible funding uses.** (a) The commissioner shall award grants  
 31.10 to applicant school districts and charter schools that meet the requirements of subdivisions  
 31.11 1 and 2. The commissioner must award grants on an equitable geographical basis to the  
 31.12 extent feasible and consistent with this section. Grant awards must not exceed the lesser of:

31.13 (1) \$85 times the number of pupils enrolled at the participating sites on October 1 of the  
 31.14 previous fiscal year; ~~or~~

31.15 (2) the approved supplemental expenditures based on the budget submitted under  
 31.16 subdivision 2. For charter schools in their first year of operation, the maximum funding  
 31.17 award must be calculated using the number of pupils enrolled on October 1 of the current  
 31.18 fiscal year. The commissioner may adjust the maximum funding award computed using  
 31.19 prior year data for changes in enrollment attributable to school closings, school openings,  
 31.20 grade level reconfigurations, or school district reorganizations between the prior fiscal year  
 31.21 and the current fiscal year; or

31.22 (3) \$150,000 per district or charter school.

31.23 (b) School districts and charter schools that submit an application and receive funding  
 31.24 under this section must use the funding, consistent with the application, to:

31.25 (1) provide teacher training and instruction to more effectively serve students, including  
 31.26 low-income and other disadvantaged students, who participate in preadvanced placement,  
 31.27 advanced placement, or international baccalaureate courses or programs;

31.28 (2) further develop preadvanced placement, advanced placement, or international  
 31.29 baccalaureate courses or programs;

31.30 (3) improve the transition between grade levels to better prepare students, including  
 31.31 low-income and other disadvantaged students, for succeeding in preadvanced placement,  
 31.32 advanced placement, or international baccalaureate courses or programs;

32.1 (4) purchase books and supplies;

32.2 (5) pay course or program fees;

32.3 (6) increase students' participation in and success with preadvanced placement, advanced  
32.4 placement, or international baccalaureate courses or programs;

32.5 (7) expand students' access to preadvanced placement, advanced placement, or  
32.6 international baccalaureate courses or programs through online learning;

32.7 (8) hire appropriately licensed personnel to teach additional advanced placement or  
32.8 international baccalaureate courses or programs; or

32.9 (9) engage in other ~~activity directly related~~ activities to expanding expand low-income  
32.10 or disadvantaged students' access to, participation in, and success with preadvanced  
32.11 placement, advanced placement, or international baccalaureate courses or programs;  
32.12 including. Other activities may include but are not limited to preparing and disseminating  
32.13 promotional materials to low-income and other disadvantaged students and their families.

32.14 Subd. 4. **Grants; annual reports.** (a) Each school district and charter school that receives  
32.15 a grant under this section annually must collect demographic and other student data to  
32.16 demonstrate and measure the extent to which the district or charter school raised students'  
32.17 academic achievement under this program and must report the data to the commissioner in  
32.18 the form and manner the commissioner determines. The commissioner annually by February  
32.19 15 must make summary data about this program available to the education policy and finance  
32.20 committees of the legislature.

32.21 (b) Each school district and charter school that receives a grant under this section annually  
32.22 must report to the commissioner, consistent with the Uniform Financial Accounting and  
32.23 Reporting Standards, its actual expenditures for advanced placement, preadvanced placement,  
32.24 and international baccalaureate courses and programs. The report must demonstrate that  
32.25 the school district or charter school has maintained its effort from other sources for advanced  
32.26 placement, preadvanced placement, and international baccalaureate courses and programs  
32.27 compared with the previous fiscal year, and the district or charter school has expended all  
32.28 grant funds, consistent with its approved budget.

32.29 (c) Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, a grant under this section is available for  
32.30 three years from the date of the grant if the district or charter school meets the annual  
32.31 benchmarks in its plan under subdivision 1.

33.1 Sec. 8. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 120B.30, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

33.2 Subdivision 1. **Statewide testing.** (a) The commissioner, with advice from experts with  
33.3 appropriate technical qualifications and experience and stakeholders, consistent with  
33.4 subdivision 1a, shall include in the comprehensive assessment system, for each grade level  
33.5 to be tested, state-constructed tests developed as computer-adaptive reading and mathematics  
33.6 assessments for students that are aligned with the state's required academic standards under  
33.7 section 120B.021, include multiple choice questions, and are administered annually to all  
33.8 students in grades 3 through 8. State-developed high school tests aligned with the state's  
33.9 required academic standards under section 120B.021 and administered to all high school  
33.10 students in a subject other than writing must include multiple choice questions. The  
33.11 commissioner shall establish one or more months during which schools shall administer  
33.12 the tests to students each school year.

33.13 (1) Students enrolled in grade 8 through the 2009-2010 school year are eligible to be  
33.14 assessed under (i) the graduation-required assessment for diploma in reading, mathematics,  
33.15 or writing under Minnesota Statutes 2012, section 120B.30, subdivision 1, paragraphs (c),  
33.16 clauses (1) and (2), and (d), (ii) the WorkKeys job skills assessment, (iii) the Compass  
33.17 college placement test, (iv) the ACT assessment for college admission, (v) a nationally  
33.18 recognized armed services vocational aptitude test.

33.19 (2) Students enrolled in grade 8 in the 2010-2011 or 2011-2012 school year are eligible  
33.20 to be assessed under (i) the graduation-required assessment for diploma in reading,  
33.21 mathematics, or writing under Minnesota Statutes 2012, section 120B.30, subdivision 1,  
33.22 paragraph (c), clauses (1) and (2), (ii) the WorkKeys job skills assessment, (iii) the Compass  
33.23 college placement test, (iv) the ACT assessment for college admission, (v) a nationally  
33.24 recognized armed services vocational aptitude test.

33.25 (3) For students under clause (1) or (2), a school district may substitute a score from an  
33.26 alternative, equivalent assessment to satisfy the requirements of this paragraph.

33.27 (b) The state assessment system must be aligned to the most recent revision of academic  
33.28 standards as described in section 120B.023 in the following manner:

33.29 (1) mathematics;

33.30 (i) grades 3 through 8 beginning in the 2010-2011 school year; and

33.31 (ii) high school level beginning in the 2013-2014 school year;

33.32 (2) science; grades 5 and 8 and at the high school level beginning in the 2011-2012  
33.33 school year; and

34.1 (3) language arts and reading; grades 3 through 8 and high school level beginning in the  
34.2 2012-2013 school year.

34.3 (c) For students enrolled in grade 8 in the 2012-2013 school year and later, students'  
34.4 state graduation requirements, based on a longitudinal, systematic approach to student  
34.5 education and career planning, assessment, instructional support, and evaluation, include  
34.6 the following:

34.7 (1) ~~an opportunity to participate on a nationally normed college entrance exam, in grade~~  
34.8 ~~11 or grade 12;~~

34.9 ~~(2)~~ achievement and career and college readiness in mathematics, reading, and writing,  
34.10 consistent with paragraph (k) and to the extent available, to monitor students' continuous  
34.11 development of and growth in requisite knowledge and skills; analyze students' progress  
34.12 and performance levels, identifying students' academic strengths and diagnosing areas where  
34.13 students require curriculum or instructional adjustments, targeted interventions, or  
34.14 remediation; and, based on analysis of students' progress and performance data, determine  
34.15 students' learning and instructional needs and the instructional tools and best practices that  
34.16 support academic rigor for the student; and

34.17 ~~(3)~~ (2) consistent with this paragraph and section 120B.125, age-appropriate exploration  
34.18 and planning activities and career assessments to encourage students to identify personally  
34.19 relevant career interests and aptitudes and help students and their families develop a regularly  
34.20 reexamined transition plan for postsecondary education or employment without need for  
34.21 postsecondary remediation.

34.22 Based on appropriate state guidelines, students with an individualized education program  
34.23 may satisfy state graduation requirements by achieving an individual score on the  
34.24 state-identified alternative assessments.

34.25 (d) Expectations of schools, districts, and the state for career or college readiness under  
34.26 this subdivision must be comparable in rigor, clarity of purpose, and rates of student  
34.27 completion.

34.28 A student under paragraph (c), clause ~~(2)~~ (1), must receive targeted, relevant, academically  
34.29 rigorous, and resourced instruction, which may include a targeted instruction and intervention  
34.30 plan focused on improving the student's knowledge and skills in core subjects so that the  
34.31 student has a reasonable chance to succeed in a career or college without need for  
34.32 postsecondary remediation. Consistent with sections 120B.13, 124D.09, 124D.091, 124D.49,  
34.33 and related sections, an enrolling school or district must actively encourage a student in  
34.34 grade 11 or 12 who is identified as academically ready for a career or college to participate

35.1 in courses and programs awarding college credit to high school students. Students are not  
35.2 required to achieve a specified score or level of proficiency on an assessment under this  
35.3 subdivision to graduate from high school.

35.4 (e) Though not a high school graduation requirement, students are encouraged to  
35.5 participate in a nationally recognized college entrance exam. To the extent state funding  
35.6 for college entrance exam fees is available, a district must ~~pay the cost~~ reimburse a student  
35.7 in grade 11 or 12 who is eligible for a free or reduced-price meal, one time, ~~for an interested~~  
35.8 ~~student in grade 11 or 12 to take~~ for the registration fees associated with a nationally  
35.9 recognized college entrance exam before graduating. ~~A student must be able to take the~~  
35.10 ~~exam under this paragraph at the student's high school during the school day and at any one~~  
35.11 ~~of the multiple exam administrations available to students in the district.~~ In order to comply  
35.12 with this subdivision, a district may administer the ACT or SAT or both the ACT and SAT  
35.13 ~~to comply with this paragraph~~ at the student's high school or arrange for the student to take  
35.14 the exam at another location. ~~If the district administers only one of these two tests and a~~  
35.15 ~~student opts not to take that test and chooses instead to take the other of the two tests, the~~  
35.16 A free or reduced-price meal eligible student may take the ~~other test~~ exam at a different  
35.17 time or location and remains eligible for the examination fee reimbursement.

35.18 (f) The commissioner and the chancellor of the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities  
35.19 must collaborate in aligning instruction and assessments for adult basic education students  
35.20 and English learners to provide the students with diagnostic information about any targeted  
35.21 interventions, accommodations, modifications, and supports they need so that assessments  
35.22 and other performance measures are accessible to them and they may seek postsecondary  
35.23 education or employment without need for postsecondary remediation. When administering  
35.24 formative or summative assessments used to measure the academic progress, including the  
35.25 oral academic development, of English learners and inform their instruction, schools must  
35.26 ensure that the assessments are accessible to the students and students have the modifications  
35.27 and supports they need to sufficiently understand the assessments.

35.28 (g) Districts and schools, on an annual basis, must use career exploration elements to  
35.29 help students, beginning no later than grade 9, and their families explore and plan for  
35.30 postsecondary education or careers based on the students' interests, aptitudes, and aspirations.  
35.31 Districts and schools must use timely regional labor market information and partnerships,  
35.32 among other resources, to help students and their families successfully develop, pursue,  
35.33 review, and revise an individualized plan for postsecondary education or a career. This  
35.34 process must help increase students' engagement in and connection to school, improve  
35.35 students' knowledge and skills, and deepen students' understanding of career pathways as

36.1 a sequence of academic and career courses that lead to an industry-recognized credential,  
36.2 an associate's degree, or a bachelor's degree and are available to all students, whatever their  
36.3 interests and career goals.

36.4 (h) A student who demonstrates attainment of required state academic standards, which  
36.5 include career and college readiness benchmarks, on high school assessments under  
36.6 subdivision 1a is academically ready for a career or college and is encouraged to participate  
36.7 in courses awarding college credit to high school students. Such courses and programs may  
36.8 include sequential courses of study within broad career areas and technical skill assessments  
36.9 that extend beyond course grades.

36.10 (i) As appropriate, students through grade 12 must continue to participate in targeted  
36.11 instruction, intervention, or remediation and be encouraged to participate in courses awarding  
36.12 college credit to high school students.

36.13 (j) In developing, supporting, and improving students' academic readiness for a career  
36.14 or college, schools, districts, and the state must have a continuum of empirically derived,  
36.15 clearly defined benchmarks focused on students' attainment of knowledge and skills so that  
36.16 students, their parents, and teachers know how well students must perform to have a  
36.17 reasonable chance to succeed in a career or college without need for postsecondary  
36.18 remediation. The commissioner, in consultation with local school officials and educators,  
36.19 and Minnesota's public postsecondary institutions must ensure that the foundational  
36.20 knowledge and skills for students' successful performance in postsecondary employment  
36.21 or education and an articulated series of possible targeted interventions are clearly identified  
36.22 and satisfy Minnesota's postsecondary admissions requirements.

36.23 (k) For students in grade 8 in the 2012-2013 school year and later, a school, district, or  
36.24 charter school must record on the high school transcript a student's progress toward career  
36.25 and college readiness, and for other students as soon as practicable.

36.26 (l) The school board granting students their diplomas may formally decide to include a  
36.27 notation of high achievement on the high school diplomas of those graduating seniors who,  
36.28 according to established school board criteria, demonstrate exemplary academic achievement  
36.29 during high school.

36.30 (m) The 3rd through 8th grade computer-adaptive assessment results and high school  
36.31 test results shall be available to districts for diagnostic purposes affecting student learning  
36.32 and district instruction and curriculum, and for establishing educational accountability. The  
36.33 commissioner must establish empirically derived benchmarks on adaptive assessments in  
36.34 grades 3 through 8. The commissioner, in consultation with the chancellor of the Minnesota

37.1 State Colleges and Universities, must establish empirically derived benchmarks on the high  
37.2 school tests that reveal a trajectory toward career and college readiness consistent with  
37.3 section 136F.302, subdivision 1a. The commissioner must disseminate to the public the  
37.4 computer-adaptive assessments and high school test results upon receiving those results.

37.5 (n) The grades 3 through 8 computer-adaptive assessments and high school tests must  
37.6 be aligned with state academic standards. The commissioner shall determine the testing  
37.7 process and the order of administration. The statewide results shall be aggregated at the site  
37.8 and district level, consistent with subdivision 1a.

37.9 (o) The commissioner shall include the following components in the statewide public  
37.10 reporting system:

37.11 (1) uniform statewide computer-adaptive assessments of all students in grades 3 through  
37.12 8 and testing at the high school levels that provides appropriate, technically sound  
37.13 accommodations or alternate assessments;

37.14 (2) educational indicators that can be aggregated and compared across school districts  
37.15 and across time on a statewide basis, including average daily attendance, high school  
37.16 graduation rates, and high school drop-out rates by age and grade level;

37.17 (3) state results on the American College Test; and

37.18 (4) state results from participation in the National Assessment of Educational Progress  
37.19 so that the state can benchmark its performance against the nation and other states, and,  
37.20 where possible, against other countries, and contribute to the national effort to monitor  
37.21 achievement.

37.22 (p) For purposes of statewide accountability, "career and college ready" means a high  
37.23 school graduate has the knowledge, skills, and competencies to successfully pursue a career  
37.24 pathway, including postsecondary credit leading to a degree, diploma, certificate, or  
37.25 industry-recognized credential and employment. Students who are career and college ready  
37.26 are able to successfully complete credit-bearing coursework at a two- or four-year college  
37.27 or university or other credit-bearing postsecondary program without need for remediation.

37.28 (q) For purposes of statewide accountability, "cultural competence," "cultural  
37.29 competency," or "culturally competent" means the ability and will to interact effectively  
37.30 with people of different cultures, native languages, and socioeconomic backgrounds.

38.1 Sec. 9. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 120B.30, subdivision 1a, is amended to read:

38.2 Subd. 1a. **Statewide and local assessments; results.** (a) For purposes of this section,  
38.3 the following definitions have the meanings given them.

38.4 (1) "Computer-adaptive assessments" means ~~fully~~ adaptive assessments.

38.5 (2) ~~"Fully adaptive assessments" include~~ "Adaptive assessments" means test items that  
38.6 are on-grade level ~~and items that may be above or below a student's grade level.~~

38.7 (3) ~~"On-grade level" test items contain subject area content that is aligned to state~~  
38.8 ~~academic standards for the grade level of the student taking the assessment.~~

38.9 (4) ~~"Above-grade level" test items contain subject area content that is above the grade~~  
38.10 ~~level of the student taking the assessment and is considered aligned with state academic~~  
38.11 ~~standards to the extent it is aligned with content represented in state academic standards~~  
38.12 ~~above the grade level of the student taking the assessment. Notwithstanding the student's~~  
38.13 ~~grade level, administering above-grade level test items to a student does not violate the~~  
38.14 ~~requirement that state assessments must be aligned with state standards.~~

38.15 (5) ~~"Below-grade level" test items contain subject area content that is below the grade~~  
38.16 ~~level of the student taking the test and is considered aligned with state academic standards~~  
38.17 ~~to the extent it is aligned with content represented in state academic standards below the~~  
38.18 ~~student's current grade level. Notwithstanding the student's grade level, administering~~  
38.19 ~~below-grade level test items to a student does not violate the requirement that state~~  
38.20 ~~assessments must be aligned with state standards.~~

38.21 (b) The commissioner must use ~~fully~~ adaptive mathematics and reading assessments for  
38.22 grades 3 through 8.

38.23 (c) For purposes of conforming with existing federal educational accountability  
38.24 requirements, the commissioner must develop and implement computer-adaptive reading  
38.25 and mathematics assessments for grades 3 through 8, state-developed high school reading  
38.26 and mathematics tests aligned with state academic standards, a high school writing test  
38.27 aligned with state standards when it becomes available, and science assessments under  
38.28 clause (2) that districts and sites must use to monitor student growth toward achieving those  
38.29 standards. The commissioner must not develop statewide assessments for academic standards  
38.30 in social studies, health and physical education, and the arts. The commissioner must require:

38.31 (1) annual computer-adaptive reading and mathematics assessments in grades 3 through  
38.32 8, and high school reading, writing, and mathematics tests; and

39.1 (2) annual science assessments in one grade in the grades 3 through 5 span, the grades  
39.2 6 through 8 span, and a life sciences assessment in the grades 9 through 12 span, and the  
39.3 commissioner must not require students to achieve a passing score on high school science  
39.4 assessments as a condition of receiving a high school diploma.

39.5 (d) The commissioner must ensure that for annual computer-adaptive assessments:

39.6 (1) individual student performance data and achievement reports are available within  
39.7 three school days of when students take an assessment except in a year when an assessment  
39.8 reflects new performance standards;

39.9 (2) growth information is available for each student from the student's first assessment  
39.10 to each proximate assessment using a constant measurement scale;

39.11 (3) parents, teachers, and school administrators are able to use elementary and middle  
39.12 school student performance data to project students' secondary and postsecondary  
39.13 achievement; and

39.14 (4) useful diagnostic information about areas of students' academic strengths and  
39.15 weaknesses is available to teachers and school administrators for improving student  
39.16 instruction and indicating the specific skills and concepts that should be introduced and  
39.17 developed for students at given performance levels, organized by strands within subject  
39.18 areas, and aligned to state academic standards.

39.19 (e) The commissioner must ensure that all state tests administered to elementary and  
39.20 secondary students measure students' academic knowledge and skills and not students'  
39.21 values, attitudes, and beliefs.

39.22 (f) Reporting of state assessment results must:

39.23 (1) provide timely, useful, and understandable information on the performance of  
39.24 individual students, schools, school districts, and the state;

39.25 (2) include a growth indicator of student achievement; and

39.26 (3) determine whether students have met the state's academic standards.

39.27 (g) Consistent with applicable federal law, the commissioner must include appropriate,  
39.28 technically sound accommodations or alternative assessments for the very few students with  
39.29 disabilities for whom statewide assessments are inappropriate and for English learners.

39.30 (h) A school, school district, and charter school must administer statewide assessments  
39.31 under this section, as the assessments become available, to evaluate student progress toward  
39.32 career and college readiness in the context of the state's academic standards. A school,

40.1 school district, or charter school may use a student's performance on a statewide assessment  
40.2 as one of multiple criteria to determine grade promotion or retention. A school, school  
40.3 district, or charter school may use a high school student's performance on a statewide  
40.4 assessment as a percentage of the student's final grade in a course, or place a student's  
40.5 assessment score on the student's transcript.

40.6 Sec. 10. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 120B.31, is amended by adding a subdivision  
40.7 to read:

40.8 Subd. 3a. **Rollout sites; report.** The commissioner of education shall designate up to  
40.9 six school districts or charter schools as rollout sites.

40.10 (a) The rollout sites should represent urban school districts, suburban school districts,  
40.11 nonurban school districts, and charter schools. The commissioner shall designate rollout  
40.12 sites and notify the schools by August 1, 2017, and the designated school districts or charter  
40.13 schools shall have the right to opt-out or opt-in as rollout sites by September 1, 2017.

40.14 (b) The commissioner must consult stakeholders and review the American Community  
40.15 Survey to develop recommendations for best practices for disaggregated data. Stakeholders  
40.16 consulted under this paragraph include at least:

40.17 (1) the rollout sites;

40.18 (2) parent groups; and

40.19 (3) community representatives.

40.20 (c) The commissioner shall report to the legislative committees having jurisdiction over  
40.21 kindergarten through grade 12 education policy and finance by February 1, 2018. The  
40.22 commissioner may research best practices from other states that have disaggregated data  
40.23 beyond the requirements of the most recent reauthorization of the Elementary and Secondary  
40.24 Education Act. The commissioner must consult with the stakeholders on how to measure  
40.25 a student's background as an immigrant or a refugee and provide a recommendation in the  
40.26 report on how to include the data in the statewide rollout. The recommendations may address:

40.27 (1) the most meaningful use of disaggregated data, including but not limited to which  
40.28 reports should include further disaggregated data;

40.29 (2) collection of additional student characteristics, including but not limited to ensuring  
40.30 enhanced enrollment forms:

40.31 (i) provide context and the objective of additional data;

41.1 (ii) are designed to convey respect and acknowledgment of the sensitive nature of the  
 41.2 additional data; and

41.3 (iii) are designed to collect data consistent with user feedback;

41.4 (3) efficient data-reporting approaches when reporting additional information to the  
 41.5 department;

41.6 (4) the frequency by which districts and schools must update enrollment forms to meet  
 41.7 the needs of the state's changing racial and ethnic demographics; and

41.8 (5) the criteria for determining additional data. This recommendation should include a  
 41.9 recommendation for frequency of reviews and updates of the additional data and should  
 41.10 also identify the approach of updating any additional census data and data on new enrollees.  
 41.11 This recommendation must consider additional student groups that may face education  
 41.12 disparities and must take into account maintaining student privacy and providing  
 41.13 nonidentifiable student level data.

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

41.15 Sec. 11. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 120B.31, subdivision 4, is amended to read:

41.16 Subd. 4. **Student performance data.** In developing policies and assessment processes  
 41.17 to hold schools and districts accountable for high levels of academic standards under section  
 41.18 120B.021, the commissioner shall aggregate and disaggregate student data over time to  
 41.19 report summary student performance and growth levels and, under section 120B.11,  
 41.20 subdivision 2, clause (2), student learning and outcome data measured at the school, school  
 41.21 district, and statewide level. The commissioner shall use the student categories identified  
 41.22 under the federal Elementary and Secondary Education Act, as most recently reauthorized,  
 41.23 and student categories of homelessness, ethnicity under section 120B.35, subdivision 3,  
 41.24 paragraph (a), clause (2), race under section 120B.35, subdivision 3, paragraph (a), clause  
 41.25 (2), home language, ~~immigrant, refugee status,~~ English learners under section 124D.59, free  
 41.26 or reduced-price lunch, and other categories designated by federal law to organize and report  
 41.27 the data so that state and local policy makers can understand the educational implications  
 41.28 of changes in districts' demographic profiles over time as data are available. Any report the  
 41.29 commissioner disseminates containing summary data on student performance must integrate  
 41.30 student performance and the demographic factors that strongly correlate with that  
 41.31 performance.

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

42.1 Sec. 12. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 120B.35, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

42.2 Subd. 3. **State growth target; other state measures.** (a)(1) The state's educational  
 42.3 assessment system measuring individual students' educational growth is based on indicators  
 42.4 of achievement growth that show an individual student's prior achievement. Indicators of  
 42.5 achievement and prior achievement must be based on highly reliable statewide or districtwide  
 42.6 assessments.

42.7 (2) For purposes of paragraphs (b), (c), and (d), the commissioner must analyze and  
 42.8 report separate categories of information using the student categories identified under the  
 42.9 federal Elementary and Secondary Education Act, as most recently reauthorized, and, in  
 42.10 addition to "other" for each race and ethnicity and the Karen community, other student  
 42.11 categories as determined by the total Minnesota population at or above the 1,000-person  
 42.12 threshold based on the most recent decennial census, including ethnicity; race; refugee status  
 42.13 seven of the most populous Asian and Pacific Islander groups, three of the most populous  
 42.14 Native groups, seven of the most populous Hispanic/Latino groups, and five of the most  
 42.15 populous Black and African Heritage groups as determined by the total Minnesota population  
 42.16 based on the most recent state demographer's report; English learners under section 124D.59;  
 42.17 home language; free or reduced-price lunch; immigrant; and all students enrolled in a  
 42.18 Minnesota public school who are currently or were previously in foster care, except that  
 42.19 such disaggregation and cross tabulation is not required if the number of students in a  
 42.20 category is insufficient to yield statistically reliable information or the results would reveal  
 42.21 personally identifiable information about an individual student.

42.22 (b) The commissioner, in consultation with a stakeholder group that includes assessment  
 42.23 and evaluation directors, district staff, experts in culturally responsive teaching, and  
 42.24 researchers, must implement a model that uses a value-added growth indicator and includes  
 42.25 criteria for identifying schools and school districts that demonstrate medium and high growth  
 42.26 under section 120B.299, subdivisions 8 and 9, and may recommend other value-added  
 42.27 measures under section 120B.299, subdivision 3. The model may be used to advance  
 42.28 educators' professional development and replicate programs that succeed in meeting students'  
 42.29 diverse learning needs. Data on individual teachers generated under the model are personnel  
 42.30 data under section 13.43. The model must allow users to:

42.31 (1) report student growth consistent with this paragraph; and

42.32 (2) for all student categories, report and compare aggregated and disaggregated state  
 42.33 student growth and, under section 120B.11, subdivision 2, clause (2), student learning and  
 42.34 outcome data using the student categories identified under the federal Elementary and

43.1 Secondary Education Act, as most recently reauthorized, and other student categories under  
43.2 paragraph (a), clause (2).

43.3 The commissioner must report measures of student growth and, under section 120B.11,  
43.4 subdivision 2, clause (2), student learning and outcome data, consistent with this paragraph,  
43.5 including the English language development, academic progress, and oral academic  
43.6 development of English learners and their native language development if the native language  
43.7 is used as a language of instruction, and include data on all pupils enrolled in a Minnesota  
43.8 public school course or program who are currently or were previously counted as an English  
43.9 learner under section 124D.59.

43.10 (c) When reporting student performance under section 120B.36, subdivision 1, the  
43.11 commissioner annually, beginning July 1, 2011, must report two core measures indicating  
43.12 the extent to which current high school graduates are being prepared for postsecondary  
43.13 academic and career opportunities:

43.14 (1) a preparation measure indicating the number and percentage of high school graduates  
43.15 in the most recent school year who completed course work important to preparing them for  
43.16 postsecondary academic and career opportunities, consistent with the core academic subjects  
43.17 required for admission to Minnesota's public colleges and universities as determined by the  
43.18 Office of Higher Education under chapter 136A; and

43.19 (2) a rigorous coursework measure indicating the number and percentage of high school  
43.20 graduates in the most recent school year who successfully completed one or more  
43.21 college-level advanced placement, international baccalaureate, postsecondary enrollment  
43.22 options including concurrent enrollment, other rigorous courses of study under section  
43.23 120B.021, subdivision 1a, or industry certification courses or programs.

43.24 When reporting the core measures under clauses (1) and (2), the commissioner must also  
43.25 analyze and report separate categories of information using the student categories identified  
43.26 under the federal Elementary and Secondary Education Act, as most recently reauthorized,  
43.27 and other student categories under paragraph (a), clause (2).

43.28 (d) When reporting student performance under section 120B.36, subdivision 1, the  
43.29 commissioner annually, beginning July 1, 2014, must report summary data on school safety  
43.30 and students' engagement and connection at school, consistent with the student categories  
43.31 identified under paragraph (a), clause (2). The summary data under this paragraph are  
43.32 separate from and must not be used for any purpose related to measuring or evaluating the  
43.33 performance of classroom teachers. The commissioner, in consultation with qualified experts  
43.34 on student engagement and connection and classroom teachers, must identify highly reliable

44.1 variables that generate summary data under this paragraph. The summary data may be used  
44.2 at school, district, and state levels only. Any data on individuals received, collected, or  
44.3 created that are used to generate the summary data under this paragraph are nonpublic data  
44.4 under section 13.02, subdivision 9.

44.5 (e) For purposes of statewide educational accountability, the commissioner must identify  
44.6 and report measures that demonstrate the success of learning year program providers under  
44.7 sections 123A.05 and 124D.68, among other such providers, in improving students'  
44.8 graduation outcomes. The commissioner, beginning July 1, 2015, must annually report  
44.9 summary data on:

44.10 (1) the four- and six-year graduation rates of students under this paragraph;

44.11 (2) the percent of students under this paragraph whose progress and performance levels  
44.12 are meeting career and college readiness benchmarks under section 120B.30, subdivision  
44.13 1; and

44.14 (3) the success that learning year program providers experience in:

44.15 (i) identifying at-risk and off-track student populations by grade;

44.16 (ii) providing successful prevention and intervention strategies for at-risk students;

44.17 (iii) providing successful recuperative and recovery or reenrollment strategies for off-track  
44.18 students; and

44.19 (iv) improving the graduation outcomes of at-risk and off-track students.

44.20 The commissioner may include in the annual report summary data on other education  
44.21 providers serving a majority of students eligible to participate in a learning year program.

44.22 (f) The commissioner, in consultation with recognized experts with knowledge and  
44.23 experience in assessing the language proficiency and academic performance of all English  
44.24 learners enrolled in a Minnesota public school course or program who are currently or were  
44.25 previously counted as an English learner under section 124D.59, must identify and report  
44.26 appropriate and effective measures to improve current categories of language difficulty and  
44.27 assessments, and monitor and report data on students' English proficiency levels, program  
44.28 placement, and academic language development, including oral academic language.

44.29 (g) When reporting four- and six-year graduation rates, the commissioner or school  
44.30 district must disaggregate the data by student categories according to paragraph (a), clause  
44.31 (2).

45.1 (h) A school district must inform parents and guardians that volunteering information  
 45.2 on student categories not required by the most recent reauthorization of the Elementary and  
 45.3 Secondary Education Act is optional and will not violate the privacy of students or their  
 45.4 families, parents, or guardians. The notice must state the purpose for collecting the student  
 45.5 data.

45.6 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective for the 2018-2019 school year and later  
 45.7 for rollout sites under Minnesota Statutes, section 120B.31, subdivision 3a. This section is  
 45.8 effective for the 2019-2020 school year and later for all other schools.

45.9 Sec. 13. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 122A.414, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

45.10 Subd. 2. **Alternative teacher professional pay system.** (a) To participate in this program,  
 45.11 a school district, an intermediate school district consistent with paragraph (d), a school site,  
 45.12 or a charter school must have a world's best workforce plan under section 120B.11 and an  
 45.13 alternative teacher professional pay system agreement under paragraph (b). A charter school  
 45.14 participant also must comply with subdivision 2a.

45.15 (b) The alternative teacher professional pay system agreement must:

45.16 (1) describe how teachers can achieve career advancement and additional compensation;

45.17 (2) describe how the school district, intermediate school district, school site, or charter  
 45.18 school will provide teachers with career advancement options that allow teachers to retain  
 45.19 primary roles in student instruction and facilitate site-focused professional development  
 45.20 that helps other teachers improve their skills;

45.21 (3) reform the "steps and lanes" salary schedule, prevent any teacher's compensation  
 45.22 paid before implementing the pay system from being reduced as a result of participating in  
 45.23 this system, base at least 60 percent of any compensation increase on teacher performance  
 45.24 using:

45.25 (i) schoolwide student achievement gains under section 120B.35 or locally selected  
 45.26 standardized assessment outcomes, or both;

45.27 (ii) measures of student growth and literacy that may include value-added models or  
 45.28 student learning goals, consistent with section 122A.40, subdivision 8, paragraph (b), clause  
 45.29 (9), or 122A.41, subdivision 5, paragraph (b), clause (9), and other measures that include  
 45.30 the academic literacy, oral academic language, and achievement of English learners under  
 45.31 section 122A.40, subdivision 8, paragraph (b), clause (10), or 122A.41, subdivision 5,  
 45.32 paragraph (b), clause (10); and

46.1 (iii) an objective evaluation program under section 122A.40, subdivision 8, paragraph  
46.2 (b), clause (2), or 122A.41, subdivision 5, paragraph (b), clause (2);

46.3 (4) provide for participation in job-embedded learning opportunities such as professional  
46.4 learning communities to improve instructional skills and learning that are aligned with  
46.5 student needs under section 120B.11, consistent with the staff development plan under  
46.6 section 122A.60 and led during the school day by trained teacher leaders such as master or  
46.7 mentor teachers;

46.8 (5) allow any teacher in a participating school district, intermediate school district, school  
46.9 site, or charter school that implements an alternative pay system to participate in that system  
46.10 without any quota or other limit; and

46.11 (6) encourage collaboration rather than competition among teachers.

46.12 (c) The alternative teacher professional pay system may:

46.13 (1) include a hiring bonus or other added compensation ~~for~~ to provide students with  
46.14 equitable access to teachers who, consistent with section 120B.11, subdivision 2, clause  
46.15 (3):

46.16 (i) are identified as effective or highly effective under the local teacher professional  
46.17 review cycle ~~and~~ or, when being considered for hire as first-year teachers, have demonstrated  
46.18 skills during student teaching for being highly effective at closing achievement gaps;

46.19 (ii) work in a high-need or hard-to-fill position; or

46.20 (iii) are hired to work in a hard-to-staff school such as a school with a majority of students  
46.21 whose families meet federal poverty guidelines, a geographically isolated school, or a school  
46.22 identified by the state as eligible for targeted programs or services for its students; ~~and~~

46.23 (2) include incentives for teachers to obtain a master's degree or other advanced  
46.24 certification with at least 18 credits in their content field of licensure required for teaching  
46.25 concurrent enrollment or college in the schools courses, or to pursue the training or education  
46.26 necessary to obtain an additional licensure in shortage areas identified by the district or  
46.27 charter school; or

46.28 (3) help fund a ~~"grow your own"~~ Grow Your Own new teacher initiative involving  
46.29 nonlicensed educational professionals, including paraprofessionals and cultural liaisons,  
46.30 who are of color or who are American Indian.

47.1 (d) An intermediate school district under this subdivision must demonstrate in a form  
 47.2 and manner determined by the commissioner that it uses the aid it receives under this section  
 47.3 for activities identified in the alternative teacher professional pay system agreement.

47.4 Sec. 14. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 122A.415, subdivision 4, is amended to read:

47.5 Subd. 4. **Basic alternative teacher compensation aid.** (a) The basic alternative teacher  
 47.6 compensation aid for a school with a plan approved under section 122A.414, subdivision  
 47.7 2b, equals 65 percent of the alternative teacher compensation revenue under subdivision 1.  
 47.8 The basic alternative teacher compensation aid for a charter school with a plan approved  
 47.9 under section 122A.414, subdivisions 2a and 2b, equals \$260 times the number of pupils  
 47.10 enrolled in the school on October 1 of the previous year, or on October 1 of the current year  
 47.11 for a charter school in the first year of operation, times the ratio of the sum of the alternative  
 47.12 teacher compensation aid and alternative teacher compensation levy for all participating  
 47.13 school districts to the maximum alternative teacher compensation revenue for those districts  
 47.14 under subdivision 1.

47.15 (b) Notwithstanding paragraph (a) and subdivision 1, the state total basic alternative  
 47.16 teacher compensation aid entitlement must not exceed \$75,840,000 for fiscal year 2016 and  
 47.17 \$88,118,000 for fiscal year 2017 and later. The commissioner must limit the amount of  
 47.18 alternative teacher compensation aid approved under this section so as not to exceed these  
 47.19 limits by not approving new participants or by prorating the aid among participating districts,  
 47.20 intermediate school districts, school sites, and charter schools. The commissioner may also  
 47.21 reallocate a portion of the allowable aid for the biennium from the second year to the first  
 47.22 year to meet the needs of approved participants.

47.23 (c) Basic alternative teacher compensation aid for an intermediate district or other  
 47.24 cooperative unit equals \$3,000 times the number of licensed teachers employed by the  
 47.25 intermediate district or cooperative unit on October 1 of the previous school year.

47.26 Sec. 15. **[122A.417] ALTERNATIVE TEACHER COMPENSATION REVENUE**  
 47.27 **FOR ST. CROIX RIVER EDUCATION DISTRICT.**

47.28 Notwithstanding section 122A.415, subdivision 4, paragraph (c), the St. Croix River  
 47.29 Education District, No. 6009-61, is eligible to receive alternative teacher compensation  
 47.30 revenue based on its staffing as of October 1 of the previous fiscal year. To qualify for  
 47.31 alternative teacher compensation revenue, the St. Croix River Education District must meet  
 47.32 all the requirements of sections 122A.414 and 122A.415 that apply to cooperative units,  
 47.33 must report its staffing as of October 1 of each year to the department in a manner determined

48.1 by the commissioner, and must annually report to the department by November 30 its  
 48.2 expenditures for the alternative teacher professional pay system consistent with the uniform  
 48.3 financial accounting and reporting standards.

48.4 Sec. 16. **[122A.627] POSITIVE BEHAVIORAL INTERVENTIONS AND SUPPORTS.**

48.5 "Positive behavioral interventions and supports" or "PBIS" means an evidence-based  
 48.6 framework for preventing problem behavior, providing instruction and support for positive  
 48.7 and prosocial behaviors, and supporting social, emotional, and behavioral needs for all  
 48.8 students. Schoolwide implementation of PBIS requires training, coaching, and evaluation  
 48.9 for school staff to consistently implement the key components that make PBIS effective for  
 48.10 all students, including:

48.11 (1) establishing, defining, teaching, and practicing three to five positively stated  
 48.12 schoolwide behavioral expectations that are representative of the local community and  
 48.13 cultures;

48.14 (2) developing and implementing a consistent system used by all staff to provide positive  
 48.15 feedback and acknowledgment for students who display schoolwide behavioral expectations;

48.16 (3) developing and implementing a consistent and specialized support system for students  
 48.17 who do not display behaviors representative of schoolwide positive expectations;

48.18 (4) developing a system to support decisions based on data related to student progress,  
 48.19 effective implementation of behavioral practices, and screening for students requiring  
 48.20 additional behavior supports;

48.21 (5) using a continuum of evidence-based interventions that is integrated and aligned to  
 48.22 support academic and behavioral success for all students; and

48.23 (6) using a team-based approach to support effective implementation, monitor progress,  
 48.24 and evaluate outcomes.

48.25 Sec. 17. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 122A.70, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

48.26 Subdivision 1. **Teacher mentoring, induction, and retention programs.** (a) School  
 48.27 districts are encouraged to develop teacher mentoring, induction, and retention programs  
 48.28 for teachers new to the profession or district, including teaching residents, teachers in  
 48.29 high-need fields, teachers of color, teachers who are American Indian, teachers with special  
 48.30 needs, or experienced teachers in need of peer coaching.

49.1 (b) Teacher mentoring programs must support districts' teacher evaluation and peer  
 49.2 review processes under sections 122A.40, subdivision 8, and 122A.41, subdivision 5. A  
 49.3 district may use staff development revenue under sections 122A.60 and 122A.61, special  
 49.4 grant programs established by the legislature, or another funding source to pay a stipend of  
 49.5 up to \$500 to a mentor.

49.6 Sec. 18. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 124D.09, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

49.7 Subd. 3. **Definitions.** For purposes of this section, the following terms have the meanings  
 49.8 given to them.

49.9 (a) "Eligible institution" means a Minnesota public postsecondary institution, a private,  
 49.10 nonprofit two-year trade and technical school granting associate degrees, an opportunities  
 49.11 industrialization center accredited by the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools,  
 49.12 or a private, residential, two-year or four-year, liberal arts, degree-granting college or  
 49.13 university located in Minnesota.

49.14 (b) "Course" means a course or program.

49.15 (c) "Concurrent enrollment" means nonsectarian courses in which an eligible pupil under  
 49.16 subdivision 5 or 6 enrolls to earn both secondary and postsecondary credits, are taught by  
 49.17 a secondary teacher or a postsecondary faculty member, and are offered at a high school  
 49.18 for which the district is eligible to receive concurrent enrollment program aid under section  
 49.19 124D.091.

49.20 Sec. 19. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 124D.09, subdivision 5, is amended to read:

49.21 Subd. 5. **Authorization; notification.** Notwithstanding any other law to the contrary,  
 49.22 an 11th or 12th grade pupil enrolled in a school or an American Indian-controlled tribal  
 49.23 contract or grant school eligible for aid under section 124D.83, except a foreign exchange  
 49.24 pupil enrolled in a district under a cultural exchange program, may apply to an eligible  
 49.25 institution, as defined in subdivision 3, to enroll in nonsectarian courses offered by that  
 49.26 postsecondary institution. ~~Notwithstanding any other law to the contrary, a 9th or 10th grade~~  
 49.27 ~~pupil enrolled in a district or an American Indian-controlled tribal contract or grant school~~  
 49.28 ~~eligible for aid under section 124D.83, except a foreign exchange pupil enrolled in a district~~  
 49.29 ~~under a cultural exchange program, may apply to enroll in nonsectarian courses offered~~  
 49.30 ~~under subdivision 10, if (1) the school district and the eligible postsecondary institution~~  
 49.31 ~~providing the course agree to the student's enrollment or (2) the course is a world language~~  
 49.32 ~~course currently available to 11th and 12th grade students, and consistent with section~~  
 49.33 ~~120B.022 governing world language standards, certificates, and seals.~~ If an institution

50.1 accepts a secondary pupil for enrollment under this section, the institution shall send written  
 50.2 notice to the pupil, the pupil's school or school district, and the commissioner ~~within ten~~  
 50.3 ~~days of acceptance~~. The notice must indicate the course and hours of enrollment of that  
 50.4 pupil. If the pupil enrolls in a course for postsecondary credit, the institution must notify  
 50.5 the pupil about payment in the customary manner used by the institution.

50.6 Sec. 20. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 124D.09, is amended by adding a subdivision  
 50.7 to read:

50.8 Subd. 5b. **Authorization; 9th or 10th grade pupil.** Notwithstanding any other law to  
 50.9 the contrary, a 9th or 10th grade pupil enrolled in a district or an American Indian-controlled  
 50.10 tribal contract or grant school eligible for aid under section 124D.83, except a foreign  
 50.11 exchange pupil enrolled in a district under a cultural exchange program, may apply to enroll  
 50.12 in nonsectarian courses offered under subdivision 10, if:

50.13 (1) the school district and the eligible postsecondary institution providing the course  
 50.14 agree to the student's enrollment; or

50.15 (2) the course is a world language course currently available to 11th and 12th grade  
 50.16 students, and consistent with section 120B.022 governing world language standards,  
 50.17 certificates, and seals.

50.18 Sec. 21. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 124D.09, subdivision 10, is amended to read:

50.19 Subd. 10. **Courses according to agreements.** (a) An eligible pupil, according to  
 50.20 subdivision 5, may enroll in a nonsectarian course taught by a secondary teacher or a  
 50.21 postsecondary faculty member and offered at a secondary school, or another location,  
 50.22 according to an agreement between a public school board and the governing body of an  
 50.23 eligible public postsecondary system or an eligible private postsecondary institution, as  
 50.24 defined in subdivision 3. All provisions of this section shall apply to a pupil, public school  
 50.25 board, district, and the governing body of a postsecondary institution, except as otherwise  
 50.26 provided.

50.27 (b) To encourage students, especially American Indian students and students of color,  
 50.28 to consider teaching as a profession, participating schools, school districts, and postsecondary  
 50.29 institutions are encouraged to develop and offer an "Introduction to Teaching" or  
 50.30 "Introduction to Education" course under this subdivision. An institution that receives a  
 50.31 grant to develop a course under this paragraph must annually report to the commissioner  
 50.32 in a form and manner determined by the commissioner on the participation rates of students

51.1 in courses under this paragraph, including the number of students who apply for admission  
 51.2 to colleges or universities with teacher preparation programs.

51.3 Sec. 22. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 124D.09, subdivision 13, is amended to read:

51.4 Subd. 13. **Financial arrangements.** For a pupil enrolled in a course under this section,  
 51.5 the department must make payments according to this subdivision for courses that were  
 51.6 taken for secondary credit.

51.7 The department must not make payments to a school district or postsecondary institution  
 51.8 for a course taken for postsecondary credit only. The department must not make payments  
 51.9 to a postsecondary institution for a course from which a student officially withdraws during  
 51.10 the first 14 days of the quarter or semester or who has been absent from the postsecondary  
 51.11 institution for the first 15 consecutive school days of the quarter or semester and is not  
 51.12 receiving instruction in the home or hospital.

51.13 A postsecondary institution shall receive the following:

51.14 (1) for an institution granting quarter credit, the reimbursement per credit hour shall be  
 51.15 an amount equal to 88 percent of the product of the formula allowance minus \$425, multiplied  
 51.16 by 1.2, and divided by 45; or

51.17 (2) for an institution granting semester credit, the reimbursement per credit hour shall  
 51.18 be an amount equal to 88 percent of the product of the general revenue formula allowance  
 51.19 minus \$425, multiplied by 1.2, and divided by 30.

51.20 The department must pay to each postsecondary institution 100 percent of the amount  
 51.21 in clause (1) or (2) within ~~30~~45 days of receiving initial enrollment information each quarter  
 51.22 or semester. If changes in enrollment occur during a quarter or semester, the change shall  
 51.23 be reported by the postsecondary institution at the time the enrollment information for the  
 51.24 succeeding quarter or semester is submitted. At any time the department notifies a  
 51.25 postsecondary institution that an overpayment has been made, the institution shall promptly  
 51.26 remit the amount due.

51.27 Sec. 23. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 124D.68, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

51.28 Subd. 2. **Eligible pupils.** (a) A pupil under the age of 21 or who meets the requirements  
 51.29 of section 120A.20, subdivision 1, paragraph (c), is eligible to participate in the graduation  
 51.30 incentives program, if the pupil:

51.31 (1) performs substantially below the performance level for pupils of the same age in a  
 51.32 locally determined achievement test;

- 52.1 (2) is behind in satisfactorily completing coursework or obtaining credits for graduation;
- 52.2 (3) is pregnant or is a parent;
- 52.3 (4) has been assessed as chemically dependent;
- 52.4 (5) has been excluded or expelled according to sections 121A.40 to 121A.56;
- 52.5 (6) has been referred by a school district for enrollment in an eligible program or a
- 52.6 program pursuant to section 124D.69;
- 52.7 (7) is a victim of physical or sexual abuse;
- 52.8 (8) has experienced mental health problems;
- 52.9 (9) has experienced homelessness sometime within six months before requesting a
- 52.10 transfer to an eligible program;
- 52.11 (10) speaks English as a second language or is an English learner; or
- 52.12 (11) has withdrawn from school or has been chronically truant; or
- 52.13 (12) is being treated in a hospital in the seven-county metropolitan area for cancer or
- 52.14 other life threatening illness or is the sibling of an eligible pupil who is being currently
- 52.15 treated, and resides with the pupil's family at least 60 miles beyond the outside boundary
- 52.16 of the seven-county metropolitan area.

52.17 (b) For ~~the 2016-2017 school year~~ fiscal years 2017 and 2018 only, a pupil otherwise

52.18 qualifying under paragraph (a) who is at least 21 years of age and not yet 22 years of age,

52.19 is an English learner with an interrupted formal education according to section 124D.59,

52.20 subdivision 2a, and was in an early middle college program during the previous school year

52.21 is eligible to participate in the graduation incentives program under section 124D.68 and

52.22 in concurrent enrollment courses offered under section 124D.09, subdivision 10, and is

52.23 funded in the same manner as other pupils under this section.

52.24 Sec. 24. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 124D.695, is amended to read:

52.25 **124D.695 APPROVED RECOVERY PROGRAM FUNDING.**

52.26 Subdivision 1. **Approved recovery program.** "Approved recovery program" means a

52.27 course of instruction offered by a recovery school that provides academic services, assistance

52.28 with recovery, and continuing care to students recovering from substance abuse or

52.29 dependency. A recovery program may be offered in a transitional academic setting designed

52.30 to meet graduation requirements. A recovery program must be approved by the commissioner

52.31 of education. The commissioner may specify the manner and form of the application for

53.1 the approval of a recovery school or recovery program. The commissioner must also approve  
 53.2 any unreimbursed pupil transportation costs incurred by students participating in an approved  
 53.3 recovery program.

53.4 Subd. 2. **Eligibility.** (a) An approved recovery program is eligible for an annual recovery  
 53.5 program grant of up to \$125,000 to pay for a portion of the costs of under this section for  
 53.6 recovery program support staff under this section and approved pupil transportation expenses.

53.7 (b) "Recovery program support staff" means licensed alcohol and chemical dependency  
 53.8 counselors, licensed school counselors, licensed school psychologists, licensed school  
 53.9 nurses, and licensed school social workers.

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

53.11 Sec. 25. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 124D.98, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

53.12 Subdivision 1. **Literacy incentive aid.** (a) A district's literacy incentive aid equals the  
 53.13 sum of the proficiency aid under subdivision 2, and the growth aid under subdivision 3.

53.14 (b) For fiscal year 2018 and later, the commissioner must prorate the aid under this  
 53.15 subdivision to ensure that the aid entitlement does not exceed \$45,972,000.

53.16 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective for revenue in fiscal year 2018 and later.

53.17 Sec. 26. **[124D.99] INNOVATION ZONES.**

53.18 Subdivision 1. **Establishment; requirements for participation; innovation zone plans.**

53.19 (a) The innovation zone program is established to improve student and school outcomes  
 53.20 consistent with the world's best workforce requirements under section 120B.11. Innovation  
 53.21 zone partnerships allow school districts and charter schools to research and implement  
 53.22 innovative education programming models designed to better prepare students for the world  
 53.23 of the 21st century.

53.24 (b) One or more school districts or charter schools may join together to form an innovation  
 53.25 zone partnership. The partnership may include other nonschool partners, including  
 53.26 postsecondary institutions, other units of local government, nonprofit organizations, and  
 53.27 for-profit organizations. An innovation zone plan must be collaboratively developed in  
 53.28 concert with the school's instructional staff.

53.29 (c) An innovation zone partnership must research and implement innovative education  
 53.30 programs and models that are based on proposed hypotheses. An innovation zone plan may

54.1 include an emerging practice not yet supported by peer-reviewed research. Examples of  
 54.2 innovation zone research may include, but are not limited to:

54.3 (1) personalized learning, allowing students to excel at their own pace and according to  
 54.4 their interests, aspirations, and unique needs;

54.5 (2) new approaches to evaluation and assessment, including reducing duplicative  
 54.6 assessments, using fully adaptive on- and off-grade assessments, and using assessments to  
 54.7 identify early targeted interventions;

54.8 (3) the use of competency outcomes rather than seat time and course completion to fulfill  
 54.9 standards, credits, and other graduation requirements;

54.10 (4) multidisciplinary, real-world, inquiry-based, student-directed models designed to  
 54.11 make learning more engaging and relevant, including documenting and validating learning  
 54.12 that takes place beyond the school day and school walls;

54.13 (5) models of instruction designed to close the achievement gap, including new models  
 54.14 for prekindergarten learners, age three to grade 3 models, English as a second language  
 54.15 models, early identification and prevention of mental health issues, and others;

54.16 (6) new partnerships between secondary schools and postsecondary institutions,  
 54.17 employers, or career training institutions enabling students to complete industry certifications,  
 54.18 postsecondary education credits, and other credentials;

54.19 (7) new methods of collaborative leadership including the expansion of schools where  
 54.20 teachers have larger professional roles;

54.21 (8) new ways to enhance parental and community involvement in learning;

54.22 (9) new models of professional development for educators including embedded  
 54.23 professional development; or

54.24 (10) new models in other areas such as whole child instruction, social-emotional skill  
 54.25 development, technology-based or blended learning, parent and community involvement,  
 54.26 professional development and mentoring, and models that increase the return on investment.

54.27 (d) An innovation zone plan submitted to the commissioner must describe:

54.28 (1) how the plan will improve student and school outcomes consistent with the world's  
 54.29 best workforce requirements under section 120B.11;

54.30 (2) the role of each partner in the zone;

54.31 (3) the research methodology used for each proposed action in the plan;

55.1 (4) the exemptions from statutes and rules in subdivision 2 that the innovation zone  
 55.2 partnership will use;

55.3 (5) a timeline for implementing the plan; and

55.4 (6) how results of the plan will be disseminated.

55.5 The governing board for each partner must approve the innovation zone plan. Innovation  
 55.6 zone partnerships may, but are not required to, submit an implementation grant application  
 55.7 with their plan under subdivision 3.

55.8 (e) Upon unanimous approval of the initial innovation zone partners and approval of the  
 55.9 commissioner of education, the innovation zone partnership may extend membership to  
 55.10 other partners. A new partner's membership is effective 30 days after the innovation zone  
 55.11 partnership notifies the commissioner of the proposed change in membership unless the  
 55.12 commissioner disapproves the new partner's membership.

55.13 (f) Notwithstanding other law to the contrary, a school district or charter school  
 55.14 participating in an innovation zone partnership under this section continues to receive all  
 55.15 revenue and maintains its taxation authority in the same manner as before its participation  
 55.16 in the innovation zone partnership. The innovation zone school district and charter school  
 55.17 partners remain organized and governed by their respective school boards with general  
 55.18 powers under chapter 123B or 124E, and remain subject to any employment agreements  
 55.19 under chapters 122A and 179A. School district and charter school employees participating  
 55.20 in an innovation zone partnership remain employees of their respective school district or  
 55.21 charter school.

55.22 Subd. 2. **Exemptions from laws and rules.** Notwithstanding any law to the contrary,  
 55.23 an innovation zone partner with an approved plan is exempt from each of the following  
 55.24 state education laws and rules specifically identified in its plan, none of which may be  
 55.25 construed as exempting an innovation zone partner from the Minnesota Comprehensive  
 55.26 Assessments:

55.27 (1) any law or rule a district-created, site-governed school under section 123B.045 is  
 55.28 exempt from;

55.29 (2) any statute or rule that the commissioner has granted exemption from to another  
 55.30 district or charter school;

55.31 (3) student attendance recording requiring more than one count each day;

56.1 (4) high school curricular or graduation requirements that may be met through the adult  
56.2 learning programs provided under sections 124D.52, subdivision 9, and 126C.05, subdivision  
56.3 15, paragraph (b), clause (i);

56.4 (5) individual course requirements under sections 120B.021 and 120B.024 for Algebra  
56.5 II for a student if enrolled in a course in applied mathematics, science, technology,  
56.6 engineering, math, or other learning experience determined by the innovation zone plan to  
56.7 be equivalent to Algebra II, and that is aligned with that student's career plans;

56.8 (6) online learning program approval under section 124D.095, subdivision 7, if the  
56.9 school district or charter school offers a course or program online combined with direct  
56.10 access to a teacher for a portion of that course or program;

56.11 (7) restrictions on extended time revenue under section 126C.10, subdivision 2a, for a  
56.12 student who meets the criteria of section 124D.68, subdivision 2;

56.13 (8) calendar and credit restrictions under section 120B.024 and related rules if the student  
56.14 meets the competencies required for graduation described in the innovation zone plan and  
56.15 the student completes either a career certification or one or more years of postsecondary  
56.16 education; and

56.17 (9) any required hours of instruction in any class or subject area, measured by Carnegie  
56.18 units or otherwise, for a student who is meeting all competencies consistent with the  
56.19 graduation standards described in the innovation zone plan.

56.20 Subd. 3. **Planning and implementation grants.** (a) An innovation zone partnership  
56.21 may submit an application for approval of the innovation zone plan, a planning grant, or an  
56.22 implementation grant.

56.23 (b) An innovation zone partnership may submit its plan at any time to the commissioner  
56.24 in the form and manner specified by the commissioner. The commissioner must approve  
56.25 or reject the plan after reviewing the recommendation of the Innovation Zone Advisory  
56.26 Panel. An initial innovation zone plan that has been rejected by the commissioner may be  
56.27 resubmitted to the commissioner after the innovation zone partnership has modified the  
56.28 plan to meet each individually identified objection.

56.29 (c) An application for an innovation zone planning grant may be submitted to the  
56.30 commissioner at any time in the form and manner specified by the commissioner. The  
56.31 planning grant application must:

56.32 (1) name each member of the partnership;

57.1 (2) identify the hypotheses or practices the innovation zone will implement based upon  
57.2 the research and methodology design cited in the plan;

57.3 (3) describe how teachers and other educational staff from the affected school sites will  
57.4 be included in the planning and implementation process;

57.5 (4) propose a timeline of activities to develop an implementation plan; and

57.6 (5) describe the planning process budget.

57.7 In any year in which funds are available, the commissioner must approve or reject the  
57.8 planning grant application based on the recommendations of the Innovation Zone Advisory  
57.9 Panel. A planning grant may be awarded for up to two years.

57.10 (d) An application for an implementation grant must be submitted by April 1 of any year  
57.11 in the form and manner specified by the commissioner. An application for an implementation  
57.12 grant must include all of the information included in the planning grant, describe how the  
57.13 plan will be implemented, and include a detailed budget. By May 1 of each year, the  
57.14 commissioner must approve or reject the grant application based on the recommendation  
57.15 of the Innovation Zone Advisory Panel and the availability of funds. An implementation  
57.16 grant may be awarded for up to four years and may be renewed. An innovation zone  
57.17 partnership may apply for an implementation grant without having first applied for a planning  
57.18 grant.

57.19 Subd. 4. **Innovation Zone Advisory Panel.** (a) The commissioner must establish and  
57.20 convene an Innovation Zone Advisory Panel.

57.21 (b) The panel must be composed of 14 members. One member must be appointed by  
57.22 each of the following organizations: Education Minnesota, Minnesota Association of  
57.23 Secondary School Principals, Minnesota Elementary School Principals' Association,  
57.24 Minnesota Association of School Administrators, Minnesota School Boards Association,  
57.25 Minnesota Association of Charter Schools, Center for Applied Research and Educational  
57.26 Improvement at the University of Minnesota, and the Office of Higher Education. Six  
57.27 members must be appointed by the commissioner of education, three of whom must have  
57.28 expertise in innovation and three must have expertise in evaluation and research.

57.29 (c) The panel must:

57.30 (1) review all innovation zone plans submitted for approval; and

57.31 (2) recommend planning and implementation grant amounts for each qualifying applicant.

58.1 Subd. 5. **Commissioner approval.** Upon review of the evidence submitted, the  
58.2 commissioner may approve an innovation zone plan. Upon recommendation of the Innovation  
58.3 Zone Advisory Panel, and subject to available appropriations, the commissioner shall award  
58.4 planning and implementation grants to qualifying applicants. The commissioner shall  
58.5 consider geographical distribution when awarding grants. If an innovation zone partnership  
58.6 fails to implement its innovation zone plan as described in its application and according to  
58.7 the stated timeline, upon recommendation of the Innovation Zone Advisory Panel, the  
58.8 commissioner must alert the partnership members and provide the opportunity to remediate.  
58.9 If implementation continues to fail, the commissioner must suspend or terminate the  
58.10 innovation zone plan.

58.11 Subd. 6. **Project evaluation, dissemination, and report to legislature.** Each innovation  
58.12 zone partnership must submit project data to the commissioner in the form and manner  
58.13 provided for in the approved application. At least once every two years, the commissioner  
58.14 must analyze each innovation zone's progress in realizing the objectives of the innovation  
58.15 zone partnership's plan. The commissioner must summarize and categorize innovation zone  
58.16 plans and submit a report to the education committees of the legislature by February 1 of  
58.17 each odd-numbered year. The report may include recommendations for improving this  
58.18 section and describe additional statutes and rules from which innovation zone partnerships  
58.19 may be exempt.

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

58.21 Sec. 27. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 124E.03, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

58.22 **Subd. 2. Certain federal, state, and local requirements.** (a) A charter school shall  
58.23 meet all federal, state, and local health and safety requirements applicable to school districts.

58.24 (b) A school must comply with statewide accountability requirements governing standards  
58.25 and assessments in chapter 120B.

58.26 (c) A charter school must comply with the Minnesota Public School Fee Law, sections  
58.27 123B.34 to 123B.39.

58.28 (d) A charter school is a district for the purposes of tort liability under chapter 466.

58.29 (e) A charter school must comply with the Pledge of Allegiance requirement under  
58.30 section 121A.11, subdivision 3.

58.31 (f) A charter school and charter school board of directors must comply with chapter 181  
58.32 governing requirements for employment.

59.1 (g) A charter school must comply with continuing truant notification under section  
59.2 260A.03.

59.3 (h) A charter school must develop and implement a teacher evaluation and peer review  
59.4 process under section 122A.40, subdivision 8, paragraph (b), clauses (2) to (13), and  
59.5 paragraph (d). The teacher evaluation process in this paragraph does not create any additional  
59.6 employment rights for teachers.

59.7 (i) A charter school must adopt a policy, plan, budget, and process, consistent with  
59.8 section 120B.11, to review curriculum, instruction, and student achievement and strive for  
59.9 the world's best workforce.

59.10 (j) A charter school is subject to and must comply with the Pupil Fair Dismissal Act,  
59.11 sections 121A.40 to 121A.56.

59.12 Sec. 28. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 124E.05, is amended by adding a subdivision  
59.13 to read:

59.14 Subd. 2a. **Role, responsibilities, and requirements of authorizers.** (a) The role of an  
59.15 authorizer is to ensure that the schools it authorizes fulfill the purposes for chartered public  
59.16 schools and the agreed-upon terms of the charter contract in order to safeguard quality  
59.17 educational opportunities for students and maintain public trust and confidence.

59.18 (b) An authorizer has the following responsibilities:

59.19 (1) to review applications for new schools and grade and site expansions of current  
59.20 schools and determine whether to approve or deny the applications based on sound criteria  
59.21 and needs;

59.22 (2) to negotiate and execute performance charter contracts with the schools it authorizes;

59.23 (3) to conduct ongoing monitoring and oversight of the school's academic, operational,  
59.24 and financial performance commensurate with the school's circumstances during the term  
59.25 of the charter contract; and

59.26 (4) to evaluate the academic, operational, and financial performance of the school as  
59.27 defined in the charter contract prior to the end of the contract to determine the renewal status  
59.28 or termination of the contract.

59.29 (c) The commissioner shall not require an authorizer to undertake any role or  
59.30 responsibility beyond those in statute or the charter contract, or perform any oversight  
59.31 function which the department exercises in relation to any other public school.

60.1 (d) The authorizer shall document in the annual income and expenditure report under  
 60.2 subdivision 8 the training its staff and consultants participated in during the previous school  
 60.3 year relative to chartering and authorizer role and responsibilities.

60.4 (e) The authorizer must participate in annual department-approved training.

60.5 Sec. 29. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 124E.05, subdivision 4, is amended to read:

60.6 Subd. 4. **Application content.** (a) To be approved as an authorizer, an applicant must  
 60.7 include in its application to the commissioner at least the following:

60.8 (1) how the organization carries out its mission by chartering schools;

60.9 (2) a description of the capacity of the organization to serve as an authorizer, including  
 60.10 the positions allocated to authorizing duties, the qualifications for those positions, the  
 60.11 full-time equivalencies of those positions, and the financial resources available to fund the  
 60.12 positions;

60.13 (3) the application and review process the authorizer uses to decide whether to grant  
 60.14 charters;

60.15 (4) the type of contract it arranges with the schools it charters to meet the provisions of  
 60.16 section 124E.10;

60.17 (5) the process for overseeing the school, consistent with clause (4), to ensure that the  
 60.18 schools chartered comply with applicable law and rules and the contract;

60.19 (6) the criteria and process the authorizer uses to approve applications adding grades or  
 60.20 sites under section 124E.06, subdivision 5; and

60.21 (7) the process for renewing or terminating the school's charter based on evidence  
 60.22 showing the academic, organizational, and financial competency of the school, including  
 60.23 its success in increasing student achievement and meeting the goals of the charter school  
 60.24 agreement; ~~and.~~

60.25 ~~(8) an assurance specifying that the organization is committed to serving as an authorizer~~  
 60.26 ~~for the full five-year term.~~

60.27 (b) Notwithstanding paragraph (a), an authorizer that is a school district may satisfy the  
 60.28 requirements of paragraph (a), clauses (1) and (2), and any requirement governing a conflict  
 60.29 of interest between an authorizer and its charter schools or ongoing evaluation or continuing  
 60.30 education of an administrator or other professional support staff by submitting to the  
 60.31 commissioner a written promise to comply with the requirements.

61.1 Sec. 30. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 124E.05, subdivision 7, is amended to read:

61.2 Subd. 7. **Withdrawal.** If the governing board of an approved authorizer votes to withdraw  
61.3 as an approved authorizer for a reason unrelated to any cause under section 124E.10,  
61.4 subdivision 4, the authorizer must notify all its chartered schools and the commissioner in  
61.5 writing by March 1 of its intent to withdraw as an authorizer on June 30 in the next calendar  
61.6 year, regardless of when the authorizer's five-year term of approval ends. Upon notification  
61.7 of the schools and commissioner, the authorizer must provide a letter to the school for  
61.8 distribution to families of students enrolled in the school that explains the decision to  
61.9 withdraw as an authorizer and outlines the process the authorizer will undertake to assist  
61.10 the school's transfer to another authorizer. The commissioner may approve the transfer of  
61.11 a charter school to a new authorizer under section 124E.10, subdivision ~~5~~ 5a.

61.12 Sec. 31. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 124E.06, subdivision 7, is amended to read:

61.13 Subd. 7. **Merger.** (a) Two or more charter schools may merge under chapter 317A. The  
61.14 effective date of a merger must be July 1. The merged school must continue under the  
61.15 identity of one of the merging schools. The authorizer and the merged school must execute  
61.16 a new charter contract under section 124E.10, subdivision 1, by July 1. The authorizer must  
61.17 submit to the commissioner a copy of the new signed charter contract within ten business  
61.18 days of executing the contract.

61.19 (b) Each merging school must submit a separate year-end report for the previous fiscal  
61.20 year for that school only. After the final fiscal year of the premerger schools is closed out,  
61.21 each of those schools must transfer the fund balances and debts to the merged school.

61.22 (c) For its first year of operation, the merged school is eligible to receive aid from  
61.23 programs requiring approved applications equal to the sum of the aid of all of the merging  
61.24 schools. For aids based on prior year data, the merged school is eligible to receive aid for  
61.25 its first year of operation based on the combined data of all of the merging schools.

61.26 (d) A charter school notified that its contract is not being renewed or terminated under  
61.27 section 124E.10, subdivision 4, may merge with another school only if the school proposing  
61.28 to take over the school:

61.29 (1) has a compatible academic or learning program;

61.30 (2) had, as of June 30 of the previous year, a net positive unreserved general fund balance  
61.31 for at least three fiscal years; and

61.32 (3) submits a plan for the assimilation of the schools into a merged school that is approved  
61.33 by the authorizers of the schools involved in the merger.

62.1 After approving the school's plan for the assimilation of the schools into a merged school,  
 62.2 the authorizer shall submit an affidavit in the form and manner prescribed by the  
 62.3 commissioner at least 60 business days prior to contract nonrenewal or contract termination.

62.4 Sec. 32. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 124E.07, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

62.5 Subd. 3. **Membership criteria.** (a) The ongoing charter school board of directors shall  
 62.6 have at least five nonrelated members and include: (1) at least one licensed teacher who is  
 62.7 employed as a teacher ~~at~~ by the school or provides instruction under contract between the  
 62.8 charter school and a cooperative; (2) at least one parent or legal guardian of a student enrolled  
 62.9 in the charter school who is not an employee of the charter school; and (3) at least one  
 62.10 interested community member who resides in Minnesota, is not employed by the charter  
 62.11 school, and does not have a child enrolled in the school. The board structure may include  
 62.12 a majority of teachers under this paragraph or parents or community members, or it may  
 62.13 have no clear majority. ~~The chief financial officer and the chief administrator may only~~  
 62.14 ~~serve as ex-officio nonvoting board members.~~ No charter school employees shall serve on  
 62.15 the board other than teachers under clause (1). Contractors providing facilities, goods, or  
 62.16 services to a charter school shall not serve on the board of directors of the charter school.

62.17 (b) An individual is prohibited from serving as a member of the charter school board of  
 62.18 directors if: (1) the individual, an immediate family member, or the individual's partner is  
 62.19 a full or part owner or principal with a for-profit or nonprofit entity or independent contractor  
 62.20 with whom the charter school contracts, directly or indirectly, for professional services,  
 62.21 goods, or facilities; or (2) an immediate family member is an employee of the school. An  
 62.22 individual may serve as a member of the board of directors if no conflict of interest exists  
 62.23 under this paragraph, consistent with this section.

62.24 (c) A violation of paragraph (b) renders a contract voidable at the option of the  
 62.25 commissioner or the charter school board of directors. A member of a charter school board  
 62.26 of directors who violates paragraph (b) is individually liable to the charter school for any  
 62.27 damage caused by the violation.

62.28 (d) Any employee, agent, or board member of the authorizer who participates in initially  
 62.29 reviewing, approving, overseeing, evaluating, renewing, or not renewing the charter school  
 62.30 is ineligible to serve on the board of directors of a school chartered by that authorizer.

63.1 Sec. 33. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 124E.07, subdivision 4, is amended to read:

63.2 Subd. 4. **Board structure.** Board bylaws shall outline the process and procedures for  
63.3 changing the board's governance structure, consistent with chapter 317A. A board may  
63.4 change its governance structure only:

63.5 (1) by a majority vote of the board of directors ~~and~~;

63.6 (2) by a majority vote of the licensed teachers employed by the school as teachers,  
63.7 including licensed teachers providing instruction under a contract between the school and  
63.8 a cooperative; and

63.9 ~~(2)~~ (3) with the authorizer's approval.

63.10 Any change in board governance structure must conform with the board composition  
63.11 established under this section.

63.12 Sec. 34. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 124E.07, subdivision 7, is amended to read:

63.13 Subd. 7. **Training.** Every charter school board member, including voting and nonvoting  
63.14 ex-officio members, shall attend annual training throughout the member's term. All new  
63.15 board members shall attend initial training on the board's role and responsibilities,  
63.16 employment policies and practices, and financial management. A new board member who  
63.17 does not begin the required initial training within ~~six~~ three months after being seated and  
63.18 complete that training within ~~42~~ nine months after being seated is automatically ineligible  
63.19 to continue to serve as a board member. The school shall include in its annual report the  
63.20 training each board member attended during the previous year.

63.21 Sec. 35. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 124E.10, is amended by adding a subdivision  
63.22 to read:

63.23 Subd. 5a. **School transfer of authorizers.** (a) If the authorizer and the charter school  
63.24 board mutually agree to not renew the contract for a reason unrelated to any cause under  
63.25 subdivision 4, the authorizer and charter school must jointly submit to the commissioner a  
63.26 written and signed letter of their intent to mutually not renew the contract. The authorizer  
63.27 that is a party to the existing contract must inform the proposed authorizer about the fiscal,  
63.28 operational, and student performance status of the school, including unmet contract outcomes  
63.29 and other contractual obligations. The charter contract between the proposed authorizers  
63.30 and the school must identify and provide a plan to address any outstanding obligations. If  
63.31 the commissioner does not approve the transfer of authorizer, the current authorizer and the  
63.32 school may withdraw their letter of nonrenewal and enter into a new contract. If the

64.1 commissioner does not approve the transfer and the authorizer and school enter into a new  
64.2 contract without withdrawing their letter of nonrenewal, the school must be dissolved  
64.3 according to applicable law and the terms of the contract.

64.4 (b) If, at the end of a contract, a charter school board votes to not renew its contract with  
64.5 the authorizer, is not subject to action under an authorizer's established corrective action or  
64.6 intervention plan as defined in their current contract, and is not subject to action of the  
64.7 authorizer under subdivision 4, the charter school board must notify the authorizer and  
64.8 commissioner that it does not plan to renew the relationship with the authorizer. The  
64.9 authorizer that is party to the existing contract must inform the proposed authorizer about  
64.10 the fiscal, operational, and student performance status of the school. The charter contract  
64.11 between the proposed authorizer and the school must identify and provide a plan to address  
64.12 any performance issues identified by the current authorizer. If the commissioner does not  
64.13 approve the transfer of authorizers and the current authorizer and school do not enter into  
64.14 a new contract, the school must be dissolved according to applicable law and the terms of  
64.15 the contract.

64.16 (c) If the governing board of an approved authorizer votes to withdraw as an authorizer  
64.17 under section 124E.05, subdivision 7, the proposed authorizer may submit a transfer request  
64.18 to the commissioner at any time after the withdrawing authorizer has given proper notice  
64.19 to the commissioner and the schools it authorizes. The authorizer and school board of  
64.20 directors must, in a joint letter, notify families of students enrolled in the school of the date  
64.21 of the withdrawal, and outline the process to change authorizers, and the possible outcomes  
64.22 of that process. The commissioner shall have 20 business days to review the transfer request  
64.23 and notify the proposed authorizer and the school of the commissioner's decision. The  
64.24 proposed authorizer and the school have 15 business days to address any issues identified  
64.25 by the commissioner's review. The commissioner shall have 20 business days after the  
64.26 proposed authorizer and the school address any issues identified by the commissioner's  
64.27 initial review to make a final determination.

64.28 (d) If the commissioner withdraws the authority of the authorizer to authorize schools  
64.29 under section 124E.05, subdivision 6, the commissioner shall develop a transfer of authorizer  
64.30 plan with the authorizer, the charter school, and the proposed authorizer. This paragraph  
64.31 applies to schools not subject to nonrenewal for any cause under subdivision 4.

64.32 (e) Transfer requests with the proposed contracts under paragraphs (a) and (b) shall be  
64.33 submitted to the commissioner at least 105 business days before the end of an existing  
64.34 contract. The commissioner shall have 30 business days to review the transfer request and  
64.35 notify the proposed authorizer and the school of the commissioner's decision. The proposed

65.1 authorizer and the school shall have 15 business days to address any issues identified by  
65.2 the commissioner's review. The commissioner shall make a final determination of the transfer  
65.3 request not later than 45 business days before the end of the current contract.

65.4 Sec. 36. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 124E.11, is amended to read:

65.5 **124E.11 ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS AND ENROLLMENT.**

65.6 (a) A charter school, including its free preschool or prekindergarten program established  
65.7 under section 124E.06, subdivision 3, paragraph (b), may limit admission to:

65.8 (1) pupils within an age group or grade level;

65.9 (2) pupils who are eligible to participate in the graduation incentives program under  
65.10 section 124D.68; or

65.11 (3) residents of a specific geographic area in which the school is located when the  
65.12 majority of students served by the school are members of underserved populations.

65.13 (b) A charter school, including its free preschool or prekindergarten program established  
65.14 under section 124E.06, subdivision 3, paragraph (b), shall enroll an eligible pupil who  
65.15 submits a timely application, unless the number of applications exceeds the capacity of a  
65.16 program, class, grade level, or building. In this case, pupils must be accepted by lot. The  
65.17 charter school must develop and publish, including on its Web site, a lottery policy and  
65.18 process that it must use when accepting pupils by lot.

65.19 (c) A charter school shall give enrollment preference to a sibling of an enrolled pupil  
65.20 and to a foster child of that pupil's parents and may give preference for enrolling children  
65.21 of the school's staff before accepting other pupils by lot. A charter school that is located in  
65.22 Duluth township in St. Louis County and admits students in kindergarten through grade 6  
65.23 must give enrollment preference to students residing within a five-mile radius of the school  
65.24 and to the siblings of enrolled children. A charter school may give enrollment preference  
65.25 to children currently enrolled in the school's free preschool or prekindergarten program  
65.26 under section 124E.06, subdivision 3, paragraph (a), who are eligible to enroll in kindergarten  
65.27 in the next school year.

65.28 (d) A person shall not be admitted to a charter school (1) as a kindergarten pupil, unless  
65.29 the pupil is at least five years of age on September 1 of the calendar year in which the school  
65.30 year for which the pupil seeks admission commences; or (2) as a first grade student, unless  
65.31 the pupil is at least six years of age on September 1 of the calendar year in which the school  
65.32 year for which the pupil seeks admission commences or has completed kindergarten; except  
65.33 that a charter school may establish and publish on its Web site a policy for admission of

66.1 selected pupils at an earlier age, consistent with the enrollment process in paragraphs (b)  
66.2 and (c).

66.3 (e) Except as permitted in paragraph (d), a charter school, including its free preschool  
66.4 or prekindergarten program established under section 124E.06, subdivision 3, paragraph  
66.5 (b), may not limit admission to pupils on the basis of intellectual ability, measures of  
66.6 achievement or aptitude, or athletic ability and may not establish any criteria or requirements  
66.7 for admission that are inconsistent with this section.

66.8 (f) The charter school or any agent of the school shall not distribute any services or,  
66.9 goods, payments, or other incentives of value to students, parents, or guardians as an  
66.10 inducement, term, or condition of enrolling a student in a charter school.

66.11 (g) Once a student is enrolled in the school, the student is considered enrolled in the  
66.12 school until the ~~student formally withdraws~~ school receives a request for the transfer of  
66.13 educational records from another school or a written election by the parent or guardian of  
66.14 the student withdrawing the student, or the student is expelled under the Pupil Fair Dismissal  
66.15 Act in sections 121A.40 to 121A.56. A charter school is subject to and must comply with  
66.16 the Pupil Fair Dismissal Act, sections 121A.40 to 121A.56.

66.17 (h) A charter school with at least 90 percent of enrolled students who are eligible for  
66.18 special education services and have a primary disability of deaf or hard-of-hearing may  
66.19 enroll prekindergarten pupils with a disability under section 126C.05, subdivision 1,  
66.20 paragraph (a), and must comply with the federal Individuals with Disabilities Education  
66.21 Act under Code of Federal Regulations, title 34, section 300.324, subsection (2), clause  
66.22 (iv).

66.23 Sec. 37. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 124E.17, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

66.24 Subdivision 1. **Charter school information.** (a) Charter schools must disseminate  
66.25 information about how to use the charter school offerings to targeted groups, among others.  
66.26 Targeted groups include low-income families and communities, students of color, and  
66.27 students who are at risk of academic failure.

66.28 (b) Authorizers and the commissioner must disseminate information to the public on  
66.29 how to form and operate a charter school. Authorizers, operators, and the commissioner  
66.30 also may disseminate information to interested stakeholders about the successful best  
66.31 practices in teaching and learning demonstrated by charter schools.

66.32 (c) A charter school must document its dissemination efforts in its annual report.

67.1 Sec. 38. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 124E.22, is amended to read:

67.2 **124E.22 BUILDING LEASE AID.**

67.3 (a) When a charter school finds it economically advantageous to rent or lease a building  
67.4 or land for any instructional purpose and it determines that the total operating capital revenue  
67.5 under section 126C.10, subdivision 13, is insufficient for this purpose, it may apply to the  
67.6 commissioner for building lease aid. The commissioner must review and either approve or  
67.7 deny a lease aid application using the following criteria:

67.8 (1) the reasonableness of the price based on current market values;

67.9 (2) the extent to which the lease conforms to applicable state laws and rules; and

67.10 (3) the appropriateness of the proposed lease in the context of the space needs and  
67.11 financial circumstances of the charter school. The commissioner must approve aid only for  
67.12 a facility lease that has (i) a sum certain annual cost and (ii) a closure clause to relieve the  
67.13 charter school of its lease obligations at the time the charter contract is terminated or not  
67.14 renewed. The closure clause under item (ii) must not be constructed or construed to relieve  
67.15 the charter school of its lease obligations in effect before the charter contract is terminated  
67.16 or not renewed.

67.17 (b) A charter school must not use the building lease aid it receives for custodial,  
67.18 maintenance service, utility, or other operating costs.

67.19 (c) The amount of annual building lease aid for a charter school shall not exceed the  
67.20 lesser of (1) 90 percent of the approved cost or (2) the product of the charter school building  
67.21 lease aid pupil units served for the current school year times \$1,314.

67.22 (d) A charter school's building lease aid pupil units equals the sum of the charter school  
67.23 pupil units under section 126C.05 and the pupil units for the portion of the day that the  
67.24 charter school's enrolled students are participating in the Postsecondary Enrollment Options  
67.25 Act under section 124D.09 and not otherwise included in the pupil count under section  
67.26 126C.05.

67.27 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective for fiscal year 2018 and later.

67.28 Sec. 39. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 125A.56, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

67.29 Subdivision 1. **Requirement.** (a) Before a pupil is referred for a special education  
67.30 evaluation, the district must conduct and document at least two instructional strategies,  
67.31 alternatives, or interventions using a system of scientific, research-based instruction and  
67.32 intervention in academics or behavior, based on the pupil's needs, while the pupil is in the

68.1 regular classroom. The pupil's teacher must document the results. A special education  
 68.2 evaluation team may waive this requirement when it determines the pupil's need for the  
 68.3 evaluation is urgent. This section may not be used to deny a pupil's right to a special  
 68.4 education evaluation.

68.5 (b) A school district shall use alternative intervention services, including the assurance  
 68.6 of mastery program under section 124D.66, or an early intervening services program under  
 68.7 subdivision 2 to serve at-risk pupils who demonstrate a need for alternative instructional  
 68.8 strategies or interventions.

68.9 (c) A student identified as being unable to read at grade level under section 120B.12,  
 68.10 subdivision 2, paragraph (a), must be provided with alternate instruction under this  
 68.11 subdivision that is multisensory, systematic, sequential, cumulative, and explicit.

68.12 Sec. 40. Laws 2016, chapter 189, article 25, section 62, subdivision 7, is amended to read:

68.13 Subd. 7. **Education Innovation Partners Cooperative Center.** For a matching grant  
 68.14 to Education Innovation Partners Cooperative Center, No. 6091-50, to provide research-based  
 68.15 professional development services, on-site training, and leadership coaching to teachers  
 68.16 and other school staff:

68.17 \$ 500,000 ..... 2017

68.18 A grant under this subdivision must be matched with money or in-kind contributions  
 68.19 from nonstate sources. This is a onetime appropriation. This appropriation is available until  
 68.20 June 30, 2019.

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

68.22 Sec. 41. **AGRICULTURAL EDUCATOR GRANTS.**

68.23 Subdivision 1. Grant program established. A grant program is established to support  
 68.24 school districts in paying agricultural education teachers for work over the summer with  
 68.25 high school students in extended programs.

68.26 Subd. 2. Application. The commissioner of education shall develop the form and method  
 68.27 for applying for the grants. The commissioner shall develop criteria for determining the  
 68.28 allocation of the grants, including appropriate goals for the use of the grants.

68.29 Subd. 3. Grant awards. Grant funding under this section must be matched by funding  
 68.30 from the school district for the agricultural education teacher's summer employment. Grant  
 68.31 funding for each teacher is limited to the one-half share of 40 working days.

69.1 Subd. 4. Reports. School districts that receive grant funds shall report to the  
 69.2 commissioner of education no later than December 31 of each year regarding the number  
 69.3 of teachers funded by the grant program and the outcomes compared to the goals established  
 69.4 in the grant application. The Department of Education shall develop the criteria necessary  
 69.5 for the reports.

69.6 Sec. 42. **COMMISSIONER OF EDUCATION MUST SUBMIT ESSA PLAN TO**  
 69.7 **LEGISLATURE.**

69.8 The commissioner of education must submit the state plan developed pursuant to the  
 69.9 Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965, as amended by the Every Student  
 69.10 Succeeds Act, United States Code, title 20, section 6311, to the education policy and finance  
 69.11 committees of the legislature before submitting the plan to the United States Department  
 69.12 of Education. The commissioner of education must not implement the state plan until the  
 69.13 legislature has approved it.

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

69.15 Sec. 43. **DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION; ASSESSMENT EVALUATION AND**  
 69.16 **REPORT.**

69.17 (a) The Department of Education must develop a method to evaluate the impact of  
 69.18 statewide testing on the local resources of school districts and charter schools. Resources  
 69.19 include but are not limited to staff, technology, student time, and network access. The  
 69.20 department must design the evaluation in collaboration with school districts and charter  
 69.21 schools to create a process that minimizes the impact on school districts and charter schools.

69.22 (b) The commissioner must report to the chairs and the ranking minority members of  
 69.23 the legislative committees having jurisdiction over early childhood through grade 12  
 69.24 education on the proposed evaluation method, resources needed, and amount of time needed  
 69.25 to implement the evaluation in time for the 2018 legislative session.

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

69.27 Sec. 44. **EDUCATIONAL STABILITY FOR STUDENTS IN FOSTER CARE.**

69.28 Subdivision 1. Establishment. A pilot project is established to provide incentives for  
 69.29 school districts and county governments to develop partnership agreements and implement  
 69.30 transportation plans to help keep foster care students enrolled in their school of origin when  
 69.31 a student is placed in a foster care setting outside the school of origin's boundaries.

70.1 Subd. 2. **Qualifying plans.** A school district must submit an application in the form and  
 70.2 manner prescribed by the commissioner of education to participate in the program. To  
 70.3 qualify for participation, one or more school districts and the local child welfare agency  
 70.4 must have a written interagency agreement that describes the local plan for ensuring  
 70.5 educational stability for foster care students. The parties to the agreement must seek title  
 70.6 IV-E reimbursement for eligible students and eligible transportation costs. The plan must  
 70.7 describe:

70.8 (1) how transportation services will be arranged and provided; and

70.9 (2) how local transportation costs will be paid for if pilot project funds are insufficient  
 70.10 to cover all costs.

70.11 Subd. 3. **Pilot project; funding.** The commissioner must reimburse partnerships with  
 70.12 qualifying plans under subdivision 2 at the end of the school year based on allowable  
 70.13 expenditures and reimbursements and compliance with other reporting requirements. If the  
 70.14 available appropriation is insufficient to fully fund all qualifying plans, the commissioner  
 70.15 may prorate the available funds statewide among all school districts with qualifying plans.

70.16 Subd. 4. **Report.** By February 1, 2018, the commissioner of education shall report on  
 70.17 the pilot project to the legislative committees with jurisdiction over early childhood through  
 70.18 grade 12 education. The report must include, at a minimum, the number of local agreements  
 70.19 entered into for this project along with the number of school districts and counties  
 70.20 participating in the agreements, baseline data showing the number of foster care students  
 70.21 who were able to remain in their school of origin and the changes in the ratio over the time  
 70.22 of the pilot project, data on expenditures for school stability transportation and federal  
 70.23 reimbursements received for the pilot project with a midyear projection of end-of-year costs  
 70.24 and revenues, and projected costs for statewide implementation of the program.

70.25 Sec. 45. **FEDERAL EVERY STUDENT SUCCEEDS ACT FUNDING FOR**  
 70.26 **SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, ENGINEERING, AND MATH (STEM) ACTIVITIES.**

70.27 School districts are encouraged to use the funding provided for activities to support the  
 70.28 effective use of technology under Title IV, Part A, of the federal Every Student Succeeds  
 70.29 Act for:

70.30 (1) mentor-led, hands-on STEM education and engagement with materials that support  
 70.31 inquiry-based and active learning;

70.32 (2) student participation in STEM competitions, including robotics competitions; and

71.1 (3) mentor-led, classroom-based, after-school activities with informal STEM instruction  
 71.2 and education.

71.3 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 1, 2017.

71.4 Sec. 46. **RURAL CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION CONSORTIUM**  
 71.5 **GRANTS.**

71.6 Subdivision 1. **Definition.** "Rural career and technical education (CTE) consortium"  
 71.7 means a voluntary collaboration of a service cooperative and other regional public and  
 71.8 private partners, including school districts and higher education institutions, that work  
 71.9 together to provide career and technical education opportunities within the service  
 71.10 cooperative's multicounty service area.

71.11 Subd. 2. **Establishment.** (a) A rural CTE consortium shall:

71.12 (1) focus on the development of courses and programs that encourage collaboration  
 71.13 between two or more school districts;

71.14 (2) develop new career and technical programs that focus on the industry sectors that  
 71.15 fuel the rural regional economy;

71.16 (3) facilitate the development of highly trained and knowledgeable students who are  
 71.17 equipped with technical and workplace skills needed by regional employers;

71.18 (4) improve access to career and technical education programs for students who attend  
 71.19 sparsely populated rural school districts by developing public and private partnerships with  
 71.20 business and industry leaders and by increasing coordination of high school and  
 71.21 postsecondary program options;

71.22 (5) increase family and student awareness of the availability and benefit of career and  
 71.23 technical education courses and training opportunities; and

71.24 (6) provide capital start-up costs for items including but not limited to a mobile welding  
 71.25 lab, medical equipment and lab, and industrial kitchen equipment.

71.26 (b) In addition to the requirements in paragraph (a), a rural CTE consortium may:

71.27 (1) address the teacher shortage crisis in career and technical education through incentive  
 71.28 funding and training programs; and

71.29 (2) provide transportation reimbursement grants to provide equitable opportunities  
 71.30 throughout the region for students to participate in career and technical education.

72.1 Subd. 3. **Rural career and technical education advisory committee.** In order to be  
 72.2 eligible for a grant under this section, a service cooperative must establish a rural career  
 72.3 and technical education advisory committee to advise the cooperative on the administration  
 72.4 of the rural CTE consortium.

72.5 Subd. 4. **Private funding.** A rural CTE consortium may receive other sources of funds  
 72.6 to supplement state funding. All funds received shall be administered by the service  
 72.7 cooperative that is a member of the consortium.

72.8 Subd. 5. **Reporting requirements.** A rural CTE consortium must submit an annual  
 72.9 report on the progress of its activities to the commissioner of education and the legislative  
 72.10 committees with jurisdiction over secondary and postsecondary education. The annual report  
 72.11 must contain a financial report for the preceding fiscal year. The first report is due no later  
 72.12 than January 15, 2019.

72.13 Sec. 47. **APPROPRIATIONS.**

72.14 Subdivision 1. **Department of Education.** The sums indicated in this section are  
 72.15 appropriated from the general fund to the Department of Education for the fiscal years  
 72.16 designated.

72.17 Subd. 2. **Achievement and integration aid.** For achievement and integration aid under  
 72.18 Minnesota Statutes, section 124D.862:

72.19 \$ 71,249,000 ..... 2018

72.20 \$ 73,267,000 ..... 2019

72.21 The 2018 appropriation includes \$6,725,000 for 2017 and \$64,524,000 for 2018.

72.22 The 2019 appropriation includes \$7,169,000 for 2018 and \$66,098,000 for 2019.

72.23 Subd. 3. **Literacy incentive aid.** For literacy incentive aid under Minnesota Statutes,  
 72.24 section 124D.98:

72.25 \$ 45,972,000 ..... 2018

72.26 \$ 45,972,000 ..... 2019

72.27 The 2018 appropriation includes \$4,597,000 for 2017 and \$41,375,000 for 2018.

72.28 The 2019 appropriation includes \$4,597,000 for 2018 and \$41,375,000 for 2019.

72.29 Subd. 4. **Interdistrict desegregation or integration transportation grants.** For  
 72.30 interdistrict desegregation or integration transportation grants under Minnesota Statutes,  
 72.31 section 124D.87:

72.32 \$ 13,337,000 ..... 2018

73.1           \$       14,075,000   ..... 2019

73.2           Subd. 5. **Tribal contract schools.** For tribal contract school aid under Minnesota Statutes,  
73.3 section 124D.83:

73.4           \$       1,983,000   ..... 2018

73.5           \$       1,930,000   ..... 2019

73.6           The 2018 appropriation includes \$323,000 for 2017 and \$1,660,000 for 2018.

73.7           The 2019 appropriation includes \$184,000 for 2018 and \$1,746,000 for 2019.

73.8           Subd. 6. **American Indian education aid.** For American Indian education aid under  
73.9 Minnesota Statutes, section 124D.81, subdivision 2a:

73.10          \$       9,244,000   ..... 2018

73.11          \$       9,464,000   ..... 2019

73.12          The 2018 appropriation includes \$886,000 for 2017 and \$8,358,000 for 2018.

73.13          The 2019 appropriation includes \$928,000 for 2018 and \$8,536,000 for 2019.

73.14          Subd. 7. **Reading corps.** For grants to ServeMinnesota for the Minnesota reading corps  
73.15 under Minnesota Statutes, section 124D.42, subdivision 8:

73.16          \$       8,625,000   ..... 2018

73.17          \$       8,625,000   ..... 2019

73.18          Any balance in the first year does not cancel but is available in the second year. The  
73.19 base for fiscal year 2020 is \$11,925,000

73.20          Subd. 8. **Concurrent enrollment program.** For concurrent enrollment programs under  
73.21 Minnesota Statutes, section 124D.091:

73.22          \$       4,000,000   ..... 2018

73.23          \$       4,000,000   ..... 2019

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

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

73.27          Subd. 9. **Expanded concurrent enrollment grants.** For grants to institutions offering  
73.28 "introduction to teaching" or "introduction to education" college in the schools courses  
73.29 under Minnesota Statutes, section 124D.09, subdivision 10, paragraph (b):

73.30          \$       375,000       ..... 2018

73.31          \$       375,000       ..... 2019

74.1 The department may retain up to five percent of the appropriation amount to monitor  
 74.2 and administer the grant program.

74.3 Subd. 10. **ServeMinnesota program.** For funding ServeMinnesota programs under  
 74.4 Minnesota Statutes, sections 124D.37 to 124D.45:

74.5 \$ 900,000 ..... 2018

74.6 \$ 900,000 ..... 2019

74.7 A grantee organization may provide health and child care coverage to the dependents  
 74.8 of each participant enrolled in a full-time ServeMinnesota program to the extent such  
 74.9 coverage is not otherwise available.

74.10 Subd. 11. **Student organizations.** For student organizations:

74.11 \$ 725,000 ..... 2018

74.12 \$ 725,000 ..... 2019

74.13 (a) \$46,000 each year is for student organizations serving health occupations (HOSA).

74.14 (b) \$100,000 each year is for student organizations serving trade and industry occupations  
 74.15 (Skills USA, secondary and postsecondary).

74.16 (c) \$95,000 each year is for student organizations serving business occupations (BPA,  
 74.17 secondary and postsecondary).

74.18 (d) \$193,000 each year is for student organizations serving agriculture occupations (FFA,  
 74.19 PAS).

74.20 (e) \$142,000 each year is for student organizations serving family and consumer science  
 74.21 occupations (FCCLA).

74.22 (f) \$109,000 each year is for student organizations serving marketing occupations (DECA  
 74.23 and DECA collegiate).

74.24 (g) \$40,000 each year is for the Minnesota Foundation for Student Organizations.

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

74.26 Subd. 12. **Museums and education centers.** For grants to museums and education  
 74.27 centers:

74.28 \$ 535,000 ..... 2018

74.29 \$ 460,000 ..... 2019

74.30 (a) \$319,000 each year is for the Minnesota Children's Museum. Of the amount in this  
 74.31 paragraph, \$50,000 in each year is for the Minnesota Children's Museum, Rochester.

75.1 (b) \$50,000 each year is for the Duluth Children's Museum.

75.2 (c) \$41,000 each year is for the Minnesota Academy of Science.

75.3 (d) \$50,000 each year is for the Headwaters Science Center.

75.4 (e) \$75,000 in fiscal year 2018 only is for the Works Museum.

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

75.6 Subd. 13. **Starbase MN.** For a grant to Starbase MN for rigorous science, technology,  
 75.7 engineering, and math (STEM) program providing students in grades 4 to 6 with a  
 75.8 multisensory learning experience and a hands-on curriculum in an aerospace environment  
 75.9 using state-of-the-art technology:

75.10        \$            500,000    ..... 2018

75.11        \$            500,000    ..... 2019

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

75.13 Subd. 14. **Recovery program grants.** For recovery program grants under Minnesota  
 75.14 Statutes, section 124D.695:

75.15        \$            750,000    ..... 2018

75.16        \$            750,000    ..... 2019

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

75.18 Subd. 15. **Minnesota math corps program.** For the Minnesota math corps program  
 75.19 under Minnesota Statutes, section 124D.42, subdivision 9:

75.20        \$            550,000    ..... 2018

75.21        \$            550,000    ..... 2019

75.22 Any balance in the first year does not cancel but is available in the second year. The  
 75.23 base in fiscal year 2020 is \$2,000,000.

75.24 Subd. 16. **Civic education grants.** For grants to the Minnesota Civic Education Coalition,  
 75.25 Minnesota Civic Youth, Learning Law and Democracy Foundation, and YMCA Youth in  
 75.26 Government to provide civic education programs for Minnesota youth age 18 and younger.  
 75.27 Civic education is the study of constitutional principles and the democratic foundation of  
 75.28 our national, state, and local institutions, and the study of political processes and structures  
 75.29 of government, grounded in the understanding of constitutional government under the rule  
 75.30 of law.

75.31        \$            125,000    ..... 2018

75.32        \$            125,000    ..... 2019

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

76.2 Subd. 17. **Minnesota Principals Academy.** For a grant to the University of Minnesota  
 76.3 College of Education and Human Development, for the operation of the Minnesota Principals  
 76.4 Academy:

76.5 \$ 200,000 ..... 2018

76.6 \$ 200,000 ..... 2019

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

76.8 Subd. 18. **Educational stability for students living in foster care.** For a pilot project  
 76.9 to promote educational stability for students living in foster care:

76.10 \$ 1,000,000 ..... 2018

76.11 Up to five percent of the appropriation may be used for state and local administrative  
 76.12 costs such as reporting, technical support, and establishing a title IV-E reimbursement  
 76.13 claiming process. This is a onetime appropriation. This appropriation is available until June  
 76.14 30, 2019.

76.15 Subd. 19. **Charter school building lease aid.** For building lease aid under Minnesota  
 76.16 Statutes, section 124E.22:

76.17 \$ 73,341,000 ..... 2018

76.18 \$ 78,802,000 ..... 2019

76.19 The 2018 appropriation includes \$6,850,000 for 2017 and \$66,491,000 for 2018.

76.20 The 2019 appropriation includes \$7,387,000 for 2018 and \$71,415,000 for 2019.

76.21 Subd. 20. **Race 2 Reduce.** (a) For grants to support expanded Race 2 Reduce water  
 76.22 conservation programming in Minnesota schools:

76.23 \$ 307,000 ..... 2018

76.24 \$ 307,000 ..... 2019

76.25 (b) In the first year, \$143,000 is for H2O for Life; \$98,000 is for Independent School  
 76.26 District No. 624, White Bear Lake; and \$66,000 is for Independent School District No. 832,  
 76.27 Mahtomedi.

76.28 (c) Any balance in the first year does not cancel but is available in the second year. The  
 76.29 base appropriation for fiscal year 2020 is zero.

76.30 Subd. 21. **Paraprofessional pathway to teacher licensure.** (a) For grants to school  
 76.31 districts for Grow Your Own new teacher programs:

77.1           \$       1,375,000       ..... 2018

77.2           \$       1,375,000       ..... 2019

77.3           (b) The grants are for school districts where more than 25 percent of students are students  
 77.4 of color or are American Indian to provide financial assistance, mentoring, and experiences  
 77.5 to enable persons who are of color or who are American Indian and working or living in  
 77.6 the local community to become teachers. Districts or schools providing financial support  
 77.7 may require a commitment as determined by the district to teach in the district or school  
 77.8 for a reasonable amount of time that does not exceed five years. Grants may be used for:

77.9           (1) tuition scholarships or stipends to eligible teaching assistants or other nonlicensed  
 77.10 employees who are of color or who are American Indian participating in a Board of Teaching  
 77.11 approved program under Minnesota Statutes, section 122A.09, subdivision 10, paragraph  
 77.12 (a);

77.13           (2) a nonconventional teacher residency pilot program established under Minnesota  
 77.14 Statutes, section 122A.09, subdivision 10, paragraph (a). The program shall provide tuition  
 77.15 scholarships or stipends to enable education or teaching assistants or other nonlicensed  
 77.16 employees of a first class city school district who hold a bachelor's degree from an accredited  
 77.17 college or university and who seek an education license to participate in a Board of  
 77.18 Teaching-approved nonconventional teacher residency program under Minnesota Statutes,  
 77.19 section 122A.09, subdivision 10, paragraph (a). Any funds not awarded by June 1, 2019,  
 77.20 may be reallocated among the remaining districts if the total cost of the program exceeds  
 77.21 the original allocation; or

77.22           (3) supporting the development of residency programs at any school or district in the  
 77.23 state where at least 25 percent of students are students of color or are American Indian for  
 77.24 prospective teachers of color or who are American Indian who seek an education license  
 77.25 to participate in a Board of Teaching-approved program under Minnesota Statutes, section  
 77.26 122A.09, subdivision 10, paragraph (a).

77.27           (c) School districts and charter schools may also apply for grants to develop innovative  
 77.28 expanded Grow Your Own programs that encourage secondary school students to pursue  
 77.29 teaching, including:

77.30           (1) developing and supporting future teacher clubs focused on encouraging middle and  
 77.31 high school students who are of color or who are American Indian to have experiential  
 77.32 learning, support the success of younger students, and pursue a teaching career; and

78.1 (2) developing and offering dual-credit postsecondary course options in schools for  
 78.2 "Introduction to Teaching" or "Introduction to Education" courses consistent with Minnesota  
 78.3 Statutes, section 124D.09, subdivision 10.

78.4 (d) Programs must annually report to the commissioner by the date determined by the  
 78.5 commissioner on their activities under this section, including the number of participants,  
 78.6 the percentage of participants who are of color or who are American Indian, and an  
 78.7 assessment of program effectiveness, including participant feedback, areas for improvement,  
 78.8 the percentage of participants continuing to pursue teacher licensure, and the number of  
 78.9 participants hired in the school or district as teachers after completing preparation programs.

78.10 (e) The department may retain up to five percent of the appropriation amount to monitor  
 78.11 and administer the grant program.

78.12 (f) Any balance in the first year does not cancel but is available in the second year.

78.13 Subd. 22. **Statewide testing and reporting system.** For the statewide testing and  
 78.14 reporting system under Minnesota Statutes, section 120B.30:

78.15 \$ 10,892,000 ..... 2018

78.16 \$ 10,892,000 ..... 2019

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

78.18 Subd. 23. **College entrance examination reimbursement.** To reimburse districts for  
 78.19 students who qualify under Minnesota Statutes, section 120B.30, subdivision 1, paragraph  
 78.20 (e), for onetime payment of their college entrance examination fee:

78.21 \$ 1,511,000 ..... 2018

78.22 \$ 1,511,000 ..... 2019

78.23 The Department of Education must reimburse districts for their onetime payments on  
 78.24 behalf of students. Any balance in the first year does not cancel but is available in the second  
 78.25 year. This appropriation is available until October 1, 2019.

78.26 Subd. 24. **Alternative teacher compensation aid.** For alternative teacher compensation  
 78.27 aid under Minnesota Statutes, section 122A.415, subdivision 4:

78.28 \$ 89,863,000 ..... 2018

78.29 \$ 89,623,000 ..... 2019

78.30 The 2018 appropriation includes \$8,917,000 for 2017 and \$80,946,000 for 2018.

78.31 The 2019 appropriation includes \$8,993,000 for 2018 and \$80,630,000 for 2019.

79.1 Subd. 25. Collaborative urban and greater Minnesota educators of color program  
 79.2 grants. (a) For collaborative urban and greater Minnesota educators of color program grants:

79.3 \$ 1,030,000 ..... 2018

79.4 \$ 1,030,000 ..... 2019

79.5 (b) For fiscal years 2018, 2019, and 2020, grants shall be awarded in equal amounts:  
 79.6 \$206,000 each year is for the Southeast Asian Teacher program at Concordia University,  
 79.7 St. Paul; \$206,000 each year is for the Collaborative Urban Educator program at the  
 79.8 University of St. Thomas; \$206,000 each year is for the Center for Excellence in Urban  
 79.9 Teaching at Hamline University; \$206,000 each year is for the East Africa Student to Teacher  
 79.10 program at Augsburg College; and \$206,000 each year is for the Urban Teacher program  
 79.11 at Metropolitan State University. Grants may be used to provide financial support to teacher  
 79.12 candidates completing licensure programs and complement other scholarship and stipend  
 79.13 programs created to address the shortage of teachers in Minnesota who are of color or who  
 79.14 are American Indian.

79.15 (c) Any balance in the first year does not cancel but is available in the second year. The  
 79.16 department may retain up to five percent of the appropriation in each year to monitor and  
 79.17 administer the grant program.

79.18 (d) By January 15 of each year, each institution shall prepare for the legislature a detailed  
 79.19 report regarding the funds used to recruit, retain, and induct teacher candidates who are of  
 79.20 color or who are American Indian. The report must include the total number of teacher  
 79.21 candidates of color, disaggregated by race or ethnic group, who are recruited to the institution,  
 79.22 are newly admitted to the licensure program, are enrolled in the licensure program, have  
 79.23 completed student teaching, have graduated, and are licensed and newly employed as  
 79.24 Minnesota teachers in their licensure field. The total number of teacher candidates who are  
 79.25 of color or who are American Indian at each stage from recruitment to licensed teaching  
 79.26 must be reported as a percentage of total candidates seeking the same licensure at the  
 79.27 institution. The report must include the graduation rate for each cohort of teacher candidates,  
 79.28 the placement rate for each graduating cohort of teacher candidates, and the retention rate  
 79.29 for each graduating cohort of teacher candidates, among other program outcomes.

79.30 (e) For fiscal year 2021 and later, grants shall be awarded only to programs that  
 79.31 demonstrate success at recruiting, retaining, and inducting teacher candidates who are of  
 79.32 color or who are American Indian. As funds are available, the commissioner may award  
 79.33 competitive grants to Minnesota higher education institutions that apply to the commissioner  
 79.34 in the form and manner determined by the commissioner.

80.1 Subd. 26. Examination fees; teacher training and support programs. (a) For students'  
 80.2 advanced placement and international baccalaureate examination fees under Minnesota  
 80.3 Statutes, section 120B.13, subdivision 3, and the training and related costs for teachers and  
 80.4 other interested educators under Minnesota Statutes, section 120B.13, subdivision 1:

80.5        \$        4,500,000   ..... 2018

80.6        \$        4,500,000   ..... 2019

80.7        (b) The advanced placement program shall receive 75 percent of the appropriation each  
 80.8 year and the international baccalaureate program shall receive 25 percent of the appropriation  
 80.9 each year. The department, in consultation with representatives of the advanced placement  
 80.10 and international baccalaureate programs selected by the Advanced Placement Advisory  
 80.11 Council and International Baccalaureate Minnesota, respectively, shall determine the amounts  
 80.12 of the expenditures each year for examination fees and training and support programs for  
 80.13 each program.

80.14       (c) Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes, section 120B.13, subdivision 1, at least \$500,000  
 80.15 each year is for teachers to attend subject matter summer training programs and follow-up  
 80.16 support workshops approved by the advanced placement or international baccalaureate  
 80.17 programs. The amount of the subsidy for each teacher attending an advanced placement or  
 80.18 international baccalaureate summer training program or workshop shall be the same. The  
 80.19 commissioner shall determine the payment process and the amount of the subsidy.

80.20       (d) The commissioner shall pay all examination fees for all students of low-income  
 80.21 families under Minnesota Statutes, section 120B.13, subdivision 3, and to the extent of  
 80.22 available appropriations, shall also pay examination fees for students sitting for an advanced  
 80.23 placement examination, international baccalaureate examination, or both.

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

80.25       Subd. 27. Grants to increase science, technology, engineering, and math course  
 80.26 offerings. For grants to schools to encourage low-income and other underserved students  
 80.27 to participate in advanced placement and international baccalaureate programs according  
 80.28 to Minnesota Statutes, section 120B.132:

80.29        \$        750,000   ..... 2018

80.30        \$        750,000   ..... 2019

80.31       Any balance in the first year does not cancel but is available in the second year. The  
 80.32 base for fiscal year 2020 is \$815,000.

80.33       Subd. 28. Agricultural educator grants. For agricultural educator grants under section  
 80.34 1:

81.1           \$           250,000   ..... 2018

81.2           \$           250,000   ..... 2019

81.3           Any balance in the first year does not cancel but is available in the second year. The  
81.4 base for fiscal year 2020 is \$500,000.

81.5           Subd. 29. **American Indian teacher preparation grants.** For joint grants to assist  
81.6 American Indian people to become teachers under Minnesota Statutes, section 122A.63:

81.7           \$           460,000   ..... 2018

81.8           \$           460,000   ..... 2019

81.9           Subd. 30. **African American Registry.** (a) For grants to the African American Registry  
81.10 for the Teacher's Forum:

81.11          \$           132,000   ..... 2018

81.12          \$           132,000   ..... 2019

81.13          (b) The African American Registry must use the grant funds to establish partnerships  
81.14 with Metropolitan State University and the University of St. Thomas to improve the cultural  
81.15 competency of candidates seeking a first teaching license. By January 15 of each year, the  
81.16 African American Registry shall report to the legislature a detailed report regarding the  
81.17 funds used. The report must include the number of teachers prepared. The base appropriation  
81.18 in fiscal year 2020 is \$0.

81.19          Subd. 31. **Rural career and technical education consortium.** (a) For rural career and  
81.20 technical education consortium grants:

81.21          \$           1,500,000   ..... 2018

81.22          \$           1,500,000   ..... 2019

81.23          This appropriation is available until June 30, 2022. If the appropriation in the first year  
81.24 is insufficient, the 2019 appropriation is available.

81.25          (b) For fiscal year 2018 and 2019, the commissioner shall award a two-year grant to the  
81.26 consortium that is a collaboration of the Southwest/West Central Service Cooperative  
81.27 (SWWC), Southwest Minnesota State University, Minnesota West Community and Technical  
81.28 College, Ridgewater College, and other regional public and private partners. For fiscal year  
81.29 2020 and 2021, the commissioner shall award a two-year grant to an applicant consortium  
81.30 that includes the South Central Service Cooperative or Southeast Service Cooperative and  
81.31 a two-year grant to an applicant consortium that includes the Northwest Service Cooperative  
81.32 or Northeast Service Cooperative.

81.33          (c) The base appropriation in fiscal year 2020 is \$3,000,000.

82.1 Subd. 32. Grants for high school transition teams. For grants to support the planning  
 82.2 and implementation of high school transition teams of teachers, guidance counselors, and  
 82.3 high school students who assist students in grades 8 and 9 and their families to successfully  
 82.4 navigate the transition to high school:

82.5           \$           500,000     ..... 2018

82.6           This is a onetime appropriation and is available until June 30, 2020. Of the amounts  
 82.7 appropriated, \$250,000 is for a grant to Independent School District No. 622, North St.  
 82.8 Paul-Maplewood-Oakdale, \$150,000 is for a grant to Independent School District No. 624,  
 82.9 White Bear Lake, and \$100,000 is for a grant to Independent School District No. 832,  
 82.10 Mahtomedi.

82.11 Subd. 33. Support our students grant program. (a) For grants to eligible schools under  
 82.12 the support our students grant program:

82.13           \$           4,000,000     ..... 2018

82.14           \$           4,000,000     ..... 2019

82.15           (b) To the extent practicable, the commissioner should allot amounts in each year of the  
 82.16 six-year grant period to ensure that adequate funds are available for the entirety of the grant.  
 82.17 Up to \$100,000 in each fiscal year may be retained by the commissioner for administration  
 82.18 of the grant program. The base in fiscal year 2020 and later is \$4,000,000.

82.19           (c) Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes, section 16A.28, the fiscal year 2018  
 82.20 appropriation is available until June 30, 2023, and the fiscal year 2019 appropriation is  
 82.21 available until June 30, 2024. Any remaining balances shall cancel to the general fund.

82.22 Subd. 34. Educator assessment data training. For training to help educators interpret  
 82.23 and use assessment data to improve instruction:

82.24           \$           250,000     ..... 2018

82.25           \$           250,000     ..... 2019

82.26           The appropriation must be used to help school districts and charter schools use, analyze,  
 82.27 and interpret the data from Minnesota Comprehensive Assessments in a timely manner to  
 82.28 improve instruction for individual students.

82.29 Subd. 35. Assessment evaluation and report. For an evaluation of the impact of  
 82.30 statewide assessments on local resources:

82.31           \$           40,000     ..... 2018

82.32           \$           -0-         ..... 2019

83.1 Sec. 48. **REVISOR'S INSTRUCTION.**

83.2 The revisor of statutes shall codify Laws 2016, chapter 189, article 25, section 56, in  
 83.3 the next publication of Minnesota Statutes.

83.4 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 1, 2017.

83.5 Sec. 49. **REPEALER.**

83.6 Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 124E.10, subdivision 5, is repealed.

83.7 **ARTICLE 3**83.8 **TEACHERS**

83.9 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 122A.09, is amended by adding a subdivision  
 83.10 to read:

83.11 Subd. 12. **Endorsement; dual enrollment instruction.** The Board of Teaching must  
 83.12 issue an endorsement for dual enrollment instruction to a high school teacher licensed in a  
 83.13 content-specific field who successfully completes the requirements for providing dual  
 83.14 enrollment instruction in the teacher's licensure field, consistent with board-adopted  
 83.15 standards. The board must adopt standards for this endorsement in consultation with eligible  
 83.16 public postsecondary institutions participating in course agreements under section 124D.09,  
 83.17 subdivision 10. The board-adopted standards for the endorsement must allow a secondary  
 83.18 teacher that receives the endorsement to teach a dual credit course offered by any eligible  
 83.19 postsecondary institution. The endorsement means a change in the teacher's license that  
 83.20 allows the teacher to teach postsecondary college in the schools dual credit courses under  
 83.21 section 124D.09, subdivision 10, at a high school.

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

83.23 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 122A.17, is amended to read:

83.24 **122A.17 VALIDITY OF CERTIFICATES OR LICENSES.**

83.25 (a) A rule adopted by the Board of Teaching or the Professional Educator Licensing and  
 83.26 Standards Board must not affect the validity of certificates or licenses to teach in effect on  
 83.27 July 1, 1974, or the rights and privileges of the holders thereof, except that any such  
 83.28 certificate or license may be suspended or revoked for any of the causes and by the procedures  
 83.29 specified by law.

84.1 (b) All teacher licenses in effect on January 1, 2018, shall remain valid for one additional  
 84.2 year after the date the license is scheduled to expire.

84.3 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective January 1, 2018.

84.4 Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 122A.18, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

84.5 Subdivision 1. **Authority to license.** (a) The Professional Educator Licensing and  
 84.6 Standards Board of Teaching must license teachers, as defined in section 122A.15,  
 84.7 ~~subdivision 1, except for supervisory personnel, as defined in section 122A.15, subdivision~~  
 84.8 ~~2.~~ issue teacher licenses to candidates who meet the qualifications prescribed by this chapter.

84.9 (b) The Board of School Administrators must license supervisory personnel as defined  
 84.10 in section 122A.15, subdivision 2, except for athletic coaches.

84.11 ~~(e) Licenses under the jurisdiction of the Board of Teaching, the Board of School~~  
 84.12 ~~Administrators, and the commissioner of education must be issued through the licensing~~  
 84.13 ~~section of the department.~~

84.14 ~~(d)~~ (c) The Professional Educator Licensing and Standards Board of Teaching and the  
 84.15 Department of Education must enter into a data sharing agreement to share educational data  
 84.16 at the E-12 level for the limited purpose of program approval and improvement for teacher  
 84.17 education programs. The program approval process must include targeted redesign of teacher  
 84.18 preparation programs to address identified E-12 student areas of concern.

84.19 ~~(e)~~ (d) The Board of School Administrators and the Department of Education must enter  
 84.20 into a data sharing agreement to share educational data at the E-12 level for the limited  
 84.21 purpose of program approval and improvement for education administration programs. The  
 84.22 program approval process must include targeted redesign of education administration  
 84.23 preparation programs to address identified E-12 student areas of concern.

84.24 ~~(f)~~ (e) For purposes of the data sharing agreements under paragraphs ~~(d)~~ (c) and ~~(e)~~ (d),  
 84.25 the Professional Educator Licensing and Standards Board of Teaching, Board of School  
 84.26 Administrators, and Department of Education may share private data, as defined in section  
 84.27 13.02, subdivision 12, on teachers and school administrators. The data sharing agreements  
 84.28 must not include educational data, as defined in section 13.32, subdivision 1, but may include  
 84.29 summary data, as defined in section 13.02, subdivision 19, derived from educational data.

84.30 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective January 1, 2018.

85.1 Sec. 4. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 122A.18, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

85.2 Subd. 2. ~~Teacher and Support personnel qualifications.~~ (a) The Professional Educator  
85.3 Licensing and Standards Board of Teaching must issue licenses under its jurisdiction to  
85.4 persons the board finds to be qualified and competent for their respective positions, including  
85.5 those meeting the standards adopted under section 122A.09, subdivision 4, paragraph (n).

85.6 (b) The board must ~~require a candidate for teacher licensure to demonstrate~~ establish a  
85.7 passing score on a board-adopted examination of skills in reading, writing, and mathematics,  
85.8 ~~before being~~ for a candidate to be granted a professional five-year Tier 2, 3, or 4 teaching  
85.9 license under section 122A.181 to provide direct instruction to pupils in prekindergarten,  
85.10 elementary, secondary, or special education programs, ~~except that the board may issue up~~  
85.11 ~~to four temporary, one-year teaching licenses to an otherwise qualified candidate who has~~  
85.12 ~~not yet passed a board-adopted skills exam. At the request of the employing school district~~  
85.13 ~~or charter school, the Board of Teaching may issue an initial professional one-year teaching~~  
85.14 ~~license to an otherwise qualified teacher not passing or demonstrating a passing score on a~~  
85.15 ~~board-adopted skills examination in reading, writing, and mathematics. For purposes of this~~  
85.16 ~~section, the initial professional one-year teaching license issued by the board is limited to~~  
85.17 ~~the current subject or content matter the teacher is employed to teach and limited to the~~  
85.18 ~~district or charter school requesting the initial professional one-year teaching license. If the~~  
85.19 ~~board denies the request, it must provide a detailed response to the school administrator as~~  
85.20 ~~to the reasons for the denial.~~ The board must require colleges and universities offering a  
85.21 board approved teacher preparation program to make available upon request remedial  
85.22 assistance that includes a formal diagnostic component to persons enrolled in their institution  
85.23 who did not achieve a qualifying score on a board-adopted skills examination, including  
85.24 those for whom English is a second language. The colleges and universities must make  
85.25 available assistance in the specific academic areas of candidates' deficiency. School districts  
85.26 may make available upon request similar, appropriate, and timely remedial assistance that  
85.27 includes a formal diagnostic component to those persons employed by the district who  
85.28 completed their teacher education program, who did not achieve a qualifying score on a  
85.29 board-adopted skills examination, and who received an initial professional one-year teaching  
85.30 license to teach in Minnesota. The board ~~of Teaching~~ shall report annually to the education  
85.31 committees of the legislature on the total number of teacher candidates during the most  
85.32 recent school year taking a board-adopted skills examination, the number who achieve a  
85.33 qualifying score on the examination, the number who do not achieve a qualifying score on  
85.34 the examination, and the candidates who have not passed a content or pedagogy exam,  
85.35 disaggregated by categories of race, ethnicity, and eligibility for financial aid.

86.1 ~~(c) The Board of Teaching must grant professional five-year teaching licenses only to~~  
 86.2 ~~those persons who have met board criteria for that license, which includes passing a~~  
 86.3 ~~board-adopted skills examination in reading, writing, and mathematics, and the exceptions~~  
 86.4 ~~in section 122A.09, subdivision 4, paragraph (b), that are consistent with this paragraph.~~

86.5 The requirement to pass a board-adopted reading, writing, and mathematics skills  
 86.6 examination, does not apply to nonnative English speakers, as verified by qualified Minnesota  
 86.7 school district personnel or Minnesota higher education faculty, who, after meeting the  
 86.8 content and pedagogy requirements under this subdivision, apply for a ~~professional five-year~~  
 86.9 teaching license to provide direct instruction in their native language or world language  
 86.10 instruction under section 120B.022, subdivision 1.

86.11 (d) All colleges and universities approved by the board ~~of teaching~~ to prepare persons  
 86.12 for teacher licensure must include in their teacher preparation programs a common core of  
 86.13 teaching knowledge and skills to be acquired by all persons recommended for teacher  
 86.14 licensure. Among other requirements, teacher candidates must demonstrate the knowledge  
 86.15 and skills needed to provide appropriate instruction to English learners to support and  
 86.16 accelerate their academic literacy, including oral academic language, and achievement in  
 86.17 content areas in a regular classroom setting. This common core shall meet the standards  
 86.18 developed by the interstate new teacher assessment and support consortium in its 1992  
 86.19 "model standards for beginning teacher licensing and development." Amendments to  
 86.20 standards adopted under this paragraph are covered by chapter 14. The board ~~of teaching~~  
 86.21 shall report annually to the education committees of the legislature on the performance of  
 86.22 teacher candidates on common core assessments of knowledge and skills under this paragraph  
 86.23 during the most recent school year.

86.24 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 1, 2018.

86.25 Sec. 5. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 122A.18, subdivision 2b, is amended to read:

86.26 Subd. 2b. **Reading specialist.** ~~Not later than July 1, 2002,~~ The Professional Educator  
 86.27 Licensing and Standards Board of Teaching must adopt rules providing for reading teacher  
 86.28 licensure.

86.29 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 1, 2018.

86.30 Sec. 6. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 122A.18, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

86.31 Subd. 3. **Supervisory and coach qualifications; code of ethics.** The ~~commissioner of~~  
 86.32 ~~education~~ Professional Educator Licensing and Standards Board must issue licenses under  
 86.33 its jurisdiction to persons the ~~commissioner~~ board finds to be qualified and competent for

87.1 their respective positions under the rules it adopts. The ~~commissioner of education~~ board  
 87.2 may develop, by rule, a code of ethics for supervisory personnel covering standards of  
 87.3 professional practices, including areas of ethical conduct and professional performance and  
 87.4 methods of enforcement.

87.5 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 1, 2018.

87.6 Sec. 7. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 122A.18, subdivision 3a, is amended to read:

87.7 Subd. 3a. **Technology strategies.** All colleges and universities approved by the board  
 87.8 ~~of Teaching~~ to prepare persons for classroom teacher licensure must include in their teacher  
 87.9 preparation programs the knowledge and skills teacher candidates need to deliver digital  
 87.10 and blended learning and curriculum and engage students with technology.

87.11 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective January 1, 2018.

87.12 Sec. 8. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 122A.18, subdivision 7a, is amended to read:

87.13 Subd. 7a. **Permission to substitute teach.** (a) The Professional Educator Licensing and  
 87.14 Standards Board of Teaching may allow a person who is enrolled in and making satisfactory  
 87.15 progress in a board-approved teacher program and who has successfully completed student  
 87.16 teaching to be employed as a short-call substitute teacher.

87.17 (b) The Professional Educator Licensing and Standards Board of Teaching may issue a  
 87.18 lifetime qualified short-call or long-call substitute teaching license to a person who:

87.19 (1) was a qualified teacher under section 122A.16 while holding a ~~professional five-year~~  
 87.20 Tier 3 or Tier 4 teaching license issued by the board, under section 122A.181 and receives  
 87.21 a retirement annuity from the Teachers Retirement Association or the St. Paul Teachers  
 87.22 Retirement Fund Association;

87.23 (2) holds an out-of-state teaching license and receives a retirement annuity as a result  
 87.24 of the person's teaching experience; or

87.25 (3) held a ~~professional five-year~~ Tier 3 or Tier 4 teaching license issued by the board,  
 87.26 under section 122A.181, taught at least three school years in an accredited nonpublic school  
 87.27 in Minnesota, and receives a retirement annuity as a result of the person's teaching experience.

87.28 A person holding a lifetime qualified short-call or long-call substitute teaching license is  
 87.29 not required to complete continuing education clock hours. A person holding this license  
 87.30 may reapply to the board for either:

88.1 (i) a ~~professional five-year~~ Tier 3 or Tier 4 teaching license under section 122A.181,  
 88.2 and must again complete continuing education clock hours one school year after receiving  
 88.3 the ~~professional five-year~~ Tier 3 or Tier 4 teaching license; or

88.4 (ii) a Tier 1 license under section 122A.181, provided that the candidate has a bachelor's  
 88.5 degree, an associate's degree, or an appropriate professional credential in the content area  
 88.6 the candidate will teach.

88.7 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 1, 2018.

88.8 Sec. 9. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 122A.18, subdivision 7c, is amended to read:

88.9 Subd. 7c. **Temporary military license.** The Professional Educator Licensing and  
 88.10 Standards Board of Teaching shall establish a temporary license in accordance with section  
 88.11 197.4552 for teaching. The fee for a temporary license under this subdivision shall be \$87.90  
 88.12 for an online application or \$86.40 for a paper application. The board must provide candidates  
 88.13 for a license under this subdivision with information regarding the tiered licensure system  
 88.14 provided in section 122A.181.

88.15 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 1, 2018.

88.16 Sec. 10. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 122A.18, subdivision 8, is amended to read:

88.17 Subd. 8. **Background checks.** (a) The Professional Educator Licensing and Standards  
 88.18 Board of Teaching and the commissioner of education the Board of School Administrators  
 88.19 must request a criminal history background check from the superintendent of the Bureau  
 88.20 of Criminal Apprehension on all first-time teaching applicants for licenses under their  
 88.21 jurisdiction. Applicants must include with their licensure applications:

88.22 (1) an executed criminal history consent form, including fingerprints; and

88.23 (2) a money order or cashier's check payable to the Bureau of Criminal Apprehension  
 88.24 for the fee for conducting the criminal history background check.

88.25 (b) The superintendent of the Bureau of Criminal Apprehension shall perform the  
 88.26 background check required under paragraph (a) by retrieving criminal history data as defined  
 88.27 in section 13.87 and shall also conduct a search of the national criminal records repository.  
 88.28 The superintendent is authorized to exchange fingerprints with the Federal Bureau of  
 88.29 Investigation for purposes of the criminal history check. The superintendent shall recover  
 88.30 the cost to the bureau of a background check through the fee charged to the applicant under  
 88.31 paragraph (a).

89.1 (c) ~~The Professional Educator Licensing and Standards Board of Teaching~~ or the  
 89.2 ~~commissioner of education~~ Board of School Administrators may issue a license pending  
 89.3 completion of a background check under this subdivision, but must notify the individual  
 89.4 that the individual's license may be revoked based on the result of the background check.  
 89.5 The individual must notify the school district or charter school that employs the individual  
 89.6 as a teacher that the individual's license has been revoked.

89.7 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 1, 2018.

89.8 Sec. 11. **[122A.181] TIERED LICENSURE SYSTEM.**

89.9 Subdivision 1. Professional Educator Licensing and Standards Board to issue  
 89.10 **licenses.** (a) The Professional Educator Licensing and Standards Board must license teachers  
 89.11 as defined in section 122A.15, subdivision 1. The tiered licensure system supersedes the  
 89.12 licensure system implemented under Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 122A.18, and  
 89.13 Minnesota Rules, part 8710.0300.

89.14 (b) The Professional Educator Licensing and Standards Board must issue a license to  
 89.15 candidates who meet the qualifications prescribed by this chapter.

89.16 Subd. 2. Licensure tiers. The Professional Educator Licensing and Standards Board  
 89.17 must issue a license to candidates who meet the qualifications for the appropriate tier  
 89.18 according to the following table:

89.19	<u>License Name</u>	<u>Duration</u>	<u>Renewal</u>	<u>Qualifications</u>
89.20	<u>Tier 1 license</u>	<u>One year</u>	<u>Unlimited</u>	<u>At least one of the following:</u>
89.21	<u>(1) for a license to teach career and technical</u>			
89.22	<u>education, at least one of the following:</u>			
89.23	<u>(i) an associate's degree in the content area;</u>			
89.24	<u>(ii) professional credential; or</u>			
89.25	<u>(iii) five years of work experience in the content</u>			
89.26	<u>area; or</u>			
89.27	<u>(2) for a license to teach in a content area not</u>			
89.28	<u>included in clause (1), a baccalaureate degree.</u>			
89.29	<u>A school board must confirm to the Professional</u>			
89.30	<u>Educator Licensing and Standards Board that</u>			
89.31	<u>it has attempted but is unable to hire a teacher</u>			
89.32	<u>with a Tier 2, 3, or 4 license for the position</u>			
89.33	<u>and that the candidate has the necessary skills</u>			
89.34	<u>and knowledge to teach in a specified content</u>			
89.35	<u>area.</u>			
89.36	<u>A candidate meeting the above qualifications</u>			
89.37	<u>must be granted a Tier 1 license upon the</u>			
89.38	<u>request of the employing school board or charter</u>			
89.39	<u>school board.</u>			

90.1				<u>Years worked with a Tier 1 license do not count</u>
90.2				<u>toward the candidate's continuing contract under</u>
90.3				<u>section 122A.40 or 122A.41.</u>
90.4				<u>Must participate in a school district's mentorship</u>
90.5				<u>and evaluation program that includes an</u>
90.6				<u>individual growth and development plan.</u>
90.7	<u>Tier 2 license</u>	<u>Two years</u>	<u>Up to two</u>	<u>Meets Tier 1 qualifications and at least one of</u>
90.8				<u>the following:</u>
90.9				<u>(1) enrolled in and making satisfactory progress</u>
90.10				<u>in a Professional Educator Licensing and</u>
90.11				<u>Standards Board-approved teacher preparation</u>
90.12				<u>program;</u>
90.13				<u>(2) passing scores on all required skills, content</u>
90.14				<u>area, and pedagogy licensure exams; or</u>
90.15				<u>(3) master's degree in content area.</u>
90.16				<u>A school board must confirm that the candidate</u>
90.17				<u>has the necessary skills and knowledge to teach</u>
90.18				<u>in a specified content area.</u>
90.19				<u>Years worked with a Tier 2 license only count</u>
90.20				<u>toward the candidate's continuing contract under</u>
90.21				<u>section 122A.40 or 122A.41 if the candidate</u>
90.22				<u>subsequently obtains a Tier 3 or Tier 4 license.</u>
90.23				<u>Must participate in a school district's mentorship</u>
90.24				<u>and evaluation program that includes an</u>
90.25				<u>individual growth and development plan.</u>
90.26	<u>Tier 3 license</u>	<u>Three years</u>	<u>One</u>	<u>Meets Tier 1 qualifications and at least one of</u>
90.27				<u>the following:</u>
90.28				<u>(1) successful completion of a Professional</u>
90.29				<u>Educator Licensing and Standards</u>
90.30				<u>Board-approved teacher preparation program;</u>
90.31				<u>(2) successful completion of an out-of-state</u>
90.32				<u>teacher preparation program that includes</u>
90.33				<u>field-specific methods training and field-specific</u>
90.34				<u>student teaching;</u>
90.35				<u>(3) an out-of-state professional teaching license</u>
90.36				<u>in good standing;</u>
90.37				<u>(4) passing scores on all required skills, content</u>
90.38				<u>area, and pedagogy licensure exams; or</u>
90.39				<u>(5) National Board for Professional Teaching</u>
90.40				<u>Standards certification.</u>
90.41				<u>And meets at least one of the following criteria:</u>
90.42				<u>(1) 12 weeks of student teaching experience;</u>
90.43				<u>(2) two years of field-specific teaching</u>
90.44				<u>experience; or</u>
90.45				<u>(3) completion of a comprehensive teacher</u>
90.46				<u>mentoring program offered by a Minnesota</u>
90.47				<u>school.</u>

91.1 Must participate in a school district's evaluation  
 91.2 program that includes an individual growth and  
 91.3 development plan.

91.4 Tier 4 license Five years Unlimited Meets Tier 3 qualifications and the following:  
 91.5 (1) at least three years teaching experience in  
 91.6 any state; and  
 91.7 (2) passing scores on all required skills, content  
 91.8 area, and pedagogy licensure exams.

91.9 Must participate in a school district's evaluation  
 91.10 program that includes an individual growth and  
 91.11 development plan.

91.12 Subd. 3. **Assessment alternatives.** A Tier 3 or Tier 4 teacher licensure candidate that  
 91.13 fails, after two attempts, to obtain a passing score on the board-adopted skills examination  
 91.14 in reading, writing, and mathematics may demonstrate to the board that they have attained  
 91.15 the required skills by either of the following:

91.16 (1) completing a portfolio using board-adopted standards; or

91.17 (2) teaching for three years in a Minnesota school with at least one summative teacher  
 91.18 evaluation and showing satisfactory evidence of successful teaching according to section  
 91.19 122A.40, subdivision 8, or 122A.41, subdivision 5.

91.20 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 1, 2018.

91.21 Sec. 12. **[122A.187] EXPIRATION AND RENEWAL.**

91.22 Subdivision 1. **License form requirements.** Each license issued under this chapter must  
 91.23 bear the date of issue and the name of the state-approved teacher training provider or  
 91.24 alternative teaching program, as applicable. Licenses must expire and be renewed according  
 91.25 to rules adopted by the Professional Educator Licensing and Standards Board or the Board  
 91.26 of School Administrators. Requirements for renewing a Tier 3 or Tier 4 license must include  
 91.27 showing satisfactory evidence of successful teaching or administrative experience for at  
 91.28 least one school year during the period covered by the license in grades or subjects for which  
 91.29 the license is valid or completing such additional preparation as required under this section,  
 91.30 or as the Professional Educator Licensing and Standards Board prescribes. The Board of  
 91.31 School Administrators shall establish requirements for renewing the licenses of supervisory  
 91.32 personnel except athletic coaches. The Professional Educator Licensing and Standards Board  
 91.33 shall establish requirements for renewing the licenses of athletic coaches.

91.34 Subd. 2. **Professional growth.** (a) Applicants for license renewal for a Tier 3 or Tier 4  
 91.35 license who have been employed as a teacher during the renewal period of the expiring  
 91.36 license, as a condition of license renewal, must present to the Professional Educator Licensing

92.1 and Standards Board evidence of work that demonstrates professional reflection and growth  
 92.2 in best teaching practices, including among other things, practices in meeting the varied  
 92.3 needs of English learners from young children to adults under section 124D.59, subdivisions  
 92.4 2 and 2a.

92.5 (b) The Professional Educator Licensing and Standards Board must ensure that its teacher  
 92.6 relicensing requirements include paragraph (a).

92.7 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 1, 2018.

92.8 Sec. 13. **[122A.188] LICENSURE DENIAL; APPEAL.**

92.9 Subdivision 1. **Denial letter.** (a) The Professional Educator Licensing and Standards  
 92.10 Board must inform a candidate within 30 days of receiving a completed application whether  
 92.11 the candidate's application for an initial teaching license or renewal of license has been  
 92.12 approved or denied. When an application is denied, the notification letter must inform the  
 92.13 candidate of the process for seeking review of the denial and of the appeals process provided  
 92.14 in this section, including all deadlines for seeking review of the denial decision and filing  
 92.15 an appeal. The notification letter must identify each licensure requirement the candidate  
 92.16 failed to meet.

92.17 (b) For purposes of this section, "denial" means denial of an initial license or a denial  
 92.18 of a renewal license. Denial of an initial license includes a grant of a license that is a lower  
 92.19 tier than the candidate applied for and denial of application for an additional field of licensure.

92.20 Subd. 2. **Review of denial.** A candidate whose license application is denied may seek  
 92.21 review of the denial by submitting a letter to the Professional Educator Licensing and  
 92.22 Standards Board within 30 calendar days of receipt of the denial letter. The candidate may  
 92.23 include any documentation necessary to demonstrate that the candidate meets the licensure  
 92.24 requirements. The board must review the denial within 60 calendar days of receipt of the  
 92.25 letter seeking review. If the board affirms the denial, the board must send the candidate a  
 92.26 letter identifying each licensure requirement the candidate failed to meet and informing the  
 92.27 candidate of the appeal process provided under this section.

92.28 Subd. 3. **Appeal.** A candidate whose application for license or license renewal has been  
 92.29 denied under subdivisions 1 and 2 may appeal the decision by filing a written request with  
 92.30 the Professional Educator Licensing and Standards Board within 30 days of notice that the  
 92.31 board has affirmed the denial of license. The board must then initiate a contested case under  
 92.32 the Administrative Procedure Act, sections 14.001 to 14.69.

92.33 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 1, 2018.

93.1 Sec. 14. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 122A.19, is amended to read:

93.2 **122A.19 BILINGUAL AND ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE TEACHERS;**  
 93.3 **LICENSES.**

93.4 Subdivision 1. **Bilingual and English as a second language licenses.** The Professional  
 93.5 Educator Licensing and Standards Board of Teaching, hereinafter the board, must grant  
 93.6 teaching licenses in bilingual education and English as a second language to persons who  
 93.7 present satisfactory evidence that they:

93.8 ~~(a)~~ (1) possess competence and communicative skills in English and in another language;

93.9 ~~(b)~~ (2) possess a bachelor's degree or other academic degree approved by the board, and  
 93.10 meet such requirements as to course of study and training as the board may prescribe,  
 93.11 consistent with subdivision 4; and

93.12 (3) meet all other requirements for a teaching license provided in section 122A.18.

93.13 Subd. 2. **Persons holding general teaching licenses.** The board may license a person  
 93.14 who holds a ~~general~~ teaching license in any tier under section 122A.181, and who presents  
 93.15 the board with satisfactory evidence of competence and communicative skills in a language  
 93.16 other than English under this section.

93.17 Subd. 4. **Teacher preparation programs.** For the purpose of licensing bilingual and  
 93.18 English as a second language teachers, the board may approve programs at colleges or  
 93.19 universities designed for their training. These programs must provide instruction in  
 93.20 implementing research-based practices designed specifically for English learners. The  
 93.21 programs must focus on developing English learners' academic language proficiency in  
 93.22 English, including oral academic language, giving English learners meaningful access to  
 93.23 the full school curriculum, developing culturally relevant teaching practices appropriate for  
 93.24 immigrant students, and providing more intensive instruction and resources to English  
 93.25 learners with lower levels of academic English proficiency and varied needs, consistent  
 93.26 with section 124D.59, subdivisions 2 and 2a.

93.27 Subd. 5. **Persons eligible for employment.** Any person licensed under this section is  
 93.28 eligible for employment by a school board as a teacher in a bilingual education or English  
 93.29 as a second language program in which the language for which the person is licensed is  
 93.30 taught or used as a medium of instruction. A board may prescribe only those additional  
 93.31 qualifications for teachers licensed under this section that are approved by the board of  
 93.32 ~~teaching~~.

94.1 Subd. 6. **Affirmative efforts in hiring.** In hiring for all bilingual education program  
 94.2 positions, districts must give preference to and make affirmative efforts to seek, recruit, and  
 94.3 employ persons who (1) are native speakers of the language which is the medium of  
 94.4 instruction in the bilingual education program or share a native language with the majority  
 94.5 of their students, and (2) share the culture of the English learners enrolled in the program.  
 94.6 The district shall provide procedures for involving the parent advisory committees in  
 94.7 designing the procedures for recruiting, screening, and selecting applicants. This section  
 94.8 must not be construed to limit the school board's authority to hire and discharge personnel.

94.9 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 1, 2018.

94.10 Sec. 15. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 122A.20, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

94.11 Subdivision 1. **Grounds for revocation, suspension, or denial.** (a) The Professional  
 94.12 Educator Licensing and Standards Board of Teaching or Board of School Administrators,  
 94.13 whichever has jurisdiction over a teacher's licensure, may, on the written complaint of the  
 94.14 school board employing a teacher, a teacher organization, or any other interested person,  
 94.15 refuse to issue, refuse to renew, suspend, or revoke a teacher's license to teach for any of  
 94.16 the following causes:

- 94.17 (1) immoral character or conduct;
- 94.18 (2) failure, without justifiable cause, to teach for the term of the teacher's contract;
- 94.19 (3) gross inefficiency or willful neglect of duty;
- 94.20 (4) failure to meet licensure requirements; or
- 94.21 (5) fraud or misrepresentation in obtaining a license.

94.22 The written complaint must specify the nature and character of the charges.

94.23 (b) The Professional Educator Licensing and Standards Board of Teaching or Board of  
 94.24 School Administrators, whichever has jurisdiction over a teacher's licensure, shall refuse  
 94.25 to issue, refuse to renew, or automatically revoke a teacher's license to teach without the  
 94.26 right to a hearing upon receiving a certified copy of a conviction showing that the teacher  
 94.27 has been convicted of child abuse, as defined in section 609.185, sex trafficking in the first  
 94.28 degree under section 609.322, subdivision 1, sex trafficking in the second degree under  
 94.29 section 609.322, subdivision 1a, engaging in hiring, or agreeing to hire a minor to engage  
 94.30 in prostitution under section 609.324, subdivision 1, sexual abuse under section 609.342,  
 94.31 609.343, 609.344, 609.345, 609.3451, subdivision 3, or 617.23, subdivision 3, solicitation  
 94.32 of children to engage in sexual conduct or communication of sexually explicit materials to

95.1 children under section 609.352, interference with privacy under section 609.746 or stalking  
 95.2 under section 609.749 and the victim was a minor, using minors in a sexual performance  
 95.3 under section 617.246, possessing pornographic works involving a minor under section  
 95.4 617.247, or any other offense not listed in this paragraph that requires the person to register  
 95.5 as a predatory offender under section 243.166, or a crime under a similar law of another  
 95.6 state or the United States. The board shall send notice of this licensing action to the district  
 95.7 in which the teacher is currently employed.

95.8 (c) A person whose license to teach has been revoked, not issued, or not renewed under  
 95.9 paragraph (b), may petition the board to reconsider the licensing action if the person's  
 95.10 conviction for child abuse or sexual abuse is reversed by a final decision of the Court of  
 95.11 Appeals or the Supreme Court or if the person has received a pardon for the offense. The  
 95.12 petitioner shall attach a certified copy of the appellate court's final decision or the pardon  
 95.13 to the petition. Upon receiving the petition and its attachment, the board shall schedule and  
 95.14 hold a disciplinary hearing on the matter under section 214.10, subdivision 2, unless the  
 95.15 petitioner waives the right to a hearing. If the board finds that, notwithstanding the reversal  
 95.16 of the petitioner's criminal conviction or the issuance of a pardon, the petitioner is disqualified  
 95.17 from teaching under paragraph (a), clause (1), the board shall affirm its previous licensing  
 95.18 action. If the board finds that the petitioner is not disqualified from teaching under paragraph  
 95.19 (a), clause (1), it shall reverse its previous licensing action.

95.20 (d) For purposes of this subdivision, the Professional Educator Licensing and Standards  
 95.21 Board of Teaching is delegated the authority to suspend or revoke coaching licenses.

95.22 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 1, 2018.

95.23 Sec. 16. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 122A.20, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

95.24 Subd. 2. **Mandatory reporting.** A school board must report to the Professional Educator  
 95.25 Licensing and Standards Board of Teaching, the Board of School Administrators, or the  
 95.26 Board of Trustees of the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities, whichever has  
 95.27 jurisdiction over the teacher's or administrator's license, when its teacher or administrator  
 95.28 is discharged or resigns from employment after a charge is filed with the school board under  
 95.29 section 122A.41, subdivisions 6, clauses (1), (2), and (3), and 7, or after charges are filed  
 95.30 that are grounds for discharge under section 122A.40, subdivision 13, paragraph (a), clauses  
 95.31 (1) to (5), or when a teacher or administrator is suspended or resigns while an investigation  
 95.32 is pending under section 122A.40, subdivision 13, paragraph (a) clauses (1) to (5); 122A.41,  
 95.33 subdivisions 6, clauses (1), (2), and (3), and 7; or 626.556, or when a teacher or administrator  
 95.34 is suspended without an investigation under section 122A.41, subdivisions 6, paragraph (a),

96.1 clauses (1), (2), and (3), and 7; or 626.556. The report must be made to the appropriate  
 96.2 licensing board within ten days after the discharge, suspension, or resignation has occurred.  
 96.3 The licensing board to which the report is made must investigate the report for violation of  
 96.4 subdivision 1 and the reporting board must cooperate in the investigation. Notwithstanding  
 96.5 any provision in chapter 13 or any law to the contrary, upon written request from the licensing  
 96.6 board having jurisdiction over the license, a board or school superintendent shall provide  
 96.7 the licensing board with information about the teacher or administrator from the district's  
 96.8 files, any termination or disciplinary proceeding, any settlement or compromise, or any  
 96.9 investigative file. Upon written request from the appropriate licensing board, a board or  
 96.10 school superintendent may, at the discretion of the board or school superintendent, solicit  
 96.11 the written consent of a student and the student's parent to provide the licensing board with  
 96.12 information that may aid the licensing board in its investigation and license proceedings.  
 96.13 The licensing board's request need not identify a student or parent by name. The consent  
 96.14 of the student and the student's parent must meet the requirements of chapter 13 and Code  
 96.15 of Federal Regulations, title 34, section 99.30. The licensing board may provide a consent  
 96.16 form to the district. Any data transmitted to any board under this section is private data  
 96.17 under section 13.02, subdivision 12, notwithstanding any other classification of the data  
 96.18 when it was in the possession of any other agency.

96.19 The licensing board to which a report is made must transmit to the Attorney General's  
 96.20 Office any record or data it receives under this subdivision for the sole purpose of having  
 96.21 the Attorney General's Office assist that board in its investigation. When the Attorney  
 96.22 General's Office has informed an employee of the appropriate licensing board in writing  
 96.23 that grounds exist to suspend or revoke a teacher's license to teach, that licensing board  
 96.24 must consider suspending or revoking or decline to suspend or revoke the teacher's or  
 96.25 administrator's license within 45 days of receiving a stipulation executed by the teacher or  
 96.26 administrator under investigation or a recommendation from an administrative law judge  
 96.27 that disciplinary action be taken.

96.28 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 1, 2018.

96.29 Sec. 17. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 122A.21, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

96.30 Subd. 2. **Licensure via portfolio.** (a) The Professional Educator Licensing and Standards  
 96.31 Board must develop a process for an eligible candidate ~~may use licensure via portfolio~~ to  
 96.32 obtain a ~~professional five-year teaching~~ any teacher license under section 122A.181, or to  
 96.33 add a licensure field, ~~consistent with applicable Board of Teaching licensure rules~~ via  
 96.34 portfolio.

97.1 (b) A candidate for a ~~professional five-year teaching~~ license must submit to the ~~Educator~~  
 97.2 ~~Licensing Division at the department~~ board one portfolio demonstrating pedagogical  
 97.3 competence and one portfolio demonstrating content competence.

97.4 (c) A candidate seeking to add a licensure field must submit to the ~~Educator Licensing~~  
 97.5 ~~Division at the department~~ board one portfolio demonstrating content competence for each  
 97.6 field the candidate seeks to add.

97.7 (d) The board of ~~Teaching~~ must notify a candidate who submits a portfolio under  
 97.8 paragraph (b) or (c) within 90 calendar days after the portfolio is received whether or not  
 97.9 the portfolio was approved. If the portfolio was not approved, the board must immediately  
 97.10 inform the candidate how to revise the portfolio to successfully demonstrate the requisite  
 97.11 competence. The candidate may resubmit a revised portfolio at any time and the ~~Educator~~  
 97.12 ~~Licensing Division at the department~~ board must approve or disapprove the revised portfolio  
 97.13 within 60 calendar days of receiving it.

97.14 (e) A candidate must pay to the executive secretary of the board of ~~Teaching~~ a \$300 fee  
 97.15 for the first portfolio submitted for review and a \$200 fee for any portfolio submitted  
 97.16 subsequently. The revenue generated from the fee must be deposited in an education licensure  
 97.17 portfolio account in the special revenue fund. The fees set by the board of ~~Teaching~~ are  
 97.18 nonrefundable for applicants not qualifying for a license. The board of ~~Teaching~~ may waive  
 97.19 or reduce fees for candidates based on financial need.

97.20 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective January 1, 2018.

97.21 Sec. 18. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 122A.23, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

97.22 Subd. 3. **Teacher licensure agreements with adjoining states.** (a) Notwithstanding  
 97.23 any other law to the contrary, the Professional Educator Licensing and Standards Board of  
 97.24 ~~Teaching~~ must enter into a National Association of State Directors of Teacher Education  
 97.25 and Certification (NASDTEC) interstate agreement and other interstate agreements for  
 97.26 teacher licensure to allow fully certified teachers from adjoining states to transfer their  
 97.27 certification to Minnesota. The board must enter into these interstate agreements only after  
 97.28 determining that the rigor of the teacher licensure or certification requirements in the  
 97.29 adjoining state is commensurate with the rigor of Minnesota's teacher licensure requirements.  
 97.30 The board may limit an interstate agreement to particular content fields or grade levels based  
 97.31 on established priorities or identified shortages. This subdivision does not apply to  
 97.32 out-of-state applicants holding only a provisional teaching license.

98.1 (b) The Professional Educator Licensing and Standards Board of Teaching must work  
 98.2 with designated authorities in adjoining states to establish interstate teacher licensure  
 98.3 agreements under this section.

98.4 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 1, 2018.

98.5 Sec. 19. **[122A.2451] ALTERNATIVE TEACHER PREPARATION PROVIDERS**  
 98.6 **AND PROGRAMS.**

98.7 Subdivision 1. **Definitions.** (a) "Provider" or "unit" means an eligible entity that seeks  
 98.8 or has obtained approval for an alternative teacher preparation program consistent with this  
 98.9 section.

98.10 (b) "Program" means content provided by a provider that leads toward licensure in a  
 98.11 specific content area.

98.12 Subd. 2. **Purpose.** To provide alternative pathways toward Minnesota teacher licensure  
 98.13 outside of the traditional means, to improve ethnic and cultural diversity in the classroom,  
 98.14 and to close the achievement gap, the Professional Educator Licensing and Standards Board  
 98.15 must approve qualified teacher preparation providers and programs under this section that  
 98.16 are a means to acquire a Tier 2 license under section 122A.181 and prepare for acquiring a  
 98.17 Tier 3 license under section 122A.181.

98.18 Subd. 3. **Eligibility.** A school district, charter school, or nonprofit corporation organized  
 98.19 under chapter 317A for an education-related purpose is eligible to participate under this  
 98.20 section. An eligible entity may apply for provider and program approval simultaneously.

98.21 Subd. 4. **Provider approval.** An eligible entity must be approved as a provider before  
 98.22 being approved to provide programs toward licensure. The Professional Educator Licensing  
 98.23 and Standards Board must approve eligible entities under subdivision 3 that meet the  
 98.24 following requirements:

98.25 (1) has evidence and a history of fiscal solvency, capacity, and operation;

98.26 (2) has evidence of necessary infrastructure to provide accurate, timely, and secure data  
 98.27 for the purposes of admission, candidate monitoring, testing, background checks, and license  
 98.28 recommendations;

98.29 (3) has policies and procedures in place ensuring the security of candidate records under  
 98.30 the federal Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act;

98.31 (4) has the instructional capacity or ability to obtain the instructional capacity to provide  
 98.32 an adequate instructional phase under subdivision 5; and

99.1 (5) meets all other board-adopted rules for teacher preparation providers.

99.2 Subd. 5. **Program approval.** The board must approve programs offered by approved  
 99.3 providers based on nontraditional criteria. An approved program must have the following  
 99.4 characteristics:

99.5 (1) an instructional phase that provides intensive preparation and observed classroom  
 99.6 experience that is commensurate with the scope of licensure standards defined under rule,  
 99.7 before the teacher candidate assumes classroom responsibilities;

99.8 (2) a research-based and results-oriented approach focused on best teaching practices  
 99.9 to increase student proficiency and growth measured against state academic standards;

99.10 (3) a strategy to combine pedagogy and best teaching practices to better inform teacher  
 99.11 candidates' classroom instruction;

99.12 (4) provide assessment, supervision, and evaluation of teacher candidates to determine  
 99.13 their specific needs throughout the program, and to support efforts to successfully complete  
 99.14 the program;

99.15 (5) provide intensive and ongoing professional learning opportunities that accelerate  
 99.16 teacher candidates' professional growth, support student learning, and provide a workplace  
 99.17 orientation, professional staff development, mentoring and peer review, focused on standards  
 99.18 of professional practice and continuous professional growth; and

99.19 (6) a process to review a candidate's final proficiency of required licensure content  
 99.20 standards that leads to potential candidate recommendation by the provider to the board for  
 99.21 a Tier 3 teaching license under subdivision 8.

99.22 Subd. 6. **Nontraditional means; program instructors.** (a) The board must permit  
 99.23 alternative teacher preparation providers and teacher candidates to demonstrate pedagogy  
 99.24 and content standard proficiency in school-based programs and through other nontraditional  
 99.25 means. Nontraditional means may include previous work experiences, teaching experiences,  
 99.26 educator evaluations, industry-recognized certifications, and other essentially equivalent  
 99.27 demonstrations.

99.28 (b) The board must use nontraditional criteria to determine qualifications of program  
 99.29 instructors, including permitting instructors to hold a baccalaureate degree only.

99.30 Subd. 7. **Program disapproval, suspension.** If the board determines that a teacher  
 99.31 preparation provider or licensure program fails to meet or is deficient in any of the  
 99.32 requirements of subdivision 5, it may suspend or revoke the approval of the provider or

100.1 program after it notifies the provider of the deficiencies and gives the provider an opportunity  
 100.2 to remedy the deficiencies.

100.3 Subd. 8. **Candidate program completion; teacher licensure.** (a) A candidate who  
 100.4 completes an approved program must apply for a license under the tiered licensure system  
 100.5 according to section 122A.181.

100.6 (b) A person who successfully completes another state's alternative teacher preparation  
 100.7 licensure program may apply to the Professional Educator Licensing and Standards Board  
 100.8 for a Tier 3 license.

100.9 Subd. 9. **Reports.** (a) An approved alternative teacher preparation provider must report  
 100.10 to the Professional Educator Licensing and Standards Board on items that are defined in  
 100.11 statute regarding program candidates, completion, and effectiveness or other items that are  
 100.12 required under section 122A.09.

100.13 (b) The Professional Educator Licensing and Standards Board must submit a biennial  
 100.14 report on the alternative teacher preparation program and providers to legislative committees  
 100.15 with jurisdiction over kindergarten through grade 12 education policy and finance by January  
 100.16 15 of each odd-numbered year.

100.17 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 1, 2018.

100.18 Sec. 20. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 122A.26, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

100.19 Subd. 2. **Exceptions.** A person who teaches in a community education program which  
 100.20 qualifies for aid pursuant to section 124D.52 shall continue to meet licensure requirements  
 100.21 as a teacher. A person who teaches in an early childhood and family education program  
 100.22 which is offered through a community education program and which qualifies for community  
 100.23 education aid pursuant to section 124D.20 or early childhood and family education aid  
 100.24 pursuant to section 124D.135 shall continue to meet licensure requirements as a teacher. A  
 100.25 person who teaches in a community education course which is offered for credit for  
 100.26 graduation to persons under 18 years of age shall continue to meet licensure requirements  
 100.27 as a teacher. A person who teaches a driver training course which is offered through a  
 100.28 community education program to persons under 18 years of age shall be licensed by the  
 100.29 Professional Educator Licensing and Standards Board of Teaching or be subject to section  
 100.30 171.35. A license which is required for an instructor in a community education program  
 100.31 pursuant to this subdivision shall not be construed to bring an individual within the definition  
 100.32 of a teacher for purposes of section 122A.40, subdivision 1, or 122A.41, subdivision 1,  
 100.33 clause (a).

101.1 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 1, 2018.

101.2 Sec. 21. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 122A.28, is amended to read:

101.3 **122A.28 TEACHERS OF DEAF AND HARD-OF-HEARING STUDENTS;**  
101.4 **LICENSURE REQUIREMENTS.**

101.5 Subdivision 1. **K-12 license to teach deaf and hard-of-hearing students; relicensure.**

101.6 (a) The Professional Educator Licensing and Standards Board of Teaching must review and  
101.7 determine appropriate licensure requirements for a candidate for a license or an applicant  
101.8 for a continuing license to teach deaf and hard-of-hearing students in prekindergarten through  
101.9 grade 12. In addition to other requirements, a candidate must demonstrate the minimum  
101.10 level of proficiency in American sign language as determined by the board.

101.11 (b) Among other relicensure requirements, each teacher under this section must complete  
101.12 30 continuing education clock hours on hearing loss topics, including American Sign  
101.13 Language, American Sign Language linguistics, or deaf culture, in each licensure renewal  
101.14 period.

101.15 Subd. 2. **Licensure for teaching oral/aural deaf education programs.** (a) The  
101.16 Professional Educator Licensing and Standards Board of Teaching shall adopt a separate  
101.17 licensure rule for a candidate for a license or an applicant for a continuing license to teach  
101.18 in oral/aural deaf education programs or to provide services, including itinerant oral/aural  
101.19 deaf education services, to deaf and hard-of-hearing students in prekindergarten through  
101.20 grade 12.

101.21 (b) The board shall design rule requirements for teaching oral/aural deaf education in  
101.22 collaboration with representatives of parents and educators of deaf and hard-of-hearing  
101.23 students, postsecondary programs preparing teachers of deaf and hard-of-hearing students,  
101.24 and the Department of Education.

101.25 (c) Rule requirements for teaching oral/aural deaf education shall reflect best practice  
101.26 research in oral/aural deaf education. Advanced competencies in teaching deaf and  
101.27 hard-of-hearing students through oral/aural modes shall be included.

101.28 (d) Licensure requirements for teachers of oral/aural deaf education must include  
101.29 minimum competency in American sign language, but are not subject to the guidelines  
101.30 established in Laws 1993, chapter 224, article 3, section 32, as amended by Laws 1998,  
101.31 chapter 398, article 2, section 47. The signed communication proficiency interview shall  
101.32 not be required for teachers licensed to teach deaf and hard-of-hearing students through  
101.33 oral/aural deaf education methods.

102.1 (e) Requirements for teachers or oral/aural deaf education shall include appropriate  
 102.2 continuing education requirements for renewing this licensure.

102.3 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 1, 2018.

102.4 Sec. 22. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 122A.29, is amended to read:

102.5 **122A.29 TEACHERS OF BLIND AND VISUALLY IMPAIRED STUDENTS;**  
 102.6 **LICENSURE REQUIREMENTS.**

102.7 Teachers licensed in the education of blind and visually impaired students must  
 102.8 demonstrate competence in reading and writing Braille. The Professional Educator Licensing  
 102.9 and Standards Board of Teaching, at such time as a valid and reliable test is available, shall  
 102.10 adopt a rule to assess these competencies that is consistent with the standards of the National  
 102.11 Library Services for the Blind and Physically Handicapped.

102.12 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 1, 2018.

102.13 Sec. 23. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 122A.30, is amended to read:

102.14 **122A.30 EXEMPTION FOR CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION**  
 102.15 **INSTRUCTORS.**

102.16 (a) Notwithstanding section 122A.15, subdivision 1, and upon approval of the local  
 102.17 employer school board, a person who teaches in a part-time vocational or career and technical  
 102.18 education program is exempt from a license requirement. Nothing in this section shall  
 102.19 exclude licensed career and technical educators from the definition of "teacher" in section  
 102.20 122A.40, 122A.41, or 179A.03.

102.21 (b) This section expires June 30, 2020. After this section expires, persons who teach in  
 102.22 a part-time vocational or career and technical education program may apply for a teaching  
 102.23 license provided in section 122A.181.

102.24 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 1, 2018.

102.25 Sec. 24. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 124D.13, subdivision 11, is amended to read:

102.26 Subd. 11. **Teachers.** A school board must employ necessary licensed teachers for its  
 102.27 early childhood family education programs. ~~The Board of Teaching, at its discretion, may~~  
 102.28 ~~grant an applicant a variance under this subdivision, consistent with sections 122A.09,~~  
 102.29 ~~subdivision 10, and 122A.25, and Board of Teaching rules.~~

102.30 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 1, 2018.

103.1 Sec. 25. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 124D.454, subdivision 12, is amended to read:

103.2 Subd. 12. **Compliance with rules.** Aid must be paid under this section only for services  
103.3 rendered or for costs incurred in career and technical education programs approved by the  
103.4 commissioner and operated in accordance with rules promulgated by the commissioner.

103.5 This aid shall be paid only for services rendered and for costs incurred by essential, licensed  
103.6 personnel who meet the requirements for licensure pursuant to the rules of the ~~Minnesota~~  
103.7 Professional Educator Licensing and Standards Board of Teaching. Licensed personnel

103.8 means persons holding a valid career and technical license issued by the ~~commissioner~~.

103.9 Professional Educator Licensing and Standards Board under section 122A.30. If an average  
103.10 of five or fewer secondary full-time equivalent students are enrolled per teacher in an

103.11 approved postsecondary program at Intermediate District No. 287, 916, or 917, licensed

103.12 personnel means persons holding a valid vocational license issued by the commissioner or

103.13 the Board of Trustees of the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities. Notwithstanding

103.14 section 127A.42, the commissioner may modify or withdraw the program or aid approval

103.15 and withhold aid under this section without proceeding under section 127A.42 at any time.

103.16 To do so, the commissioner must determine that the program does not comply with rules

103.17 of the Department of Education or that any facts concerning the program or its budget differ

103.18 from the facts in the district's approved application.

103.19 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 1, 2018.

103.20 Sec. 26. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 124D.75, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

103.21 Subdivision 1. **American Indian language and culture education licenses.** The  
103.22 Professional Educator Licensing and Standards Board of Teaching, in consultation with the

103.23 Tribal Nations Education Committee, must grant initial and continuing teaching licenses

103.24 in American Indian language and culture education that bear the same duration as other

103.25 initial and continuing licenses. The board must grant licenses to persons who present

103.26 satisfactory evidence that they:

103.27 (1) possess competence in an American Indian language or possess unique qualifications  
103.28 relative to or knowledge and understanding of American Indian history and culture; or

103.29 (2) possess a bachelor's degree or other academic degree approved by the board or meet

103.30 such requirements as to course of study and training as the board may prescribe, or possess

103.31 such relevant experience as the board may prescribe.

103.32 This evidence may be presented by affidavits, tribal resolutions, or by such other methods

103.33 as the board may prescribe. Individuals may present applications for licensure on their own

104.1 behalf or these applications may be submitted by the superintendent or other authorized  
 104.2 official of a school district, participating school, or an American Indian school.

104.3 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective January 1, 2018.

104.4 Sec. 27. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 124D.75, subdivision 6, is amended to read:

104.5 Subd. 6. **Persons eligible for employment; exemptions.** Any person licensed under  
 104.6 this section shall be eligible for employment by a school board or a participating school as  
 104.7 a teacher in an American Indian education program in which the American Indian language  
 104.8 or culture in which the person is licensed is taught. A school district or participating school  
 104.9 may prescribe only those additional qualifications for teachers licensed under this section  
 104.10 as are approved by the Professional Educator Licensing and Standards Board of Teaching.  
 104.11 Any school board or participating school upon request may be exempted from the licensure  
 104.12 requirements of this section in the hiring of one or more American Indian language and  
 104.13 culture education teachers for any school year in which compliance would, in the opinion  
 104.14 of the ~~commissioner~~ Professional Educator Licensing and Standards Board, create a hardship  
 104.15 in the securing of the teachers.

104.16 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective January 1, 2018.

104.17 Sec. 28. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 125A.67, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

104.18 Subd. 2. **Teacher standards.** A teacher ~~or administrator~~ at the academies is subject to  
 104.19 the licensure standards of the Professional Educator Licensure and Standards Board of  
 104.20 ~~Teaching or the commissioner of education.~~ An administrator at the academies is subject  
 104.21 to the licensure standards of the Board of School Administrators.

104.22 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 1, 2018.

104.23 Sec. 29. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 136A.1791, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

104.24 Subdivision 1. **Definitions.** (a) The terms used in this section have the meanings given  
 104.25 them in this subdivision.

104.26 (b) "Qualified educational loan" means a government, commercial, or foundation loan  
 104.27 for actual costs paid for tuition and reasonable educational and living expenses related to a  
 104.28 teacher's preparation or further education.

104.29 (c) "School district" means an independent school district, special school district,  
 104.30 intermediate district, education district, special education cooperative, service cooperative,  
 104.31 a cooperative center for vocational education, or a charter school located in Minnesota.

105.1 (d) "Teacher" means an individual holding a teaching license issued by the ~~licensing~~  
 105.2 ~~division in the Department of Education on behalf of the Board of Teaching Professional~~  
 105.3 Educator Licensure and Standards Board who is employed by a school district to provide  
 105.4 classroom instruction in a teacher shortage area.

105.5 (e) "Teacher shortage area" means the licensure fields and economic development regions  
 105.6 reported by the commissioner of education as experiencing a teacher shortage.

105.7 (f) "Commissioner" means the commissioner of the Office of Higher Education unless  
 105.8 indicated otherwise.

105.9 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 1, 2018.

105.10 Sec. 30. **LICENSES UNDER JURISDICTION OF THE BOARD OF TEACHING.**

105.11 Subdivision 1. **One-year license.** A one-year license issued by the commissioner of  
 105.12 education before the effective date of this section must be treated as a Tier 1 license  
 105.13 established under Minnesota Statutes, sections 122A.18 and 122A.181.

105.14 Subd. 2. **Two-year license.** A two-year license issued by the commissioner of education  
 105.15 before the effective date of this section must be treated as a Tier 2 license established under  
 105.16 Minnesota Statutes, sections 122A.18 and 122A.181.

105.17 Subd. 3. **Three-year license.** A three-year license issued by the commissioner of  
 105.18 education before the effective date of this section must be treated as a Tier 3 license  
 105.19 established under Minnesota Statutes, sections 122A.18 and 122A.181.

105.20 Subd. 4. **Five-year license.** A five-year license issued by the commissioner of education  
 105.21 before the effective date of this section must be treated as a Tier 4 license established under  
 105.22 Minnesota Statutes, sections 122A.18 and 122A.181.

105.23 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective January 1, 2018.

105.24 Sec. 31. **RULE CHANGE; ACADEMIC AND BEHAVIORAL STRATEGIST**  
 105.25 **LICENSURE.**

105.26 No later than September 1, 2017, the Board of Teaching must amend Minnesota Rules,  
 105.27 part 8710.5050, subpart 4, so that academic and behavioral strategist continuing licenses  
 105.28 under that part may be issued and renewed according to rules of the Board of Teaching  
 105.29 governing continuing licenses and without requiring the candidate to hold or be recommended  
 105.30 for licensure in any other licensure field. The board shall use the good cause exemption  
 105.31 under Minnesota Statutes, section 14.388, subdivision 1, clause (3), to adopt rules under

106.1 this section, and Minnesota Statutes, section 14.386, does not apply except as provided in  
106.2 Minnesota Statutes, section 14.388.

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

106.4 Sec. 32. **TEACHER OF SPECIAL EDUCATION LICENSE REVIEW.**

106.5 The Professional Educator Licensing and Standards Board must conduct a review of all  
106.6 available teacher of special education licenses and determine the options for cross-categorical  
106.7 licenses for teachers of special education. The board must report its findings and draft  
106.8 legislation, if needed, to the legislative committees with jurisdiction over kindergarten  
106.9 through grade 12 education by December 14, 2018.

106.10 Sec. 33. **REPEALER.**

106.11 Minnesota Statutes 2016, sections 122A.162; 122A.163; 122A.18, subdivisions 4, 4a,  
106.12 and 7; 122A.23, subdivisions 1 and 2; 122A.245; and 122A.25, are repealed.

#### 106.13 **ARTICLE 4**

#### 106.14 **SPECIAL EDUCATION**

106.15 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 125A.0941, is amended to read:

#### 106.16 **125A.0941 DEFINITIONS.**

106.17 (a) The following terms have the meanings given them.

106.18 (b) "Emergency" means a situation where immediate intervention is needed to protect  
106.19 a child or other individual from physical injury. Emergency does not mean circumstances  
106.20 such as: a child who does not respond to a task or request and instead places his or her head  
106.21 on a desk or hides under a desk or table; a child who does not respond to a staff person's  
106.22 request unless failing to respond would result in physical injury to the child or other  
106.23 individual; or an emergency incident has already occurred and no threat of physical injury  
106.24 currently exists.

106.25 (c) "Physical holding" means physical intervention intended to hold a child immobile  
106.26 or limit a child's movement, where body contact is the only source of physical restraint, and  
106.27 where immobilization is used to effectively gain control of a child in order to protect a child  
106.28 or other individual from physical injury. The term physical holding does not mean physical  
106.29 contact that:

106.30 (1) helps a child respond or complete a task;

107.1 (2) assists a child without restricting the child's movement;

107.2 (3) is needed to administer an authorized health-related service or procedure; or

107.3 (4) is needed to physically escort a child when the child does not resist or the child's  
107.4 resistance is minimal.

107.5 (d) "Positive behavioral interventions and supports" means interventions and strategies  
107.6 to improve the school environment and teach children the skills to behave appropriately,  
107.7 including the key components under section 122A.627.

107.8 (e) "Prone restraint" means placing a child in a face down position.

107.9 (f) "Restrictive procedures" means the use of physical holding or seclusion in an  
107.10 emergency. Restrictive procedures must not be used to punish or otherwise discipline a  
107.11 child.

107.12 (g) "Seclusion" means confining a child alone in a room from which egress is barred.  
107.13 Egress may be barred by an adult locking or closing the door in the room or preventing the  
107.14 child from leaving the room. Removing a child from an activity to a location where the  
107.15 child cannot participate in or observe the activity is not seclusion.

107.16 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 125A.11, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

107.17 Subdivision 1. **Nonresident tuition rate; other costs.** (a) For fiscal year 2015 and later,  
107.18 when a school district provides special instruction and services for a pupil with a disability  
107.19 as defined in section 125A.02 outside the district of residence, excluding a pupil for whom  
107.20 an adjustment to special education aid is calculated according to section 127A.47, subdivision  
107.21 7, paragraphs (b) to (d), special education aid paid to the resident district must be reduced  
107.22 by an amount equal to (1) the actual cost of providing special instruction and services to  
107.23 the pupil, including a proportionate amount for special transportation, plus (2) the amount  
107.24 of general education revenue, excluding local optional revenue, plus local optional aid and  
107.25 referendum equalization aid attributable to that pupil, calculated using the resident district's  
107.26 average general education revenue and referendum equalization aid per adjusted pupil unit  
107.27 excluding basic skills revenue, elementary sparsity revenue and secondary sparsity revenue,  
107.28 minus (3) the amount of special education aid for children with a disability under section  
107.29 125A.76 received on behalf of that child, minus (4) if the pupil receives special instruction  
107.30 and services outside the regular classroom for more than 60 percent of the school day, the  
107.31 amount of general education revenue and referendum equalization aid, excluding portions  
107.32 attributable to district and school administration, district support services, operations and  
107.33 maintenance, capital expenditures, and pupil transportation, attributable to that pupil for

108.1 the portion of time the pupil receives special instruction and services outside of the regular  
108.2 classroom, calculated using the resident district's average general education revenue and  
108.3 referendum equalization aid per adjusted pupil unit excluding basic skills revenue, elementary  
108.4 sparsity revenue and secondary sparsity revenue and the serving district's basic skills revenue,  
108.5 elementary sparsity revenue and secondary sparsity revenue per adjusted pupil unit.  
108.6 Notwithstanding clauses (1) and (4), for pupils served by a cooperative unit without a fiscal  
108.7 agent school district, the general education revenue and referendum equalization aid  
108.8 attributable to a pupil must be calculated using the resident district's average general  
108.9 education revenue and referendum equalization aid excluding compensatory revenue,  
108.10 elementary sparsity revenue, and secondary sparsity revenue. Special education aid paid to  
108.11 the district or cooperative providing special instruction and services for the pupil must be  
108.12 increased by the amount of the reduction in the aid paid to the resident district. If the resident  
108.13 district's special education aid is insufficient to make the full adjustment, the remaining  
108.14 adjustment shall be made to other state aid due to the district.

108.15 (b) Notwithstanding paragraph (a), when a charter school receiving special education  
108.16 aid under section 124E.21, subdivision 3, provides special instruction and services for a  
108.17 pupil with a disability as defined in section 125A.02, excluding a pupil for whom an  
108.18 adjustment to special education aid is calculated according to section 127A.47, subdivision  
108.19 7, paragraphs (b) to (e), special education aid paid to the resident district must be reduced  
108.20 by an amount equal to that calculated under paragraph (a) as if the charter school received  
108.21 aid under section 124E.21, subdivision 1. Notwithstanding paragraph (a), special education  
108.22 aid paid to the charter school providing special instruction and services for the pupil must  
108.23 not be increased by the amount of the reduction in the aid paid to the resident district.

108.24 (c) Notwithstanding paragraph (a) and section 127A.47, subdivision 7, paragraphs (b)  
108.25 to (d):

108.26 (1) an intermediate district or a special education cooperative may recover unreimbursed  
108.27 costs of serving pupils with a disability, including building lease, debt service, and indirect  
108.28 costs necessary for the general operation of the organization, by billing membership fees  
108.29 and nonmember access fees to the resident district;

108.30 (2) a charter school where more than 30 percent of enrolled students receive special  
108.31 education and related services, a site approved under section 125A.515, an intermediate  
108.32 district, a site constructed according to Laws 1992, chapter 558, section 7, subdivision 7,  
108.33 to meet the educational needs of court-placed adolescents, or a special education cooperative  
108.34 may apply to the commissioner for authority to charge the resident district an additional  
108.35 amount to recover any remaining unreimbursed costs of serving pupils with a disability;

109.1 (3) the billing under clause (1) or application under clause (2) must include a description  
 109.2 of the costs and the calculations used to determine the unreimbursed portion to be charged  
 109.3 to the resident district. Amounts approved by the commissioner under clause (2) must be  
 109.4 included in the aid adjustments under paragraph (a), or section 127A.47, subdivision 7,  
 109.5 paragraphs (b) to (d), as applicable.

109.6 (d) For purposes of this subdivision and section 127A.47, subdivision 7, paragraph (b),  
 109.7 "general education revenue and referendum equalization aid" means the sum of the general  
 109.8 education revenue according to section 126C.10, subdivision 1, excluding the local optional  
 109.9 levy according to section 126C.10, subdivision 2e, paragraph (c), plus the referendum  
 109.10 equalization aid according to section 126C.17, subdivision 7.

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

109.12 Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 125A.21, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

109.13 Subd. 2. **Third-party reimbursement.** (a) Beginning July 1, 2000, districts shall seek  
 109.14 reimbursement from insurers and similar third parties for the cost of services provided by  
 109.15 the district whenever the services provided by the district are otherwise covered by the  
 109.16 child's health coverage. Districts shall request, but may not require, the child's family to  
 109.17 provide information about the child's health coverage when a child with a disability begins  
 109.18 to receive services from the district of a type that may be reimbursable, and shall request,  
 109.19 but may not require, updated information after that as needed.

109.20 (b) For children enrolled in medical assistance under chapter 256B or MinnesotaCare  
 109.21 under chapter 256L who have no other health coverage, a district shall provide an initial  
 109.22 and annual written notice to the enrolled child's parent or legal representative of its intent  
 109.23 to seek reimbursement from medical assistance or MinnesotaCare for:

109.24 (1) the evaluations required as part of the individualized education program process or  
 109.25 individualized family service plan process; and

109.26 (2) health-related services provided by the district in accordance with the individualized  
 109.27 education program or individualized family service plan.

109.28 The initial notice must give the child's parent or legal representative the right to request a  
 109.29 copy of the child's education records on the health-related services that the district provided  
 109.30 to the child and disclosed to a third-party payer.

109.31 (c) The district shall give the parent or legal representative annual written notice of:

110.1 (1) the district's intent to seek reimbursement from medical assistance or MinnesotaCare  
110.2 for evaluations required as part of the individualized education program process or  
110.3 individualized family service plan process, and for health-related services provided by the  
110.4 district in accordance with the individualized education program or individualized family  
110.5 service plan;

110.6 (2) the right of the parent or legal representative to request a copy of all records  
110.7 concerning individualized education program or individualized family service plan  
110.8 health-related services disclosed by the district to any third party; and

110.9 (3) the right of the parent or legal representative to withdraw consent for disclosure of  
110.10 a child's records at any time without consequence.

110.11 The written notice shall be provided as part of the written notice required by Code of Federal  
110.12 Regulations, title 34, section 300.504 or 303.520. The district must ensure that the parent  
110.13 of a child with a disability is given notice, in understandable language, of federal and state  
110.14 procedural safeguards available to the parent under this paragraph and paragraph (b).

110.15 (d) In order to access the private health care coverage of a child who is covered by private  
110.16 health care coverage in whole or in part, a district must:

110.17 (1) obtain annual written informed consent from the parent or legal representative, in  
110.18 compliance with subdivision 5; and

110.19 (2) inform the parent or legal representative that a refusal to permit the district or state  
110.20 Medicaid agency to access their private health care coverage does not relieve the district of  
110.21 its responsibility to provide all services necessary to provide free and appropriate public  
110.22 education at no cost to the parent or legal representative.

110.23 (e) If the commissioner of human services obtains federal approval to exempt covered  
110.24 individualized education program or individualized family service plan health-related  
110.25 services from the requirement that private health care coverage refuse payment before  
110.26 medical assistance may be billed, paragraphs (b), (c), and (d) shall also apply to students  
110.27 with a combination of private health care coverage and health care coverage through medical  
110.28 assistance or MinnesotaCare.

110.29 (f) In the event that Congress or any federal agency or the Minnesota legislature or any  
110.30 state agency establishes lifetime limits, limits for any health care services, cost-sharing  
110.31 provisions, or otherwise provides that individualized education program or individualized  
110.32 family service plan health-related services impact benefits for persons enrolled in medical  
110.33 assistance or MinnesotaCare, the amendments to this subdivision adopted in 2002 are

111.1 repealed on the effective date of any federal or state law or regulation that imposes the  
 111.2 limits. In that event, districts must obtain informed consent consistent with this subdivision  
 111.3 as it existed prior to the 2002 amendments and subdivision 5, before seeking reimbursement  
 111.4 for children enrolled in medical assistance under chapter 256B or MinnesotaCare under  
 111.5 chapter 256L who have no other health care coverage.

111.6 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective August 1, 2017.

111.7 Sec. 4. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 125A.515, is amended to read:

111.8 **125A.515 PLACEMENT OF STUDENTS; APPROVAL OF EDUCATION**  
 111.9 **PROGRAM.**

111.10 Subdivision 1. **Approval of on-site education programs.** The commissioner shall  
 111.11 approve on-site education programs for placement of children and youth in residential  
 111.12 facilities including detention centers, before being licensed by the Department of Human  
 111.13 Services or the Department of Corrections. Education programs in these facilities shall  
 111.14 conform to state and federal education laws including the Individuals with Disabilities  
 111.15 Education Act (IDEA). This section applies only to placements in children's residential  
 111.16 facilities licensed by the Department of Human Services or the Department of Corrections.  
 111.17 For purposes of this section, "on-site education program" means the educational services  
 111.18 provided directly on the grounds of the ~~care and treatment~~ children's residential facility to  
 111.19 children and youth placed for care and treatment.

111.20 Subd. 3. **Responsibilities for providing education.** (a) The district in which the children's  
 111.21 residential facility is located must provide education services, including special education  
 111.22 if eligible, to all students placed in a facility.

111.23 (b) For education programs operated by the Department of Corrections, the providing  
 111.24 district shall be the Department of Corrections. For students remanded to the commissioner  
 111.25 of corrections, the providing and resident district shall be the Department of Corrections.

111.26 Subd. 3a. **Students without a disability from other states.** A school district is not  
 111.27 required to provide education services under this section to a student who:

111.28 (1) is not a resident of Minnesota;

111.29 (2) does not have an individualized education program; and

111.30 (3) does not have a tuition arrangement or agreement to pay the cost of education from  
 111.31 the placing authority.

112.1 Subd. 4. **Education services required.** (a) Education services must be provided to a  
 112.2 student beginning within three business days after the student enters the ~~care and treatment~~  
 112.3 children's residential facility. The first four days of the student's placement may be used to  
 112.4 screen the student for educational and safety issues.

112.5 (b) If the student does not meet the eligibility criteria for special education, regular  
 112.6 education services must be provided to that student.

112.7 Subd. 5. **Education programs for students placed in children's residential facilities.**

112.8 (a) When a student is placed in a children's residential facility ~~approved~~ under this section  
 112.9 that has an on-site education program, the providing district, upon notice from the ~~care and~~  
 112.10 ~~treatment~~ children's residential facility, must contact the resident district within one business  
 112.11 day to determine if a student has been identified as having a disability, and to request at  
 112.12 least the student's transcript, and for students with disabilities, the most recent individualized  
 112.13 education program (IEP) and evaluation report, ~~and to determine if the student has been~~  
 112.14 ~~identified as a student with a disability~~. The resident district must send a facsimile copy to  
 112.15 the providing district within two business days of receiving the request.

112.16 (b) If a student placed under this section has been identified as having a disability and  
 112.17 has an individualized education program in the resident district:

112.18 (1) the providing agency must conduct an individualized education program meeting to  
 112.19 reach an agreement about continuing or modifying special education services in accordance  
 112.20 with the current individualized education program goals and objectives and to determine if  
 112.21 additional evaluations are necessary; and

112.22 (2) at least the following people shall receive written notice or documented phone call  
 112.23 to be followed with written notice to attend the individualized education program meeting:

112.24 (i) the person or agency placing the student;

112.25 (ii) the resident district;

112.26 (iii) the appropriate teachers and related services staff from the providing district;

112.27 (iv) appropriate staff from the children's residential facility;

112.28 (v) the parents or legal guardians of the student; and

112.29 (vi) when appropriate, the student.

112.30 (c) For a student who has not been identified as a student with a disability, a screening  
 112.31 must be conducted by the providing districts as soon as possible to determine the student's

113.1 educational and behavioral needs and must include a review of the student's educational  
113.2 records.

113.3 **Subd. 6. Exit report summarizing educational progress.** If a student has been placed  
113.4 in a facility under this section for 15 or more business days, the providing district must  
113.5 prepare an exit report summarizing the regular education, special education, evaluation,  
113.6 educational progress, and service information and must send the report to the resident district  
113.7 and the next providing district if different, the parent or legal guardian, and any appropriate  
113.8 social service agency. For students with disabilities, this report must include the student's  
113.9 IEP.

113.10 **Subd. 7. Minimum educational services required.** When a student is placed in a  
113.11 children's residential facility ~~approved~~ under this section, at a minimum, the providing  
113.12 district is responsible for:

113.13 (1) the education necessary, including summer school services, for a student who is not  
113.14 performing at grade level as indicated in the education record or IEP; and

113.15 (2) a school day, of the same length as the school day of the providing district, unless  
113.16 the unique needs of the student, as documented through the IEP or education record in  
113.17 consultation with treatment providers, requires an alteration in the length of the school day.

113.18 **Subd. 8. Placement, services, and due process.** When a student's treatment and  
113.19 educational needs allow, education shall be provided in a regular educational setting. The  
113.20 determination of the amount and site of integrated services must be a joint decision between  
113.21 the student's parents or legal guardians and the treatment and education staff. When  
113.22 applicable, educational placement decisions must be made by the IEP team of the providing  
113.23 district. Educational services shall be provided in conformance with the least restrictive  
113.24 environment principle of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act. The providing  
113.25 district and ~~care and treatment~~ children's residential facility shall cooperatively develop  
113.26 discipline and behavior management procedures to be used in emergency situations that  
113.27 comply with the Minnesota Pupil Fair Dismissal Act and other relevant state and federal  
113.28 laws and regulations.

113.29 **Subd. 9. Reimbursement for education services.** (a) Education services provided to  
113.30 students who have been placed under this section are reimbursable in accordance with  
113.31 special education and general education statutes.

113.32 (b) Indirect or consultative services provided in conjunction with regular education  
113.33 prereferral interventions and assessment provided to regular education students suspected

114.1 of being disabled and who have demonstrated learning or behavioral problems in a screening  
114.2 are reimbursable with special education categorical aids.

114.3 (c) Regular education, including screening, provided to students with or without  
114.4 disabilities is not reimbursable with special education categorical aids.

114.5 Subd. 10. **Students unable to attend school but not covered under this section.**

114.6 Students who are absent from, or predicted to be absent from, school for 15 consecutive or  
114.7 intermittent days, and placed at home or in facilities not licensed by the Departments of  
114.8 Corrections or Human Services are entitled to regular and special education services  
114.9 consistent with this section or Minnesota Rules, part 3525.2325. These students include  
114.10 students with and without disabilities who are home due to accident or illness, in a hospital  
114.11 or other medical facility, or in a day treatment center.

114.12 Sec. 5. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 125A.74, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

114.13 Subdivision 1. **Eligibility.** A district may enroll as a provider in the medical assistance  
114.14 program and receive medical assistance payments for covered evaluations and special  
114.15 education services provided to persons eligible for medical assistance under chapter 256B.  
114.16 To receive medical assistance payments, the district must pay the nonfederal share of medical  
114.17 assistance services provided according to section 256B.0625, subdivision 26, and comply  
114.18 with relevant provisions of state and federal statutes and regulations governing the medical  
114.19 assistance program.

114.20 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective August 1, 2017.

114.21 Sec. 6. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 125A.76, subdivision 2c, is amended to read:

114.22 Subd. 2c. **Special education aid.** (a) For fiscal year 2016 and later, a district's special  
114.23 education aid equals the sum of the district's special education initial aid under subdivision  
114.24 2a and the district's excess cost aid under section 125A.79, subdivision 5.

114.25 (b) Notwithstanding paragraph (a), for fiscal year 2016, the special education aid for a  
114.26 school district must not exceed the sum of the special education aid the district would have  
114.27 received for fiscal year 2016 under Minnesota Statutes 2012, sections 125A.76 and 125A.79,  
114.28 as adjusted according to Minnesota Statutes 2012, sections 125A.11 and 127A.47, subdivision  
114.29 7, and the product of the district's average daily membership served and the special education  
114.30 aid increase limit.

114.31 (c) Notwithstanding paragraph (a), for fiscal year 2017 and later, the special education  
114.32 aid for a school district must not exceed the sum of: (i) the product of the district's average

115.1 daily membership served and the special education aid increase limit and (ii) the product  
 115.2 of the sum of the special education aid the district would have received for fiscal year 2016  
 115.3 under Minnesota Statutes 2012, sections 125A.76 and 125A.79, as adjusted according to  
 115.4 Minnesota Statutes 2012, sections 125A.11 and 127A.47, subdivision 7, the ratio of the  
 115.5 district's average daily membership served for the current fiscal year to the district's average  
 115.6 daily membership served for fiscal year 2016, and the program growth factor.

115.7 (d) Notwithstanding paragraph (a), for fiscal year 2016 and later the special education  
 115.8 aid for a school district, not including a charter school or cooperative unit as defined in  
 115.9 section 123A.24, must not be less than the lesser of (1) the district's nonfederal special  
 115.10 education expenditures for that fiscal year or (2) the product of the sum of the special  
 115.11 education aid the district would have received for fiscal year 2016 under Minnesota Statutes  
 115.12 2012, sections 125A.76 and 125A.79, as adjusted according to Minnesota Statutes 2012,  
 115.13 sections 125A.11 and 127A.47, subdivision 7, the ratio of the district's adjusted daily  
 115.14 membership for the current fiscal year to the district's average daily membership for fiscal  
 115.15 year 2016, and the program growth factor.

115.16 (e) Notwithstanding subdivision 2a and section 125A.79, a charter school in its first year  
 115.17 of operation shall generate special education aid based on current year data. A newly formed  
 115.18 cooperative unit as defined in section 123A.24 may apply to the commissioner for approval  
 115.19 to generate special education aid for its first year of operation based on current year data,  
 115.20 with an offsetting adjustment to the prior year data used to calculate aid for programs at  
 115.21 participating school districts or previous cooperatives that were replaced by the new  
 115.22 cooperative. The department shall establish procedures to adjust the prior year data and  
 115.23 fiscal year 2016 old formula aid used in calculating special education aid to exclude costs  
 115.24 that have been eliminated for districts where programs have closed or where a substantial  
 115.25 portion of the program has been transferred to a cooperative unit.

115.26 (f) The department shall establish procedures through the uniform financial accounting  
 115.27 and reporting system to identify and track all revenues generated from third-party billings  
 115.28 as special education revenue at the school district level; include revenue generated from  
 115.29 third-party billings as special education revenue in the annual cross-subsidy report; and  
 115.30 exclude third-party revenue from calculation of excess cost aid to the districts.

115.31 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective for revenue for fiscal year 2018 and later.

115.32 Sec. 7. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 256B.0625, subdivision 26, is amended to read:

115.33 Subd. 26. **Special education services.** (a) Medical assistance covers evaluations necessary  
 115.34 in making a determination for eligibility for individualized education program and

116.1 individualized family service plan services and for medical services identified in a recipient's  
116.2 individualized education program and individualized family service plan and covered under  
116.3 the medical assistance state plan. Covered services include occupational therapy, physical  
116.4 therapy, speech-language therapy, clinical psychological services, nursing services, school  
116.5 psychological services, school social work services, personal care assistants serving as  
116.6 management aides, assistive technology devices, transportation services, health assessments,  
116.7 and other services covered under the medical assistance state plan. Mental health services  
116.8 eligible for medical assistance reimbursement must be provided or coordinated through a  
116.9 children's mental health collaborative where a collaborative exists if the child is included  
116.10 in the collaborative operational target population. The provision or coordination of services  
116.11 does not require that the individualized education program be developed by the collaborative.

116.12 The services may be provided by a Minnesota school district that is enrolled as a medical  
116.13 assistance provider or its subcontractor, and only if the services meet all the requirements  
116.14 otherwise applicable if the service had been provided by a provider other than a school  
116.15 district, in the following areas: medical necessity, physician's orders, documentation,  
116.16 personnel qualifications, and prior authorization requirements. The nonfederal share of costs  
116.17 for services provided under this subdivision is the responsibility of the local school district  
116.18 as provided in section 125A.74. Services listed in a child's individualized education program  
116.19 are eligible for medical assistance reimbursement only if those services meet criteria for  
116.20 federal financial participation under the Medicaid program.

116.21 (b) Approval of health-related services for inclusion in the individualized education  
116.22 program does not require prior authorization for purposes of reimbursement under this  
116.23 chapter. The commissioner may require physician review and approval of the plan not more  
116.24 than once annually or upon any modification of the individualized education program that  
116.25 reflects a change in health-related services.

116.26 (c) Services of a speech-language pathologist provided under this section are covered  
116.27 notwithstanding Minnesota Rules, part 9505.0390, subpart 1, item L, if the person:

116.28 (1) holds a masters degree in speech-language pathology;

116.29 (2) is licensed by the Minnesota Board of Teaching as an educational speech-language  
116.30 pathologist; and

116.31 (3) either has a certificate of clinical competence from the American Speech and Hearing  
116.32 Association, has completed the equivalent educational requirements and work experience  
116.33 necessary for the certificate or has completed the academic program and is acquiring  
116.34 supervised work experience to qualify for the certificate.

117.1 (d) Medical assistance coverage for medically necessary services provided under other  
117.2 subdivisions in this section may not be denied solely on the basis that the same or similar  
117.3 services are covered under this subdivision.

117.4 (e) The commissioner shall develop and implement package rates, bundled rates, or per  
117.5 diem rates for special education services under which separately covered services are grouped  
117.6 together and billed as a unit in order to reduce administrative complexity.

117.7 (f) The commissioner shall develop a cost-based payment structure for payment of these  
117.8 services. Only costs reported through the designated Minnesota Department of Education  
117.9 data systems in distinct service categories qualify for inclusion in the cost-based payment  
117.10 structure. The commissioner shall reimburse claims submitted based on an interim rate, and  
117.11 shall settle at a final rate once the department has determined it. The commissioner shall  
117.12 notify the school district of the final rate. The school district has 60 days to appeal the final  
117.13 rate. To appeal the final rate, the school district shall file a written appeal request to the  
117.14 commissioner within 60 days of the date the final rate determination was mailed. The appeal  
117.15 request shall specify (1) the disputed items and (2) the name and address of the person to  
117.16 contact regarding the appeal.

117.17 (g) Effective July 1, 2000, medical assistance services provided under an individualized  
117.18 education program or an individual family service plan by local school districts shall not  
117.19 count against medical assistance authorization thresholds for that child.

117.20 (h) Nursing services as defined in section 148.171, subdivision 15, and provided as an  
117.21 individualized education program health-related service, are eligible for medical assistance  
117.22 payment if they are otherwise a covered service under the medical assistance program.  
117.23 Medical assistance covers the administration of prescription medications by a licensed nurse  
117.24 who is employed by or under contract with a school district when the administration of  
117.25 medications is identified in the child's individualized education program. The simple  
117.26 administration of medications alone is not covered under medical assistance when  
117.27 administered by a provider other than a school district or when it is not identified in the  
117.28 child's individualized education program.

117.29 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective August 1, 2017.

117.30 Sec. 8. Laws 2016, chapter 189, article 25, section 62, subdivision 17, is amended to read:

117.31 Subd. 17. **Southwest Minnesota State University special education teacher education**  
117.32 **program.** (a) For the Southwest Minnesota State University special education teacher

118.1 education program to support Minnesota ~~resident~~ residents working toward licensure in an  
 118.2 online program, including persons currently employed as:

118.3 (1) special education paraprofessionals working toward licensure in an online program;

118.4 (2) teachers without a special education license working on a variance; or

118.5 (3) individuals teaching with a community expert license:

118.6		<del>385,000</del>		
118.7	\$	<u>132,000</u>	.....	2017
118.8	\$	<u>253,000</u>	.....	<u>2018</u>

118.9 ~~The base for this program in fiscal year 2018 is \$0.~~ (b) The 2018 appropriation is available  
 118.10 until June 30, 2019.

118.11 (c) \$253,000 of the \$385,000 appropriation in Laws 2016, chapter 189, article 25, section  
 118.12 62, subdivision 17, is canceled to the state general fund on June 30, 2017.

118.13 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective retroactively to July 1, 2016.

118.14 **Sec. 9. SPECIAL EDUCATION ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGY STUDY.**

118.15 Subdivision 1. **Study.** The commissioner of education must examine the use of assistive  
 118.16 technology in Minnesota school districts. The commissioner may examine financial data,  
 118.17 survey school officials, and use other methods to collect data on the use of assistive  
 118.18 technology by Minnesota's students. The commissioner must consult with the Minnesota  
 118.19 Assistive Technology Advisory Council and other interested organizations to determine the  
 118.20 scope and focus of the study.

118.21 Subd. 2. **Data reporting.** The commissioner must examine the federally required uniform  
 118.22 financial accounting and reporting standards object codes, and if necessary, recommend  
 118.23 changes to better capture school district spending on assistive technology. The commissioner  
 118.24 must examine approaches to collecting additional student level assistive technology data  
 118.25 through the electronic data reporting system.

118.26 Subd. 3. **Assistive technology manual.** The commissioner must examine the department's  
 118.27 assistive technology manual, and determine whether to prepare a revised manual.

118.28 Subd. 4. **Report.** The commissioner of education must report to the legislative committees  
 118.29 having jurisdiction over kindergarten through grade 12 education by February 15, 2018, on  
 118.30 the use of assistive technology by Minnesota's students and recommend statutory changes  
 118.31 to encourage individualized education programs and individualized family service plans to  
 118.32 incorporate a child-centered assistive technology plan.

119.1 Sec. 10. APPROPRIATIONS.

119.2 Subdivision 1. Department of Education. The sums indicated in this section are  
 119.3 appropriated from the general fund to the Department of Education for the fiscal years  
 119.4 designated.

119.5 Subd. 2. Special education; regular. For special education aid under Minnesota Statutes,  
 119.6 section 125A.75:

119.7 \$ 1,340,361,000 ..... 2018

119.8 \$ 1,427,629,000 ..... 2019

119.9 The 2018 appropriation includes \$156,403,000 for 2017 and \$1,183,958,000 for 2018.

119.10 The 2019 appropriation includes \$166,667,000 for 2018 and \$1,260,962,000 for 2019.

119.11 Subd. 3. Aid for children with disabilities. For aid under Minnesota Statutes, section  
 119.12 125A.75, subdivision 3, for children with disabilities placed in residential facilities within  
 119.13 the district boundaries for whom no district of residence can be determined:

119.14 \$ 1,597,000 ..... 2018

119.15 \$ 1,830,000 ..... 2019

119.16 If the appropriation for either year is insufficient, the appropriation for the other year is  
 119.17 available.

119.18 Subd. 4. Travel for home-based services. For aid for teacher travel for home-based  
 119.19 services under Minnesota Statutes, section 125A.75, subdivision 1:

119.20 \$ 508,000 ..... 2018

119.21 \$ 532,000 ..... 2019

119.22 The 2018 appropriation includes \$48,000 for 2017 and \$460,000 for 2018.

119.23 The 2019 appropriation includes \$51,000 for 2018 and \$481,000 for 2019.

119.24 Subd. 5. Court-placed special education revenue. For reimbursing serving school  
 119.25 districts for unreimbursed eligible expenditures attributable to children placed in the serving  
 119.26 school district by court action under Minnesota Statutes, section 125A.79, subdivision 4:

119.27 \$ 46,000 ..... 2018

119.28 \$ 47,000 ..... 2019

119.29 Subd. 6. Special education out-of-state tuition. For special education out-of-state  
 119.30 tuition under Minnesota Statutes, section 125A.79, subdivision 8:

119.31 \$ 250,000 ..... 2018

119.32 \$ 250,000 ..... 2019

120.1 Sec. 11. **REPEALER.**

120.2 Minnesota Statutes 2016, sections 125A.75, subdivision 7; and 125A.76, subdivision  
 120.3 2b, are repealed effective for fiscal year 2018 and later.

120.4 **ARTICLE 5**

120.5 **FACILITIES AND TECHNOLOGY**

120.6 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 123A.73, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

120.7 Subd. 2. **Involuntary Dissolution; referendum revenue.** As of the effective date of  
 120.8 the voluntary or involuntary dissolution of a district and its attachment to one or more  
 120.9 existing districts pursuant to sections 123A.60 or 123A.64 to 123A.72, the authorization  
 120.10 for any referendum revenue previously approved by the voters of the dissolved district in  
 120.11 that district pursuant to section 126C.17, subdivision 9, or its predecessor or successor  
 120.12 provision, is canceled. The authorization for any referendum revenue previously approved  
 120.13 by the voters of a district to which all or part of the dissolved district is attached shall not  
 120.14 be affected by the attachment and shall apply to the entire area of the district as enlarged  
 120.15 by the attachment.

120.16 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective retroactively to January 1, 2017.

120.17 Sec. 2. Laws 2016, chapter 189, article 30, section 25, subdivision 5, is amended to read:

120.18 Subd. 5. **Early repayment aid incentive.** (a) For incentive grants for a district that  
 120.19 repays the full outstanding original principal on its capital loan by November 30, 2016,  
 120.20 under Laws 2011, First Special Session chapter 11, article 4, section 8, as amended by this  
 120.21 act:

120.22                   ~~2,200,000~~  
 120.23           \$       2,350,000       ..... 2017

120.24 (b) Of this amount, \$150,000 is for a grant to Independent School District No. 36,  
 120.25 Kelliher; \$180,000 is for a grant to Independent School District No. 95, Cromwell; \$495,000  
 120.26 is for a grant to Independent School District No. 299, Caledonia; \$220,000 is for a grant to  
 120.27 Independent School District No. 306, Laporte; \$150,000 is for a grant to Independent School  
 120.28 District No. 362, Littlefork; \$650,000 is for a grant to Independent School District No. 682,  
 120.29 Roseau; and \$505,000 is for a grant to Independent School District No. 2580, East Central.

120.30 (c) The grant may be used for any school-related purpose.

120.31 (d) The base appropriation for 2022 is zero.

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

121.2 Sec. 3. **DISPOSITION OF CROSSWINDS SCHOOL; PROCEEDS OF SALE.**

121.3 Subdivision 1. **Disposition of Crosswinds school property.** (a) Notwithstanding the  
121.4 appropriation of state general obligation bond proceeds in Laws 1998, chapter 404, section  
121.5 5, subdivision 5; Laws 1999, chapter 240, article 1, section 3; Laws 2000, chapter 492,  
121.6 article 1, section 5, subdivision 2; Laws 2001, First Special Session chapter 12, section 2,  
121.7 subdivision 2; and Laws 2005, chapter 20, article 1, section 5, subdivision 3, to acquire and  
121.8 better the Crosswinds school facilities by the Joint Powers District No. 6067, East Metro  
121.9 Integration District, in Woodbury, the Crosswinds school may be conveyed by the  
121.10 commissioner of administration to a buyer on the open market.

121.11 (b) As soon as practicable following July 1, 2017, and consistent with Minnesota Statutes,  
121.12 sections 16A.695 and 16B.281 to 16B.298, and constraints on the disposition of  
121.13 bond-financed property, the commissioner of administration shall offer the Crosswinds  
121.14 school property for sale for no less than fair market value. Before offering the Crosswinds  
121.15 school property for sale, the commissioner of administration must determine that the property  
121.16 is no longer needed to carry out the governmental program for which it was acquired or  
121.17 constructed.

121.18 Subd. 2. **Proceeds of sale of Crosswinds school.** Consistent with Minnesota Statutes,  
121.19 sections 16A.695 and 16B.287, the net state proceeds of the sale of the Crosswinds school  
121.20 shall be credited to the general fund and appropriated to the commissioner of management  
121.21 and budget for a onetime direct aid payment to the Teachers Retirement Association.

121.22 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 1, 2017.

121.23 Sec. 4. **TRANSITION REQUIREMENTS; CROSSWINDS SCHOOL.**

121.24 Subdivision 1. **Student enrollment.** Any student enrolled in the Crosswinds school  
121.25 during the 2016-2017 school year may continue to enroll in the Crosswinds school in any  
121.26 subsequent year that a school district or charter school operates a school at that site.

121.27 Subd. 2. **Compensatory revenue; literacy aid; alternative compensation revenue.**  
121.28 For the 2017-2018 school year only, for a school district or charter school enrolling pupils  
121.29 at the Crosswinds school, the Department of Education must calculate compensatory revenue,  
121.30 literacy aid, and alternative compensation revenue for the Crosswinds school based on the  
121.31 October 1, 2016, enrollment counts at that site.

121.32 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 1, 2017.

122.1 Sec. 5. **APPROPRIATIONS.**

122.2 **Subdivision 1. Department of Education.** The sums indicated in this section are  
 122.3 appropriated from the general fund to the Department of Education for the fiscal years  
 122.4 designated.

122.5 **Subd. 2. Debt service equalization aid.** For debt service equalization aid under  
 122.6 Minnesota Statutes, section 123B.53, subdivision 6:

122.7 \$ 22,081,000 ..... 2018

122.8 \$ 19,422,000 ..... 2019

122.9 The 2018 appropriation includes \$2,044,000 for 2017 and \$20,037,000 for 2018.

122.10 The 2019 appropriation includes \$2,226,000 for 2018 and \$17,196,000 for 2019.

122.11 **Subd. 3. Long-term facilities maintenance equalized aid.** For long-term facilities  
 122.12 maintenance equalized aid under Minnesota Statutes, section 123B.595, subdivision 9:

122.13 \$ 80,179,000 ..... 2018

122.14 \$ 103,460,000 ..... 2019

122.15 The 2018 appropriation includes \$5,814,000 for 2017 and \$74,365,000 for 2018.

122.16 The 2019 appropriation includes \$8,261,000 for 2018 and \$95,199,000 for 2019.

122.17 **Subd. 4. Equity in telecommunications access.** For equity in telecommunications  
 122.18 access:

122.19 \$ 3,750,000 ..... 2018

122.20 \$ 3,750,000 ..... 2019

122.21 If the appropriation amount is insufficient, the commissioner shall reduce the  
 122.22 reimbursement rate in Minnesota Statutes, section 125B.26, subdivisions 4 and 5, and the  
 122.23 revenue for fiscal years 2018 and 2019 shall be prorated.

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

122.25 **Subd. 5. Early repayment aid incentive.** (a) For incentive grants for a district that  
 122.26 repays the full outstanding original principal on its capital loan by November 30, 2016,  
 122.27 under Laws 2011, First Special Session chapter 11, article 4, section 8, as amended by Laws  
 122.28 2016, chapter 189, article 30, section 22:

122.29 \$ 2,350,000 ..... 2018

122.30 \$ 2,350,000 ..... 2019

122.31 (b) Of this amount, \$150,000 is for a grant to Independent School District No. 36,  
 122.32 Kelliher; \$180,000 is for a grant to Independent School District No. 95, Cromwell; \$495,000

123.1 is for a grant to Independent School District No. 299, Caledonia; \$220,000 is for a grant to  
 123.2 Independent School District No. 306, Laporte; \$150,000 is for a grant to Independent School  
 123.3 District No. 362, Littlefork; \$650,000 is for a grant to Independent School District No. 682,  
 123.4 Roseau; and \$505,000 is for a grant to Independent School District No. 2580, East Central.

123.5 (c) The grant may be used for any school-related purpose.

123.6 (d) The base appropriation for 2022 is \$0.

123.7 **Sec. 6. REPEALER.**

123.8 (a) Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 123A.73, subdivision 3, is repealed.

123.9 (b) Minnesota Statutes 2016, sections 129C.10, subdivision 5a; and 129C.30, are repealed.

123.10 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** Paragraph (a) is effective retroactively to January 1, 2017.

123.11 Paragraph (b) is effective July 1, 2017.

123.12 **ARTICLE 6**

123.13 **NUTRITION**

123.14 **Section 1. APPROPRIATIONS.**

123.15 Subdivision 1. **Department of Education.** The sums indicated in this section are  
 123.16 appropriated from the general fund to the Department of Education for the fiscal years  
 123.17 designated.

123.18 Subd. 2. **School lunch.** For school lunch aid under Minnesota Statutes, section 124D.111,  
 123.19 and Code of Federal Regulations, title 7, section 210.17:

123.20        \$        16,721,000        .....   2018

123.21        \$        17,223,000        .....   2019

123.22 Subd. 3. **School breakfast.** For traditional school breakfast aid under Minnesota Statutes,  
 123.23 section 124D.1158:

123.24        \$        10,601,000        .....   2018

123.25        \$        11,359,000        .....   2019

123.26 Subd. 4. **Kindergarten milk.** For kindergarten milk aid under Minnesota Statutes,  
 123.27 section 124D.118:

123.28        \$        758,000        .....   2018

123.29        \$        758,000        .....   2019



125.1 The 2018 appropriation includes \$130,000 for 2017 and \$1,170,000 for 2018.

125.2 The 2019 appropriation includes \$130,000 for 2018 and \$1,170,000 for 2019.

125.3 Subd. 4. **Electronic library for Minnesota.** For statewide licenses to online databases  
 125.4 selected in cooperation with the Minnesota Office of Higher Education for school media  
 125.5 centers, public libraries, state government agency libraries, and public or private college or  
 125.6 university libraries:

125.7       \$        900,000    ..... 2018

125.8       \$        900,000    ..... 2019

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

125.10 Subd. 5. **Regional library telecommunications aid.** For regional library  
 125.11 telecommunications aid under Minnesota Statutes, section 134.355:

125.12       \$       2,300,000    ..... 2018

125.13       \$       2,300,000    ..... 2019

125.14 The 2018 appropriation includes \$230,000 for 2017 and \$2,070,000 for 2018.

125.15 The 2019 appropriation includes \$230,000 for 2018 and \$2,070,000 for 2019.

## 125.16 **ARTICLE 8**

### 125.17 **EARLY CHILDHOOD AND FAMILY SUPPORT**

125.18 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 124D.165, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

125.19 Subdivision 1. **Establishment; purpose.** There is established an early learning  
 125.20 scholarships program in order to ~~increase~~ close the opportunity gap by increasing access to  
 125.21 high-quality early childhood programs for children ~~ages three~~ from birth to age five.

125.22 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 1, 2017.

125.23 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 124D.165, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

125.24 Subd. 2. **Family eligibility.** (a) For a family to receive an early learning scholarship,  
 125.25 parents or guardians must meet the following eligibility requirements:

125.26 (1) have a child ~~three or four~~ not yet five years of age on September 1 of the current  
 125.27 school year, who has not yet started kindergarten; and

125.28 (2) have income equal to or less than 185 percent of federal poverty level income in the  
 125.29 current calendar year, or be able to document their child's current participation in the free  
 125.30 and reduced-price lunch program or child and adult care food program, National School

126.1 Lunch Act, United States Code, title 42, sections 1751 and 1766; the Food Distribution  
 126.2 Program on Indian Reservations, Food and Nutrition Act, United States Code, title 7, sections  
 126.3 2011-2036; Head Start under the federal Improving Head Start for School Readiness Act  
 126.4 of 2007; Minnesota family investment program under chapter 256J; child care assistance  
 126.5 programs under chapter 119B; the supplemental nutrition assistance program; or placement  
 126.6 in foster care under section 260C.212.

126.7 ~~(b) Notwithstanding the other provisions of this section, a parent under age 21 who is~~  
 126.8 ~~pursuing a high school or general education equivalency diploma is eligible for an early~~  
 126.9 ~~learning scholarship if the parent has a child age zero to five years old and meets the income~~  
 126.10 ~~eligibility guidelines in this subdivision.~~

126.11 ~~(e)~~ Any siblings ~~between the ages zero to~~ not yet five years ~~old~~ of age of a child who  
 126.12 has been awarded a scholarship under this section must be awarded a scholarship upon  
 126.13 request, provided the sibling attends the same program as long as funds are available.

126.14 ~~(d)~~ (c) A child who has received a scholarship under this section must continue to receive  
 126.15 a scholarship each year until that child is eligible for kindergarten under section 120A.20  
 126.16 and as long as funds are available.

126.17 ~~(e)~~ (d) Early learning scholarships may not be counted as earned income for the purposes  
 126.18 of medical assistance under chapter 256B, MinnesotaCare under chapter 256L, Minnesota  
 126.19 family investment program under chapter 256J, child care assistance programs under chapter  
 126.20 119B, or Head Start under the federal Improving Head Start for School Readiness Act of  
 126.21 2007.

126.22 ~~(f)~~ (e) A child from an adjoining state whose family resides at a Minnesota address as  
 126.23 assigned by the United States Postal Service, who has received developmental screening  
 126.24 under sections 121A.16 to 121A.19, who intends to enroll in a Minnesota school district,  
 126.25 and whose family meets the criteria of paragraph (a) is eligible for an early learning  
 126.26 scholarship under this section.

126.27 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 1, 2017.

126.28 Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 124D.165, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

126.29 Subd. 3. **Administration.** (a) The commissioner shall establish application timelines  
 126.30 and determine the schedule for awarding scholarships that meets operational needs of eligible  
 126.31 families and programs. The commissioner must give highest priority to applications from  
 126.32 children who:

127.1 (1) have a parent under age 21 who is pursuing a high school or general education  
127.2 equivalency diploma;

127.3 (2) are in foster care or otherwise in need of protection or services; or

127.4 (3) have experienced homelessness in the last 24 months, as defined under the federal  
127.5 McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act.

127.6 The commissioner may prioritize applications on additional factors including family  
127.7 income, geographic location, and whether the child's family is on a waiting list for a publicly  
127.8 funded program providing early education or child care services.

127.9 (b) ~~For fiscal years 2014 and 2015 only, scholarships may not exceed \$5,000 per year~~  
127.10 ~~for each eligible child.~~ For fiscal year 2016 and later, the commissioner shall establish a  
127.11 target for the average scholarship amount per child based on the results of the rate survey  
127.12 conducted under section 119B.02.

127.13 (c) A four-star rated program that has children eligible for a scholarship enrolled in or  
127.14 on a waiting list for a program beginning in July, August, or September may notify the  
127.15 commissioner, in the form and manner prescribed by the commissioner, each year of the  
127.16 program's desire to enhance program services or to serve more children than current funding  
127.17 provides. The commissioner may designate a predetermined number of scholarship slots  
127.18 for that program and notify the program of that number. Beginning July 1, 2016, a school  
127.19 district or Head Start program qualifying under this paragraph may use its established  
127.20 registration process to enroll scholarship recipients and may verify a scholarship recipient's  
127.21 family income in the same manner as for other program participants.

127.22 (d) A scholarship is awarded for a 12-month period. If the scholarship recipient has not  
127.23 been accepted and subsequently enrolled in a rated program within ten months of the  
127.24 awarding of the scholarship, the scholarship cancels and the recipient must reapply in order  
127.25 to be eligible for another scholarship. A child may not be awarded more than one scholarship  
127.26 in a 12-month period.

127.27 (e) A child who receives a scholarship who has not completed development screening  
127.28 under sections 121A.16 to 121A.19 must complete that screening within 90 days of first  
127.29 attending an eligible program.

127.30 (f) For fiscal year 2017 and later, a school district or Head Start program enrolling  
127.31 scholarship recipients under paragraph (c) may apply to the commissioner, in the form and  
127.32 manner prescribed by the commissioner, for direct payment of state aid. Upon receipt of  
127.33 the application, the commissioner must pay each program directly for each approved

128.1 scholarship recipient enrolled under paragraph (c) according to the metered payment system  
 128.2 or another schedule established by the commissioner.

128.3 **Sec. 4. EARLY CHILDHOOD CARE AND EDUCATION PROGRAM STUDY.**

128.4 **Subdivision 1. Study authorized.** (a) The Legislative Coordinating Commission must  
 128.5 provide for a study of Minnesota early childhood care and education programs. The  
 128.6 Legislative Coordinating Commission must use a request for proposal process to select a  
 128.7 consultant to conduct the study. The commissioners of education, human services, and  
 128.8 health must make reasonable efforts to provide information consistent with the purpose of  
 128.9 the study and required recommendation elements of the study report under subdivision 2.

128.10 (b) The selected consultant must consult with individuals or groups representing child  
 128.11 care providers, early childhood special education programs, Head Start programs, voluntary  
 128.12 prekindergarten programs, school readiness programs, early learning scholarship programs,  
 128.13 community education programs, home-visiting programs, organizations and coalitions  
 128.14 advocating to increase child access to high-quality early childhood care and education, and  
 128.15 families of children eligible for early childhood care and education programs. The individuals  
 128.16 and groups consulted must represent public and private, including faith-based, providers of  
 128.17 these services and programs.

128.18 **Subd. 2. Report requirements.** No later than January 15, 2018, the Legislative  
 128.19 Coordinating Commission must deliver a report completed by the consultant under  
 128.20 subdivision 1 to the chairs and ranking minority members of the legislative committees  
 128.21 having jurisdiction over early childhood education, health, and human services. At a  
 128.22 minimum, the report must make recommendations relating to:

128.23 (1) integrating state resources for child care assistance provided through the basic sliding  
 128.24 fee program under Minnesota Statutes, section 119B.03, and the Minnesota family investment  
 128.25 program under Minnesota Statutes, chapter 256J;

128.26 (2) aligning family income eligibility requirements for early childhood care and education  
 128.27 programs under Minnesota Statutes, chapters 119B, 124D, and 256J;

128.28 (3) coordinating outreach to families eligible to provide uniform notification about  
 128.29 available program options;

128.30 (4) reducing duplicative paperwork and administrative burden and increasing the stability  
 128.31 of funding for families of children eligible for early childhood care and education programs;

128.32 (5) maximizing child care assistance program integrity and payment mechanisms to  
 128.33 increase fund accountability and efficiency;

129.1 (6) transferring powers and duties related to the quality rating and improvement system  
129.2 under Minnesota Statutes, section 124D.142;

129.3 (7) providing for local and state information technology investments and data sharing  
129.4 agreements necessary to support a system of coordinated care and education;

129.5 (8) coordinating internal and external evaluation of early childhood care and education  
129.6 programs to measure and report on their effectiveness and efficiency; and

129.7 (9) transferring or consolidating powers and duties related to other early childhood care  
129.8 and education programs currently administered by the Department of Education, the  
129.9 Department of Human Services, or the Department of Health.

129.10 **Sec. 5. SYSTEM REDESIGN; HOMELESS CHILDREN SUPPORTS.**

129.11 The Children's Cabinet must create a plan for a cross-agency system that provides support  
129.12 for homeless families, especially those with a child up to four years of age, to access available  
129.13 services. The Children's Cabinet shall create the plan in consultation with the Department  
129.14 of Education, the Department of Human Services, the Department of Health, the Minnesota  
129.15 Housing Finance Agency, and stakeholders, including counties, school districts, and nonprofit  
129.16 organizations. The redesigned system must address issues including:

129.17 (1) implementation methodology that addresses differences in service delivery in rural  
129.18 versus urban settings;

129.19 (2) a training pipeline to increase qualified staff for service providers, including staff of  
129.20 color;

129.21 (3) statewide entry and intake forms to assess and identify the educational and  
129.22 developmental needs of the child;

129.23 (4) a support plan that follows the child even after the child is no longer homeless;

129.24 (5) a common data system that allows for easier sharing of data and the plan components  
129.25 for each child between local entities;

129.26 (6) identifying and supporting a community outreach system;

129.27 (7) personalizing assistance for a homeless child and the child's family to help the child  
129.28 and the family navigate systems and resources;

129.29 (8) transportation options to access services; and

130.1 (9) methods to ensure that all state-funded programs and services for a homeless child  
 130.2 are adequately staffed with personnel who are trained on the specifics of the program and  
 130.3 receive professional development to handle complex, intergenerational trauma.

130.4 The Children's Cabinet must report findings and recommendations regarding the plan, along  
 130.5 with draft legislation, to the chairs and ranking minority members of the legislative  
 130.6 committees having jurisdiction over early childhood through grade 12 education, housing,  
 130.7 and human services policy by January 23, 2018.

130.8 **Sec. 6. APPROPRIATIONS.**

130.9 Subdivision 1. **Department of Education.** The sums indicated in this section are  
 130.10 appropriated from the general fund to the Department of Education for the fiscal years  
 130.11 designated.

130.12 Subd. 2. **School readiness.** For revenue for school readiness programs under Minnesota  
 130.13 Statutes, sections 124D.15 and 124D.16:

130.14 \$ 33,683,000 ..... 2018

130.15 \$ 33,683,000 ..... 2019

130.16 The 2018 appropriation includes \$3,368,000 for 2017 and \$30,315,000 for 2018.

130.17 The 2019 appropriation includes \$3,368,000 for 2018 and \$30,315,000 for 2019.

130.18 Subd. 3. **Early learning scholarships.** (a) For the early learning scholarship program  
 130.19 under Minnesota Statutes, section 124D.165:

130.20 \$ 60,884,000 ..... 2018

130.21 \$ 60,884,000 ..... 2019

130.22 Up to \$950,000 each year is for administration of this program. Any balance in the first  
 130.23 year does not cancel but is available in the second year. The base appropriation for fiscal  
 130.24 year 2020 is \$62,384,000.

130.25 (b) Of these amounts, up to five percent in each year is for transfer to the commissioner  
 130.26 of human services for expansion of the quality rating and improvement system under  
 130.27 Minnesota Statutes, section 124D.142. The amount transferred under this paragraph must  
 130.28 be reduced by the amount of any federal funding under the childcare and development block  
 130.29 grant authorized under Public Law 101-508, in that year for the system under Minnesota  
 130.30 Statutes, section 124D.142.

130.31 Subd. 4. **Head Start program.** For Head Start programs under Minnesota Statutes,  
 130.32 section 119A.52:

131.1        \$       25,100,000   ..... 2018

131.2        \$       25,100,000   ..... 2019

131.3        Subd. 5. **Early childhood family education aid.** For early childhood family education  
 131.4 aid under Minnesota Statutes, section 124D.135:

131.5        \$       30,175,000   ..... 2018

131.6        \$       31,474,000   ..... 2019

131.7        The 2018 appropriation includes \$2,904,000 for 2017 and \$27,271,000 for 2018.

131.8        The 2019 appropriation includes \$3,030,000 for 2018 and \$28,444,000 for 2019.

131.9        Subd. 6. **Developmental screening aid.** For developmental screening aid under  
 131.10 Minnesota Statutes, sections 121A.17 and 121A.19:

131.11       \$       3,606,000   ..... 2018

131.12       \$       3,629,000   ..... 2019

131.13       The 2018 appropriation includes \$358,000 for 2017 and \$3,248,000 for 2018.

131.14       The 2019 appropriation includes \$360,000 for 2018 and \$3,269,000 for 2019.

131.15       Subd. 7. **Parent-child home program.** For a grant to the parent-child home program:

131.16       \$       900,000   ..... 2018

131.17       \$       900,000   ..... 2019

131.18       The grant must be used for an evidence-based and research-validated early childhood  
 131.19 literacy and school readiness program for children ages 16 months to four years at its existing  
 131.20 suburban program location. The program must include urban and rural program locations  
 131.21 for fiscal years 2018 and 2019.

131.22       The base appropriation for this program for fiscal year 2020 and later is \$900,000.

131.23       The 2017 appropriation under Laws 2016, chapter 189, article 31, section 4, is available  
 131.24 until June 30, 2019. To the extent practicable, the parent-child home program is encouraged  
 131.25 to expend the fiscal year 2017 appropriation equally over fiscal years 2017, 2018, and 2019.

131.26       Subd. 8. **Kindergarten entrance assessment initiative and intervention program.**

131.27 For the kindergarten entrance assessment initiative and intervention program under Minnesota  
 131.28 Statutes, section 124D.162:

131.29       \$       281,000   ..... 2018

131.30       \$       281,000   ..... 2019

131.31       Subd. 9. **Quality rating and improvement system.** For transfer to the commissioner  
 131.32 of human services for the purposes of expanding the quality rating and improvement system

132.1 under Minnesota Statutes, section 124D.142, in greater Minnesota and increasing supports  
 132.2 for providers participating in the quality rating and improvement system:

132.3       \$       1,750,000   ..... 2018

132.4       \$       1,750,000   ..... 2019

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

132.6       The base appropriation for this program in fiscal year 2020 and later is \$1,750,000.

132.7       Subd. 10. **Early childhood programs at tribal schools.** For early childhood family  
 132.8 education programs at tribal contract schools under Minnesota Statutes, section 124D.83,  
 132.9 subdivision 4:

132.10      \$       68,000   ..... 2018

132.11      \$       68,000   ..... 2019

132.12      Subd. 11. **Educate parents partnership.** For the educate parents partnership under  
 132.13 Minnesota Statutes, section 124D.129:

132.14      \$       49,000   ..... 2018

132.15      \$       49,000   ..... 2019

132.16      Subd. 12. **Home visiting aid.** For home visiting aid under Minnesota Statutes, section  
 132.17 124D.135:

132.18      \$       527,000   ..... 2018

132.19      \$       571,000   ..... 2019

132.20      The 2018 appropriation includes \$0 for 2017 and \$527,000 for 2018. The 2019  
 132.21 appropriation includes \$58,000 for 2018 and \$513,000 for 2019.

132.22      Subd. 13. **System Redesign Report.** For the Children's Cabinet system redesign report  
 132.23 to the legislature:

132.24      \$       200,000   ..... 2018

132.25      This is a onetime appropriation.

132.26      Sec. 7. **APPROPRIATION; EARLY CHILDHOOD CARE AND EDUCATION**  
 132.27 **PROGRAM STUDY.**

132.28      \$75,000 in fiscal year 2018 is appropriated from the general fund to the Legislative  
 132.29 Coordinating Commission for the early childhood care and education program study.

133.1

**ARTICLE 9**

133.2

**COMMUNITY EDUCATION AND PREVENTION**

133.3 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 124D.19, is amended by adding a subdivision  
133.4 to read:

133.5 Subd. 13a. **Community partnership coalition programs.** (a) Each district operating a  
133.6 community education program under this section may establish a community partnership  
133.7 coalition program to support the collaborative work of school organizations and other  
133.8 community organizations that:

133.9 (1) focus on achieving data-driven, locally controlled positive outcomes for children  
133.10 and youth throughout an entire neighborhood or geographic area;

133.11 (2) deliver integrated, supportive services programs for children of all ages and their  
133.12 families, including programs to address kindergarten readiness and youth development,  
133.13 grade 3 reading proficiency, grades 5 to 8 math proficiency, high school graduation,  
133.14 postsecondary enrollment and completion, remedial education reduction, career skills and  
133.15 readiness, parental engagement and development, physical and mental health, and community  
133.16 engagement and programmatic alignment;

133.17 (3) build a continuum of educational family and community supports with academically  
133.18 rigorous schools at the center;

133.19 (4) maximize program efficiencies by integrating programmatic activities and eliminating  
133.20 administrative barriers;

133.21 (5) develop local infrastructure needed to sustain and scale up proven and effective  
133.22 solutions beyond the initial neighborhood or geographic area; and

133.23 (6) measure outcomes appropriate to unique community needs and interests and  
133.24 periodically conduct rigorous formative and summative program evaluations.

133.25 (b) The district shall maintain a separate account within the community services fund  
133.26 for all funds related to the community partnership coalition program.

133.27 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 1, 2017.

133.28 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 124D.20, subdivision 8, is amended to read:

133.29 Subd. 8. **Uses of general revenue.** (a) General community education revenue may be  
133.30 used for:

133.31 (1) nonvocational, recreational, and leisure time activities and programs;

134.1 (2) programs for adults with disabilities, if the programs and budgets are approved by  
134.2 the department;

134.3 (3) adult basic education programs, according to section 124D.52;

134.4 (4) summer programs for elementary and secondary pupils;

134.5 (5) implementation of a youth development plan;

134.6 (6) implementation of a youth service program;

134.7 (7) early childhood family education programs, according to section 124D.13;

134.8 (8) school readiness programs, according to section 124D.15; ~~and~~

134.9 (9) school-age care programs, according to section 124D.19, subdivision 11; and

134.10 (10) community partnerships coalition programs, according to section 124D.19,

134.11 subdivision 13a.

134.12 (b) In addition to money from other sources, a district may use up to ten percent of its  
134.13 community education revenue for equipment that is used exclusively in community education  
134.14 programs. This revenue may be used only for the following purposes:

134.15 (1) to purchase or lease computers and related materials;

134.16 (2) to purchase or lease equipment for instructional programs; and

134.17 (3) to purchase textbooks and library books.

134.18 (c) General community education revenue must not be used to subsidize the direct activity  
134.19 costs for adult enrichment programs. Direct activity costs include, but are not limited to,  
134.20 the cost of the activity leader or instructor, cost of materials, or transportation costs.

134.21 (d) A school district operating a community partnerships coalition program under section  
134.22 124D.19, subdivision 13a, may apply to the commissioner for a grant in the form and manner  
134.23 specified by the commissioner. The commissioner may award grants to applicant districts  
134.24 in an amount not to exceed \$200,000 per district per fiscal year.

134.25 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 1, 2017.

134.26 Sec. 3. **APPROPRIATIONS.**

134.27 Subdivision 1. **Department of Education.** The sums indicated in this section are  
134.28 appropriated from the general fund to the Department of Education for the fiscal years  
134.29 designated.

135.1 Subd. 2. **Community education aid.** For community education aid under Minnesota  
 135.2 Statutes, section 124D.20:

135.3 \$ 483,000 ..... 2018

135.4 \$ 393,000 ..... 2019

135.5 The 2018 appropriation includes \$53,000 for 2017 and \$430,000 for 2018.

135.6 The 2019 appropriation includes \$47,000 for 2018 and \$346,000 for 2019.

135.7 Subd. 3. **Adults with disabilities program aid.** For adults with disabilities programs  
 135.8 under Minnesota Statutes, section 124D.56:

135.9 \$ 710,000 ..... 2018

135.10 \$ 710,000 ..... 2019

135.11 The 2018 appropriation includes \$71,000 for 2017 and \$639,000 for 2018.

135.12 The 2019 appropriation includes \$71,000 for 2018 and \$639,000 for 2019.

135.13 Subd. 4. **Hearing-impaired adults.** For programs for hearing-impaired adults under  
 135.14 Minnesota Statutes, section 124D.57:

135.15 \$ 70,000 ..... 2018

135.16 \$ 70,000 ..... 2019

135.17 Subd. 5. **School-age care aid.** For school-age care aid under Minnesota Statutes, section  
 135.18 124D.22:

135.19 \$ 1,000 ..... 2018

135.20 \$ 1,000 ..... 2019

135.21 The 2018 appropriation includes \$0 for 2017 and \$1,000 for 2018.

135.22 The 2019 appropriation includes \$0 for 2018 and \$1,000 for 2019.

135.23 Subd. 6. **Community partnerships coalition program grants.** (a) For community  
 135.24 partnerships coalition program grants:

135.25 \$ 1,200,000 ..... 2018

135.26 \$ 1,200,000 ..... 2019

135.27 (b) For fiscal year 2018 only, the commissioner must award a grant equaling at least  
 135.28 \$177,000 to the school district that is in a collaborative partnership with the Northfield  
 135.29 Healthy Community Initiative in Northfield, the school district that is in a collaborative  
 135.30 partnership with the Jones Family Foundation for the Every Hand Joined program in Red  
 135.31 Wing, and the school district that is in a collaborative partnership with the United Way of  
 135.32 Central Minnesota for the Partners for Student Success program.



137.1 (2) placement in, retention in, or completion of postsecondary education, training,  
137.2 unsubsidized employment, or career advancement;

137.3 (3) receipt of a secondary school diploma or its recognized equivalent; and

137.4 (4) reduction in participation in the diversionary work program, Minnesota family  
137.5 investment program, and food support education and training program.

137.6 (b) A district, group of districts, state agency, or private nonprofit organization providing  
137.7 an adult basic education program may meet this requirement by developing a tracking system  
137.8 based on either or both of the following methodologies:

137.9 (1) conducting a reliable follow-up survey; or

137.10 (2) submitting student information, including collected Social Security numbers for data  
137.11 matching.

137.12 ~~Data related to obtaining employment must be collected in the first quarter following~~  
137.13 ~~program completion or can be collected while the student is enrolled, if known. Data related~~  
137.14 ~~to employment retention must be collected in the third quarter following program exit. Data~~  
137.15 related to any other of the specified outcome outcomes may be collected at any time during  
137.16 a program year.

137.17 (c) When a student in a program is requested to provide the student's Social Security  
137.18 number, the student must be notified in a written form easily understandable to the student  
137.19 that:

137.20 (1) providing the Social Security number is optional and no adverse action may be taken  
137.21 against the student if the student chooses not to provide the Social Security number;

137.22 (2) the request is made under section 124D.52, subdivision 7;

137.23 (3) if the student provides the Social Security number, it will be used to assess the  
137.24 effectiveness of the program by tracking the student's subsequent career; and

137.25 (4) the Social Security number will be shared with the Department of Education;  
137.26 Minnesota State Colleges and Universities; Office of Higher Education; Department of  
137.27 Human Services; and Department of Employment and Economic Development in order to  
137.28 accomplish the purposes described in paragraph (a) and will not be used for any other  
137.29 purpose or reported to any other governmental entities.

137.30 (d) Annually a district, group of districts, state agency, or private nonprofit organization  
137.31 providing programs under this section must forward the tracking data collected to the  
137.32 Department of Education. For the purposes of longitudinal studies on the employment status

138.1 of former students under this section, the Department of Education must forward the Social  
 138.2 Security numbers to the Department of Employment and Economic Development to  
 138.3 electronically match the Social Security numbers of former students with wage detail reports  
 138.4 filed under section 268.044. The results of data matches must, for purposes of this section  
 138.5 and consistent with the requirements of the ~~United States Code, title 29, section 2871, of~~  
 138.6 ~~the Workforce Investment Act of 1998~~ Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act, be  
 138.7 compiled in a longitudinal form by the Department of Employment and Economic  
 138.8 Development and released to the Department of Education in the form of summary data  
 138.9 that does not identify the individual students. The Department of Education may release  
 138.10 this summary data. State funding for adult basic education programs must not be based on  
 138.11 the number or percentage of students who decline to provide their Social Security numbers  
 138.12 or on whether the program is evaluated by means of a follow-up survey instead of data  
 138.13 matching.

138.14 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 124D.549, is amended to read:

138.15 **~~124D.549 GENERAL EDUCATION DEVELOPMENT (GED) TESTS RULES;~~**  
 138.16 **~~COMMISSIONER~~ COMMISSIONER-SELECTED HIGH SCHOOL EQUIVALENCY**  
 138.17 **TEST.**

138.18 The commissioner ~~may amend rules to reflect changes in the national minimum standard~~  
 138.19 ~~score for passing the general education development (GED) tests, in consultation with adult~~  
 138.20 basic education stakeholders, must select a high school equivalency test. The commissioner  
 138.21 may issue a high school equivalency diploma to a Minnesota resident 19 years of age or  
 138.22 older who has not earned a high school diploma, who has not previously been issued a GED,  
 138.23 and who has exceeded or achieved a minimum passing score on the equivalency test  
 138.24 established by the publisher. The commissioner of education may waive the minimum age  
 138.25 requirement if supportive evidence is provided by an employer or a recognized education  
 138.26 or rehabilitation provider.

138.27 Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 124D.55, is amended to read:

138.28 **~~124D.55 GENERAL EDUCATION DEVELOPMENT (GED)~~**  
 138.29 **~~COMMISSIONER-SELECTED HIGH SCHOOL EQUIVALENCY TEST FEES.~~**

138.30 The commissioner shall pay 60 percent of the fee that is charged to an eligible individual  
 138.31 for the full battery of ~~general education development (GED)~~ the commissioner-selected  
 138.32 high school equivalency tests, but not more than \$40 for an eligible individual.

139.1 For fiscal year 2017 only, the commissioner shall pay 100 percent of the fee charged to  
 139.2 an eligible individual for the full battery of ~~general education development (GED)~~ the  
 139.3 commissioner-selected high school equivalency tests, but not more than the cost of one full  
 139.4 battery of tests per year for any individual.

139.5 Sec. 4. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 256J.08, subdivision 38, is amended to read:

139.6 Subd. 38. **Full-time student.** "Full-time student" means a person who is enrolled in a  
 139.7 graded or ungraded primary, intermediate, secondary, ~~GED~~ commissioner of  
 139.8 education-selected high school equivalency preparatory, trade, technical, vocational, or  
 139.9 postsecondary school, and who meets the school's standard for full-time attendance.

139.10 Sec. 5. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 256J.08, subdivision 39, is amended to read:

139.11 Subd. 39. ~~General educational development or GED~~ Commissioner of  
 139.12 education-selected high school equivalency. "~~General educational development~~" or "~~GED~~"  
 139.13 "Commissioner of education-selected high school equivalency" means the ~~general educational~~  
 139.14 ~~development~~ high school equivalency certification issued by the commissioner of education  
 139.15 as an equivalent to a secondary school diploma under Minnesota Rules, part 3500.3100,  
 139.16 subpart 4.

139.17 Sec. 6. APPROPRIATIONS.

139.18 Subdivision 1. Department of Education. The sums indicated in this section are  
 139.19 appropriated from the general fund to the Department of Education for the fiscal years  
 139.20 designated.

139.21 Subd. 2. Adult basic education aid. For adult basic education aid under Minnesota  
 139.22 Statutes, section 124D.531:

139.23       \$       50,010,000   ..... 2018

139.24       \$       51,497,000   ..... 2019

139.25       The 2018 appropriation includes \$4,881,000 for 2017 and \$45,129,000 for 2018.

139.26       The 2019 appropriation includes \$5,014,000 for 2018 and \$46,483,000 for 2019.

139.27 Subd. 3. High school equivalency tests. For payment of 60 percent of the costs of the  
 139.28 commissioner-selected high school equivalency tests under Minnesota Statutes, section  
 139.29 124D.55:

139.30       \$       125,000       ..... 2018

139.31       \$       125,000       ..... 2019

140.1 Sec. 7. **REVISOR'S INSTRUCTION.**

140.2 In Minnesota Statutes and Minnesota Rules, the revisor of statutes shall substitute the  
140.3 term "commissioner-selected high school equivalency" or similar term for "general education  
140.4 development," "GED," or similar terms for wherever the term refers to the tests or programs  
140.5 leading to a certification issued by the commissioner of education as an equivalency to a  
140.6 secondary diploma.

140.7 Sec. 8. **REPEALER.**

140.8 Minnesota Rules, part 3500.3100, subpart 4, is repealed.

140.9 **ARTICLE 11**

140.10 **STATE AGENCIES**

140.11 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 120B.363, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

140.12 Subdivision 1. **Rulemaking.** The Professional Educator Licensing and Standards Board  
140.13 ~~of Teaching~~ must adopt rules to implement a statewide credential for education  
140.14 paraprofessionals who assist a licensed teacher in providing student instruction. Any  
140.15 paraprofessional holding this credential or working in a local school district after meeting  
140.16 a state-approved local assessment is considered to be highly qualified under federal law.  
140.17 Under this subdivision, the Professional Educator Licensing and Standards Board ~~of~~  
140.18 ~~Teaching~~, in consultation with the commissioner, must adopt qualitative criteria for approving  
140.19 local assessments that include an evaluation of a paraprofessional's knowledge of reading,  
140.20 writing, and math and the paraprofessional's ability to assist in the instruction of reading,  
140.21 writing, and math. The commissioner must approve or disapprove local assessments using  
140.22 these criteria. The commissioner must make the criteria available to the public.

140.23 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 1, 2018.

140.24 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 122A.06, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

140.25 Subd. 2. **Teacher.** "Teacher" means a classroom teacher or other similar professional  
140.26 employee required to hold a license from the Professional Educator Licensing and Standards  
140.27 Board of Teaching.

140.28 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective January 1, 2018.

141.1 Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 122A.06, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

141.2 Subd. 3. **Board.** "Board" means the Professional Educator Licensing and Standards  
 141.3 Board of Teaching.

141.4 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective January 1, 2018.

141.5 Sec. 4. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 122A.07, is amended to read:

141.6 **122A.07 BOARD OF TEACHING PROFESSIONAL EDUCATOR LICENSING**  
 141.7 **AND STANDARDS BOARD MEMBERSHIP.**

141.8 Subdivision 1. **Appointment of members.** The Professional Educator Licensing and  
 141.9 Standards Board of Teaching consists of ~~11~~ nine members appointed by the governor, with  
 141.10 the advice and consent of the senate. Membership terms, compensation of members, removal  
 141.11 of members, the filling of membership vacancies, and fiscal year and reporting requirements  
 141.12 are as provided in sections 214.07 to 214.09. No member may be reappointed for more than  
 141.13 one additional term.

141.14 Subd. 2. **Eligibility; board composition.** ~~Except for the representatives of higher~~  
 141.15 ~~education and the public, to be eligible for appointment to the Board of Teaching a person~~  
 141.16 ~~must be a teacher currently teaching in a Minnesota school and fully licensed for the position~~  
 141.17 ~~held and have at least five years teaching experience in Minnesota, including the two years~~  
 141.18 ~~immediately preceding nomination and appointment.~~ Each nominee, other than a public  
 141.19 nominee, must be selected on the basis of professional experience and knowledge of teacher  
 141.20 education, accreditation, and licensure. The board must be composed of:

141.21 (1) ~~six~~ five teachers who are currently teaching in a Minnesota school or who were  
 141.22 teaching at the time of the appointment ~~and who do not qualify under clause (2) or (3), at~~  
 141.23 ~~least four of whom must be teaching in a public school,~~ at least one of whom must be a  
 141.24 teacher in a charter school, one of whom must be from a related service category licensed  
 141.25 by the board, and one of whom must be licensed in either a geographic or license shortage  
 141.26 area, and none of whom may be serving in an administrative function at a school district or  
 141.27 school as of the effective date of this section;

141.28 (2) ~~one higher education representative, who must be a faculty member preparing teachers~~  
 141.29 one superintendent;

141.30 (3) one school administrator district human resources director; ~~and~~

141.31 (4) ~~three members of the public, two of whom must be present or former members of~~  
 141.32 ~~school boards~~ one elementary or secondary school principal; and

142.1 (5) one member of the public that may be a current or former school board member.

142.2 Subd. 2a. **First appointments.** (a) The governor shall nominate all members to the  
 142.3 Professional Educator Licensing and Standards Board. The terms of the initial board members  
 142.4 must be as follows:

142.5 (1) two members must be appointed for terms that expire January 1, 2019;

142.6 (2) two members must be appointed for terms that expire January 1, 2020;

142.7 (3) two members must be appointed for terms that expire January 1, 2021; and

142.8 (4) three members must be appointed for terms that expire January 1, 2022.

142.9 (b) Members of the Board of Teaching as of January 1, 2017, are ineligible for first  
 142.10 appointments to the Professional Educator Licensing and Standards Board for four years  
 142.11 from the effective date of this section.

142.12 Subd. 3. **Vacant position.** With the exception of a teacher who retires from teaching  
 142.13 during the course of completing a board term, the position of a member who leaves Minnesota  
 142.14 or whose employment status changes to a category different from that from which appointed  
 142.15 is deemed vacant.

142.16 Subd. 4. ~~Administration, Terms, compensation; removal; vacancies.~~ The provision  
 142.17 of staff, administrative services and office space; the review and processing of complaints;  
 142.18 the setting of fees; the selection and duties of an executive ~~secretary~~ director to serve the  
 142.19 board; and other provisions relating to board operations not provided in this chapter are as  
 142.20 provided in chapter 214. Membership terms, except as provided in subdivision 2a,  
 142.21 compensation of members, removal of members, the filling of membership vacancies, and  
 142.22 fiscal year and reporting requirements are as provided in sections 214.07 to 214.09.

142.23 Subd. 4a. **Administration.** (a) The executive director of the board shall be the chief  
 142.24 administrative officer for the board but shall not be a member of the board. The executive  
 142.25 director shall maintain the records of the board, account for all fees received by the board,  
 142.26 supervise and direct employees servicing the board, and perform other services as directed  
 142.27 by the board.

142.28 (b) The commissioner of administration must provide the board with administrative  
 142.29 support services, according to section 16B.371.

142.30 (c) The commissioner of education must provide suitable offices and other space to the  
 142.31 board at no cost until January 1, 2020. Thereafter, the board may contract with either the  
 142.32 commissioner of education or the commissioner of administration for the provision of

143.1 suitable offices and other space, joint conference and hearing facilities, and examination  
 143.2 rooms.

143.3 Subd. 5. **District reimbursement for costs of substitute teachers.** The Professional  
 143.4 Educator Licensing and Standards Board may reimburse local school districts for the costs  
 143.5 of substitute teachers employed when regular teachers are providing professional assistance  
 143.6 to the state by serving on the board or on a committee or task force appointed by the board  
 143.7 and charged to make recommendations concerning standards for teacher licensure in this  
 143.8 state.

143.9 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective January 1, 2018.

143.10 Sec. 5. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 122A.08, is amended to read:

143.11 **122A.08 MEETINGS.**

143.12 Subdivision 1. **Meetings.** The Professional Educator Licensing and Standards Board of  
 143.13 Teaching must meet regularly at the times and places as the board determines. Meetings  
 143.14 must be called by the chair or at the written request of any eight members.

143.15 Subd. 2. **Executive ~~secretary~~ director.** The Professional Educator Licensing and  
 143.16 Standards Board of Teaching must have an executive secretary director who is in the  
 143.17 unclassified civil service and who is not a member of the board. The executive director must  
 143.18 fulfill the duties provided in section 122A.09, subdivision 6. The board must review the  
 143.19 performance of the executive director and set the salary of the executive director, not to  
 143.20 exceed the limit for a position listed in section 15A.0815, subdivision 2.

143.21 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective January 1, 2018.

143.22 Sec. 6. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 122A.09, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

143.23 Subdivision 1. **Code of ethics.** The Professional Educator Licensing and Standards  
 143.24 Board of Teaching must develop by rule a code of ethics covering standards of professional  
 143.25 teaching practices, including areas of ethical conduct and professional performance and  
 143.26 methods of enforcement.

143.27 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 1, 2018.

143.28 Sec. 7. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 122A.09, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

143.29 Subd. 2. **Advise members of profession.** The Professional Educator Licensing and  
 143.30 Standards Board must act in an advisory capacity to members of the profession in matters  
 143.31 of interpretation of the code of ethics.

144.1 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 1, 2018.

144.2 Sec. 8. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 122A.09, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

144.3 Subd. 3. **Election of chair and officers.** The Professional Educator Licensing and  
144.4 Standards Board shall elect a chair and such other officers as it may deem necessary.

144.5 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective January 1, 2018.

144.6 Sec. 9. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 122A.09, subdivision 4, is amended to read:

144.7 Subd. 4. ~~License and rules~~ **Licensing.** (a) The Professional Educator Licensing and  
144.8 Standards Board must ~~adopt rules to license public school teachers and interns subject to~~  
144.9 ~~chapter 14~~ license teachers, as defined in section 122A.15, subdivision 1, except for  
144.10 supervisory personnel, as defined in section 122A.15, subdivision 2. The board must not  
144.11 delegate its authority to make all licensing decisions with respect to candidates for teacher  
144.12 licensure. The board must evaluate candidates for compliance with statutory or rule  
144.13 requirements for licensure and develop licensure verification requirements.

144.14 (b) The board must ~~require all candidates for teacher licensure to demonstrate~~ establish  
144.15 a passing score on a board-adopted skills examination in reading, writing, and mathematics,  
144.16 as for a requirement for an initial professional five-year Tier, 2, 3, or 4 teaching license;  
144.17 ~~except that the board may issue up to four initial professional one-year teaching licenses to~~  
144.18 ~~an otherwise qualified candidate who has not yet passed the board-adopted skills exam.~~ The  
144.19 board must require colleges and universities offering a board-approved teacher preparation  
144.20 program to provide remedial assistance to persons who did not achieve a qualifying score  
144.21 on the board-adopted skills examination, including those for whom English is a second  
144.22 language. The requirement to pass a board-adopted reading, writing, and mathematics skills  
144.23 examination does not apply to nonnative English speakers, as verified by qualified Minnesota  
144.24 school district personnel or Minnesota higher education faculty, who, after meeting the  
144.25 content and pedagogy requirements under this subdivision, apply for a teaching license to  
144.26 provide direct instruction in their native language or world language instruction under section  
144.27 120B.022, subdivision 1. The Board of Teaching and the entity administering the content,  
144.28 pedagogy, and skills examinations must allow any individual who produces documentation  
144.29 of a disability in the form of an evaluation, 504 plan, or individual education program (IEP)  
144.30 to receive the same testing accommodations on the content, pedagogy, and skills examinations  
144.31 that the applicant received during their secondary or postsecondary education.

144.32 (c) The board must adopt rules to approve teacher preparation programs, including  
144.33 alternative teacher preparation programs under section 122A.245; nonconventional programs,

145.1 and Montessori teacher training programs. The board, upon the request of a postsecondary  
145.2 student preparing for teacher licensure or a licensed graduate of a teacher preparation  
145.3 program, shall assist in resolving a dispute between the person and a postsecondary institution  
145.4 providing a teacher preparation program when the dispute involves an institution's  
145.5 recommendation for licensure affecting the person or the person's credentials. At the board's  
145.6 discretion, assistance may include the application of chapter 14.

145.7 (d) The board must provide the leadership and adopt rules for the redesign of teacher  
145.8 education programs to implement a research based, results-oriented curriculum that focuses  
145.9 on the skills teachers need in order to be effective. Among other components, teacher  
145.10 preparation programs may use the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities program model  
145.11 to provide a school-year-long student teaching program that combines clinical opportunities  
145.12 with academic coursework and in-depth student teaching experiences to offer students  
145.13 ongoing mentorship, coaching, and assessment, help to prepare a professional development  
145.14 plan, and structured learning experiences. The board shall implement new systems of teacher  
145.15 preparation program evaluation to assure program effectiveness based on proficiency of  
145.16 graduates in demonstrating attainment of program outcomes. Teacher preparation programs  
145.17 including alternative teacher preparation programs under section 122A.245, among other  
145.18 programs, must include a content-specific, board-approved, performance-based assessment  
145.19 that measures teacher candidates in three areas: planning for instruction and assessment;  
145.20 engaging students and supporting learning; and assessing student learning. The board's  
145.21 redesign rules must include creating flexible, specialized teaching licenses, credentials, and  
145.22 other endorsement forms to increase students' participation in language immersion programs,  
145.23 world language instruction, career development opportunities, work-based learning, early  
145.24 college courses and careers, career and technical programs, Montessori schools, and project  
145.25 and place-based learning, among other career and college ready learning offerings.

145.26 (e) The board must ~~adopt rules requiring candidates for professional five-year teaching~~  
145.27 ~~licenses to pass~~ establish a passing score for candidates on an examination of general  
145.28 pedagogical knowledge and examinations of licensure-specific teaching skills for a Tier 2,  
145.29 3, or 4 teaching license under section 122A.181. ~~The rules shall be effective by September~~  
145.30 ~~1, 2001.~~ The rules under this paragraph also must require candidates for initial licenses to  
145.31 teach prekindergarten or elementary students to pass, as part of the examination of  
145.32 licensure-specific teaching skills, test items assessing the candidates' knowledge, skill, and  
145.33 ability in comprehensive, scientifically based reading instruction under section 122A.06,  
145.34 subdivision 4, and their knowledge and understanding of the foundations of reading

146.1 development, the development of reading comprehension, and reading assessment and  
 146.2 instruction, and their ability to integrate that knowledge and understanding.

146.3 (f) The board must adopt rules requiring teacher educators to work directly with  
 146.4 elementary or secondary school teachers in elementary or secondary schools to obtain  
 146.5 periodic exposure to the elementary or secondary teaching environment.

146.6 ~~(g) The board must grant licenses to interns and to candidates for professional five-year~~  
 146.7 ~~teaching licenses based on appropriate professional competencies that are aligned with the~~  
 146.8 ~~board's licensing system and students' diverse learning needs. All teacher candidates must~~  
 146.9 ~~have preparation in English language development and content instruction for English~~  
 146.10 ~~learners in order to be able to effectively instruct the English learners in their classrooms.~~  
 146.11 ~~The board must include these licenses in a statewide differentiated licensing system that~~  
 146.12 ~~creates new leadership roles for successful experienced teachers premised on a collaborative~~  
 146.13 ~~professional culture dedicated to meeting students' diverse learning needs in the 21st century,~~  
 146.14 ~~recognizes the importance of cultural and linguistic competencies, including the ability to~~  
 146.15 ~~teach and communicate in culturally competent and aware ways, and formalizes mentoring~~  
 146.16 ~~and induction for newly licensed teachers provided through a teacher support framework.~~

146.17 ~~(h)~~ The board must design and implement an assessment system which requires a  
 146.18 candidate for an initial license ~~and first continuing license~~ to demonstrate the abilities  
 146.19 necessary to perform selected, representative teaching tasks at appropriate levels.

146.20 ~~(i)~~ (h) The board must receive recommendations from local committees as established  
 146.21 by the board for the renewal of teaching licenses. The board must require a licensed teacher  
 146.22 who is renewing a ~~professional five-year~~ Tier 3 or 4 teaching license to include in the renewal  
 146.23 requirements further preparation in English language development and specially designed  
 146.24 content instruction in English for English learners.

146.25 ~~(j) The board must grant life licenses to those who qualify according to requirements~~  
 146.26 ~~established by the board, and suspend or revoke licenses pursuant to sections 122A.20 and~~  
 146.27 ~~214.10. The board must not establish any expiration date for application for life licenses.~~

146.28 ~~(k)~~ (i) The board must adopt rules that require all licensed teachers who are renewing  
 146.29 their ~~professional five-year~~ Tier 3 or 4 teaching licenses to include in their renewal  
 146.30 requirements further preparation in the areas of using positive behavior interventions and  
 146.31 in accommodating, modifying, and adapting curricula, materials, and strategies to  
 146.32 appropriately meet the needs of individual students and ensure adequate progress toward  
 146.33 the state's graduation rule.

147.1 ~~(h)~~ (j) In adopting rules to license public school teachers who provide health-related  
 147.2 services for disabled children, the board shall adopt rules consistent with license or  
 147.3 registration requirements of the commissioner of health and the health-related boards who  
 147.4 license personnel who perform similar services outside of the school.

147.5 ~~(m)~~ (k) The board must adopt rules that require all licensed teachers who are renewing  
 147.6 their ~~professional five-year~~ Tier 3 or 4 teaching licenses to include in their renewal  
 147.7 requirements further reading preparation, consistent with section 122A.06, subdivision 4.  
 147.8 ~~The rules do not take effect until they are approved by law.~~ Teachers who do not provide  
 147.9 direct instruction including, at least, counselors, school psychologists, school nurses, school  
 147.10 social workers, audiovisual directors and coordinators, and recreation personnel are exempt  
 147.11 from this section.

147.12 ~~(n)~~ (l) The board must adopt rules that require all licensed teachers who are renewing  
 147.13 their ~~professional five-year~~ Tier 3 or 4 teaching licenses to include in their renewal  
 147.14 requirements at least one hour of suicide prevention best practices in each licensure renewal  
 147.15 period that are based on nationally recognized evidence-based programs and practices,  
 147.16 among the continuing education credits required to renew a license under this paragraph,  
 147.17 and further preparation, first, in understanding the key warning signs of early-onset mental  
 147.18 illness in children and adolescents and then, during subsequent licensure renewal periods,  
 147.19 preparation may include providing a more in-depth understanding of students' mental illness  
 147.20 trauma, accommodations for students' mental illness, parents' role in addressing students'  
 147.21 mental illness, Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders, autism, the requirements of section  
 147.22 125A.0942 governing restrictive procedures, and de-escalation methods, among other similar  
 147.23 topics.

147.24 ~~(o) The board must adopt rules by January 1, 2016, to license applicants under sections~~  
 147.25 ~~122A.23 and 122A.245. The rules must permit applicants to demonstrate their qualifications~~  
 147.26 ~~through the board's recognition of a teaching license from another state in a similar content~~  
 147.27 ~~field, completion of a state-approved teacher preparation program, teaching experience as~~  
 147.28 ~~the teacher of record in a similar licensure field, depth of content knowledge, depth of~~  
 147.29 ~~content methods or general pedagogy, subject-specific professional development and~~  
 147.30 ~~contribution to the field, or classroom performance as determined by documented student~~  
 147.31 ~~growth on normed assessments or documented effectiveness on evaluations. The rules must~~  
 147.32 ~~adopt criteria for determining a "similar content field" and "similar licensure area."~~

147.33 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 1, 2018.

148.1 Sec. 10. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 122A.09, subdivision 4a, is amended to read:

148.2 Subd. 4a. **Teacher and administrator preparation and performance data; report.**

148.3 (a) ~~The Professional Educator Licensing and Standards Board of Teaching~~ and the Board  
 148.4 of School Administrators, in cooperation with the Minnesota Association of Colleges of  
 148.5 Teacher Education and Minnesota colleges and universities offering board-adopted teacher  
 148.6 or administrator preparation programs, annually must collect and report summary data on  
 148.7 teacher and administrator preparation and performance outcomes, consistent with this  
 148.8 subdivision. ~~The Professional Educator Licensing and Standards Board of Teaching~~ and  
 148.9 the Board of School Administrators annually by June 1 must update and post the reported  
 148.10 summary preparation and performance data on teachers and administrators from the preceding  
 148.11 school years on a Web site hosted jointly by the boards.

148.12 (b) Publicly reported summary data on teacher preparation programs must include:  
 148.13 student entrance requirements for each Professional Educator Licensing and Standards  
 148.14 ~~Board of Teaching-approved~~ Board-approved program, including grade point average for  
 148.15 enrolling students in the preceding year; the average board-adopted skills examination or  
 148.16 ACT or SAT scores of students entering the program in the preceding year; summary data  
 148.17 on faculty qualifications, including at least the content areas of faculty undergraduate and  
 148.18 graduate degrees and their years of experience either as kindergarten through grade 12  
 148.19 classroom teachers or school administrators; the average time resident and nonresident  
 148.20 program graduates in the preceding year needed to complete the program; the current number  
 148.21 and percent of students by program who graduated, received a standard Minnesota teaching  
 148.22 license, and were hired to teach full time in their licensure field in a Minnesota district or  
 148.23 school in the preceding year, disaggregated by race, except when disaggregation would not  
 148.24 yield statistically reliable results or would reveal personally identifiable information about  
 148.25 an individual; the number of content area credits and other credits by undergraduate program  
 148.26 that students in the preceding school year needed to complete to graduate; students' pass  
 148.27 rates on skills and subject matter exams required for graduation in each program and licensure  
 148.28 area in the preceding school year; survey results measuring student and graduate satisfaction  
 148.29 with the program in the preceding school year, disaggregated by race, except when  
 148.30 disaggregation would not yield statistically reliable results or would reveal personally  
 148.31 identifiable information about an individual; a standard measure of the satisfaction of school  
 148.32 principals or supervising teachers with the student teachers assigned to a school or supervising  
 148.33 teacher; and information under paragraphs (d) and (e). Program reporting must be consistent  
 148.34 with subdivision 11.

149.1 (c) Publicly reported summary data on administrator preparation programs approved by  
 149.2 the Board of School Administrators must include: summary data on faculty qualifications,  
 149.3 including at least the content areas of faculty undergraduate and graduate degrees and their  
 149.4 years of experience either as kindergarten through grade 12 classroom teachers or school  
 149.5 administrators; the average time program graduates in the preceding year needed to complete  
 149.6 the program; the current number and percent of students who graduated, received a standard  
 149.7 Minnesota administrator license, and were employed as an administrator in a Minnesota  
 149.8 school district or school in the preceding year, disaggregated by race, except when  
 149.9 disaggregation would not yield statistically reliable results or would reveal personally  
 149.10 identifiable information about an individual; the number of credits by graduate program  
 149.11 that students in the preceding school year needed to complete to graduate; survey results  
 149.12 measuring student, graduate, and employer satisfaction with the program in the preceding  
 149.13 school year, disaggregated by race, except when disaggregation would not yield statistically  
 149.14 reliable results or would reveal personally identifiable information about an individual; and  
 149.15 information under paragraphs (f) and (g). Program reporting must be consistent with section  
 149.16 122A.14, subdivision 10.

149.17 (d) School districts annually by October 1 must report to the Professional Educator  
 149.18 Licensing and Standards Board of Teaching the following information for all teachers who  
 149.19 finished the probationary period and accepted a continuing contract position with the district  
 149.20 from September 1 of the previous year through August 31 of the current year: the  
 149.21 effectiveness category or rating of the teacher on the summative evaluation under section  
 149.22 122A.40, subdivision 8, or 122A.41, subdivision 5; the licensure area in which the teacher  
 149.23 primarily taught during the three-year evaluation cycle; and the teacher preparation program  
 149.24 preparing the teacher in the teacher's primary areas of instruction and licensure.

149.25 (e) School districts annually by October 1 must report to the Professional Educator  
 149.26 Licensing and Standards Board of Teaching the following information for all probationary  
 149.27 teachers in the district who were released or whose contracts were not renewed from  
 149.28 September 1 of the previous year through August 31 of the current year: the licensure areas  
 149.29 in which the probationary teacher taught; and the teacher preparation program preparing  
 149.30 the teacher in the teacher's primary areas of instruction and licensure.

149.31 (f) School districts annually by October 1 must report to the Board of School  
 149.32 Administrators the following information for all school principals and assistant principals  
 149.33 who finished the probationary period and accepted a continuing contract position with the  
 149.34 district from September 1 of the previous year through August 31 of the current year: the  
 149.35 effectiveness category or rating of the principal or assistant principal on the summative

150.1 evaluation under section 123B.147, subdivision 3; and the principal preparation program  
 150.2 providing instruction to the principal or assistant principal.

150.3 (g) School districts annually by October 1 must report to the Board of School  
 150.4 Administrators all probationary school principals and assistant principals in the district who  
 150.5 were released or whose contracts were not renewed from September 1 of the previous year  
 150.6 through August 31 of the current year.

150.7 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective January 1, 2018.

150.8 Sec. 11. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 122A.09, subdivision 6, is amended to read:

150.9 Subd. 6. **Register of persons licensed.** The executive ~~secretary~~ director of the  
 150.10 Professional Educator Licensing and Standards Board of Teaching ~~shall~~ must keep a record  
 150.11 of the proceedings of and a register of all persons licensed pursuant to the provisions of this  
 150.12 chapter. The register must show the name, address, license number and the renewal of the  
 150.13 license. The board must on July 1, of each year or as soon thereafter as is practicable, compile  
 150.14 a list of such duly licensed teachers ~~and transmit a copy of the list to the board.~~ A copy of  
 150.15 the register must be available during business hours at the office of the board to any interested  
 150.16 person.

150.17 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective January 1, 2018.

150.18 Sec. 12. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 122A.09, subdivision 7, is amended to read:

150.19 Subd. 7. **Commissioner's assistance; Professional Educator Licensing and Standards**  
 150.20 **Board money.** ~~The commissioner shall provide all necessary materials and assistance for~~  
 150.21 ~~the transaction of the business of the Board of Teaching and~~ All moneys received by the  
 150.22 Professional Educator Licensing and Standards Board of Teaching shall be paid into the  
 150.23 state treasury as provided by law. The expenses of administering sections 122A.01, 122A.05  
 150.24 to 122A.09, 122A.15, 122A.16, 122A.17, 122A.18, 122A.181, 122A.187, 122A.188,  
 150.25 122A.20, 122A.21, 122A.22, 122A.23, 122A.2451, 122A.26, 122A.30, 122A.40, 122A.41,  
 150.26 122A.42, 122A.45, 122A.49, 122A.54, 122A.55, 122A.56, 122A.57, and 122A.58 which  
 150.27 are incurred by the Professional Educator Licensing and Standards Board of Teaching shall  
 150.28 be paid for from appropriations made to the Professional Educator Licensing and Standards  
 150.29 Board of Teaching.

150.30 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective January 1, 2018.

151.1 Sec. 13. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 122A.09, subdivision 9, is amended to read:

151.2 Subd. 9. **Professional Educator Licensing and Standards Board** ~~may~~ **must** adopt  
 151.3 **rules.** (a) ~~The Professional Educator Licensing and Standards Board of Teaching may~~ **must**  
 151.4 adopt rules subject to the provisions of chapter 14 to implement sections 122A.05 to 122A.09,  
 151.5 122A.16, 122A.17, 122A.18, 122A.187, 122A.188, 122A.20, 122A.21, and 122A.23.

151.6 (b) If a rule adopted by the board is in conflict with a session law or statute, the law or  
 151.7 statute prevails. Terms adopted in rule must be clearly defined and must not be construed  
 151.8 to conflict with terms adopted in statute or session law.

151.9 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 1, 2018.

151.10 Sec. 14. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 122A.09, subdivision 10, is amended to read:

151.11 Subd. 10. **Permissions.** (a) Notwithstanding subdivision 9 and sections 14.055 and  
 151.12 14.056, the Professional Educator Licensing and Standards Board of Teaching may grant  
 151.13 waivers to its rules upon application by a school district or a charter school for purposes of  
 151.14 implementing experimental programs in learning or management.

151.15 (b) To enable a school district or a charter school to meet the needs of students enrolled  
 151.16 in an alternative education program and to enable licensed teachers instructing those students  
 151.17 to satisfy content area licensure requirements, the Professional Educator Licensing and  
 151.18 Standards Board of Teaching annually may permit a licensed teacher teaching in an  
 151.19 alternative education program to instruct students in a content area for which the teacher is  
 151.20 not licensed, consistent with paragraph (a).

151.21 (c) A special education license permission issued by the Professional Educator Licensing  
 151.22 and Standards Board of Teaching for a primary employer's low-incidence region is valid  
 151.23 in all low-incidence regions.

151.24 ~~(d) The Board of Teaching may issue a one-year professional license under paragraph~~  
 151.25 ~~(a), which the board may renew two times, to allow a person holding a full credential from~~  
 151.26 ~~the American Montessori Society, a diploma from Association Montessori Internationale,~~  
 151.27 ~~or a certificate of completion from a program accredited by the Montessori Accreditation~~  
 151.28 ~~Council for Teacher Education to teach in a Montessori program operated by a school district~~  
 151.29 ~~or charter school.~~

151.30 ~~(e) The Board of Teaching may grant a one-year waiver, renewable two times, to allow~~  
 151.31 ~~individuals who hold a bachelor's degree from an accredited postsecondary institution,~~  
 151.32 ~~demonstrate occupational competency based on at least three years of full-time work~~  
 151.33 ~~experience in business or industry, and enroll and make satisfactory progress in an alternative~~

152.1 ~~preparation program leading to certification as a career and technical education instructor~~  
 152.2 ~~to teach career and technical education courses offered by a school district or charter school.~~  
 152.3 Consistent with this paragraph and section 136F.361, the Professional Educator Licensing  
 152.4 and Standards Board of Teaching must strongly encourage approved college or  
 152.5 university-based teacher preparation programs ~~and institutions~~ throughout Minnesota to  
 152.6 develop alternative pathways for certifying and licensing high school career and technical  
 152.7 education instructors and teachers, allowing such candidates to meet certification and  
 152.8 licensure standards that demonstrate their content knowledge, classroom experience, and  
 152.9 pedagogical practices and their qualifications based on a combination of occupational testing,  
 152.10 professional certification or licensure, and long-standing work experience.

152.11 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 1, 2018.

152.12 Sec. 15. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 122A.22, is amended to read:

152.13 **122A.22 DISTRICT VERIFICATION OF TEACHER LICENSES.**

152.14 No person shall be accounted a qualified teacher until the school district or charter school  
 152.15 contracting with the person for teaching services verifies through the Minnesota education  
 152.16 licensing system available on the ~~department~~ Professional Educator Licensing and Standards  
 152.17 Board Web site that the person is a qualified teacher, consistent with sections 122A.16 and  
 152.18 122A.44, subdivision 1.

152.19 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective January 1, 2018.

152.20 Sec. 16. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 127A.05, subdivision 6, is amended to read:

152.21 Subd. 6. **Survey of districts.** The commissioner of education shall survey the state's  
 152.22 school districts and teacher preparation programs and report to the education committees  
 152.23 of the legislature by February 1 of each odd-numbered year until 2020 on the status of  
 152.24 teacher early retirement patterns, the access to effective and more diverse teachers who  
 152.25 reflect the students under section 120B.35, subdivision 3, paragraph (b), clause (2), enrolled  
 152.26 in a district or school, the teacher shortage, and the substitute teacher shortage, including  
 152.27 patterns and shortages in subject areas and the economic development regions of the state.  
 152.28 The report must also include: aggregate data on teachers' self-reported race and ethnicity;  
 152.29 data on how districts are making progress in hiring teachers and substitutes in the areas of  
 152.30 shortage; and a five-year projection of teacher demand for each district, taking into account  
 152.31 the students under section 120B.35, subdivision 3, paragraph (b), clause (2), expected to  
 152.32 enroll in the district during that five-year period.

153.1 Sec. 17. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 214.04, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

153.2 Subdivision 1. **Services provided.** The commissioner of education with respect to the  
 153.3 ~~Board of Teaching; the commissioner~~ of public safety with respect to the Board of Private  
 153.4 Detective and Protective Agent Services; the Board of Peace Officer Standards and Training;  
 153.5 and the commissioner of revenue with respect to the Board of Assessors, shall provide  
 153.6 suitable offices and other space, joint conference and hearing facilities, examination rooms,  
 153.7 and the following administrative support services: purchasing service, accounting service,  
 153.8 advisory personnel services, consulting services relating to evaluation procedures and  
 153.9 techniques, data processing, duplicating, mailing services, automated printing of license  
 153.10 renewals, and such other similar services of a housekeeping nature as are generally available  
 153.11 to other agencies of state government. Investigative services shall be provided the boards  
 153.12 by employees of the Office of Attorney General. The commissioner of health with respect  
 153.13 to the health-related licensing boards shall provide mailing and office supply services and  
 153.14 may provide other facilities and services listed in this subdivision at a central location upon  
 153.15 request of the health-related licensing boards. The commissioner of commerce with respect  
 153.16 to the remaining non-health-related licensing boards shall provide the above facilities and  
 153.17 services at a central location for the remaining non-health-related licensing boards. The  
 153.18 legal and investigative services for the boards shall be provided by employees of the attorney  
 153.19 general assigned to the departments servicing the boards. Notwithstanding the foregoing,  
 153.20 the attorney general shall not be precluded by this section from assigning other attorneys  
 153.21 to service a board if necessary in order to insure competent and consistent legal  
 153.22 representation. Persons providing legal and investigative services shall to the extent  
 153.23 practicable provide the services on a regular basis to the same board or boards.

153.24 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 1, 2018.

153.25 Sec. 18. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 214.045, is amended to read:

153.26 **214.045 COORDINATION WITH PROFESSIONAL EDUCATOR LICENSING**  
 153.27 **AND STANDARDS BOARD OF TEACHING.**

153.28 The commissioner of health and the health-related licensing boards must coordinate  
 153.29 with the Professional Educator Licensing and Standards Board of Teaching when modifying  
 153.30 licensure requirements for regulated persons in order to have consistent regulatory  
 153.31 requirements for personnel who perform services in schools.

153.32 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective January 1, 2018.

154.1 **Sec. 19. TRANSFER OF POWERS.**

154.2 (a) The creation of the Professional Educator Licensing and Standards Board shall be  
154.3 considered a transfer by law of the responsibilities of the Board of Teaching and the  
154.4 Minnesota Department of Education with respect to licensure and credentialing of teachers  
154.5 and school personnel to the Professional Educator Licensing and Standards Board for  
154.6 purposes of Minnesota Statutes, section 15.039. All classified and unclassified positions  
154.7 associated with the responsibilities being transferred to the Professional Educator Licensing  
154.8 and Standards Board are transferred with their incumbents to the new agency pursuant to  
154.9 Minnesota Statutes, section 15.039, subdivision 7, except as otherwise provided in Minnesota  
154.10 Statutes, section 122A.07.

154.11 (b) The responsibilities of the Minnesota Department of Education with respect to  
154.12 licensure of school administrators are transferred by law to the Board of School  
154.13 Administrators for purposes of section 15.039.

154.14 (c) The Professional Educator Licensing and Standards Board must review all rules  
154.15 adopted by the Board of Teaching and amend or repeal rules not consistent with statute.  
154.16 The Professional Educator Licensing and Standards Board must review all teacher preparation  
154.17 programs approved by the Board of Teaching to determine whether the approved programs  
154.18 meet the needs of schools in Minnesota.

154.19 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective January 1, 2018.

154.20 **Sec. 20. FIRST APPOINTMENTS TO THE PROFESSIONAL EDUCATOR**  
154.21 **LICENSING AND STANDARDS BOARD.**

154.22 The governor shall make appointments to the Professional Educator Licensing and  
154.23 Standards Board by September 1, 2017, for terms that begin January 1, 2018. The governor  
154.24 shall designate one member of the board to convene the first meeting by February 1, 2018,  
154.25 and to act as chair until the board elects a chair at its first meeting.

154.26 **Sec. 21. IMPLEMENTATION REPORT.**

154.27 By January 1, 2019, the Professional Educator Licensing and Standards Board must  
154.28 prepare a report to the legislature on the implementation of the teacher licensure system  
154.29 established under sections 122A.18 to 122A.181. The report must include the number of  
154.30 applicants for license in each tier, the number of applications granted and denied, summary  
154.31 data on the reasons applications were denied, and the status of the board's rulemaking process  
154.32 for all licensure-related rules.

155.1 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective January 1, 2018.

155.2 Sec. 22. **APPROPRIATIONS; DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION.**

155.3 Subdivision 1. **Department of Education.** Unless otherwise indicated, the sums indicated  
 155.4 in this section are appropriated from the general fund to the Department of Education for  
 155.5 the fiscal years designated.

155.6 Subd. 2. **Department.** (a) For the Department of Education:

155.7       \$       16,720,000   ..... 2018

155.8       \$       16,929,000   ..... 2019

155.9       Of these amounts:

155.10      (1) \$231,000 each year is for the Board of School Administrators;

155.11      (2) \$1,000,000 each year is for regional centers of excellence under Minnesota Statutes,  
 155.12 section 120B.115;

155.13      (3) \$500,000 each year is for the school safety technical assistance center under Minnesota  
 155.14 Statutes, section 127A.052;

155.15      (4) \$250,000 each year is for the School Finance Division to enhance financial data  
 155.16 analysis; and

155.17      (5) \$720,000 each year is for implementing Minnesota's Learning for English Academic  
 155.18 Proficiency and Success Act under Laws 2014, chapter 272, article 1, as amended.

155.19      (b) Any balance in the first year does not cancel but is available in the second year.

155.20      (c) None of the amounts appropriated under this subdivision may be used for Minnesota's  
 155.21 Washington, D.C. office.

155.22      (d) The expenditures of federal grants and aids as shown in the biennial budget document  
 155.23 and its supplements are approved and appropriated and shall be spent as indicated.

155.24      (e) This appropriation includes funds for information technology project services and  
 155.25 support subject to the provisions of Minnesota Statutes, section 16E.0466. Any ongoing  
 155.26 information technology costs will be incorporated into the service level agreement and will  
 155.27 be paid to the Office of MN.IT Services by the Department of Education under the rates  
 155.28 and mechanism specified in that agreement.

155.29      (f) The base appropriation in fiscal year 2020 is \$16,846,000. The base appropriation  
 155.30 in fiscal year 2021 is \$16,759,000.

156.1 Subd. 3. Licensure by portfolio. For licensure by portfolio:

156.2 \$ 34,000 ..... 2018

156.3 \$ 34,000 ..... 2019

156.4 This appropriation is from the educator licensure portfolio account of the special revenue  
156.5 fund.

156.6 **Sec. 23. APPROPRIATIONS; BOARD OF TEACHING.**

156.7 (a) The sums indicated in this section are appropriated from the general fund to the Board  
156.8 of Teaching or any successor organization for the fiscal years designated:

156.9 \$ 3,481,000 ..... 2018

156.10 \$ 3,493,000 ..... 2019

156.11 (b) This appropriation includes funds for information technology project services and  
156.12 support subject to Minnesota Statutes, section 16E.0466. Any ongoing information  
156.13 technology costs will be incorporated into an interagency agreement and will be paid to the  
156.14 Office of MN.IT Services by the Board of Teaching under the mechanism specified in that  
156.15 agreement.

156.16 (c) Any balance in the first year does not cancel but is available in the second year.

156.17 (d) The base appropriation for fiscal year 2020 is \$2,734,000. The base appropriation  
156.18 for fiscal year 2021 is \$2,709,000.

156.19 **Sec. 24. APPROPRIATIONS; MINNESOTA STATE ACADEMIES.**

156.20 (a) The sums indicated in this section are appropriated from the general fund to the  
156.21 Minnesota State Academies for the Deaf and the Blind for the fiscal years designated:

156.22 \$ 13,204,000 ..... 2018

156.23 \$ 13,186,000 ..... 2019

156.24 (b) Any balance in the first year does not cancel but is available in the second year.

156.25 **Sec. 25. APPROPRIATIONS; PERPICH CENTER FOR ARTS EDUCATION.**

156.26 (a) The sums in this section are appropriated from the general fund to the Perpich Center  
156.27 for Arts Education for the fiscal years designated:

156.28 \$ 6,573,000 ..... 2018

156.29 \$ 6,573,000 ..... 2019

157.1 (b) Of the amounts appropriated in paragraph (a), \$370,000 in each year is for transfer  
 157.2 to the commissioner of administration for grants for arts integration and Turnaround Arts  
 157.3 programs.

157.4 (c) Any balance in the first year does not cancel but is available in the second year.

157.5 Sec. 26. **REVISOR INSTRUCTION.**

157.6 In Minnesota Statutes and Minnesota Rules, the revisor of statutes shall substitute the  
 157.7 term "Professional Educator Licensing and Standards Board" for "Board of Teaching"  
 157.8 wherever the term refers to the powers, duties, and responsibilities of the Board of Teaching.  
 157.9 The revisor shall also make grammatical changes related to the change in terms.

## 157.10 **ARTICLE 12**

### 157.11 **FORECAST ADJUSTMENTS**

#### 157.12 **A. GENERAL EDUCATION**

157.13 Section 1. Laws 2015, First Special Session chapter 3, article 1, section 27, subdivision  
 157.14 2, as amended by Laws 2016, chapter 189, article 27, section 17, is amended to read:

157.15 Subd. 2. **General education aid.** For general education aid under Minnesota Statutes,  
 157.16 section 126C.13, subdivision 4:

157.17	\$	6,649,435,000	.....	2016
157.18		<del>6,815,372,000</del>		
157.19	\$	<u>6,848,521,000</u>	.....	2017

157.20 The 2016 appropriation includes \$622,908,000 for 2015 and 6,026,524,000 for 2016.

157.21 The 2017 appropriation includes \$641,412,000 for 2016 and ~~\$6,173,962,000~~  
 157.22 \$6,207,109,000 for 2017.

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

157.24 Sec. 2. Laws 2015, First Special Session chapter 3, article 1, section 27, subdivision 3, is  
 157.25 amended to read:

157.26 Subd. 3. **Enrollment options transportation.** For transportation of pupils attending  
 157.27 postsecondary institutions under Minnesota Statutes, section 124D.09, or for transportation  
 157.28 of pupils attending nonresident districts under Minnesota Statutes, section 124D.03:

157.29	\$	39,000	.....	2016
157.30		<del>42,000</del>		
157.31	\$	<u>26,000</u>	.....	2017

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

158.2 Sec. 3. Laws 2015, First Special Session chapter 3, article 1, section 27, subdivision 4, as  
158.3 amended by Laws 2016, chapter 189, article 34, section 1, is amended to read:

158.4 Subd. 4. **Abatement revenue.** For abatement aid under Minnesota Statutes, section  
158.5 127A.49:

158.6 \$ 3,051,000 ..... 2016

158.7 ~~3,425,000~~

158.8 \$ 2,666,000 ..... 2017

158.9 The 2016 appropriation includes \$278,000 for 2015 and \$2,773,000 for 2016.

158.10 The 2017 appropriation includes \$308,000 for 2016 and ~~\$3,117,000~~ \$2,358,000 for  
158.11 2017.

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

158.13 Sec. 4. Laws 2015, First Special Session chapter 3, article 1, section 27, subdivision 6, as  
158.14 amended by Laws 2016, chapter 189, article 34, section 3, is amended to read:

158.15 Subd. 6. **Nonpublic pupil education aid.** For nonpublic pupil education aid under  
158.16 Minnesota Statutes, sections 123B.40 to 123B.43 and 123B.87:

158.17 \$ 16,759,000 ..... 2016

158.18 ~~17,235,000~~

158.19 \$ 16,879,000 ..... 2017

158.20 The 2016 appropriation includes \$1,575,000 for 2015 and \$15,184,000 for 2016.

158.21 The 2017 appropriation includes \$1,687,000 for 2016 and ~~\$15,548,000~~ \$15,192,000 for  
158.22 2017.

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

158.24 Sec. 5. Laws 2015, First Special Session chapter 3, article 1, section 27, subdivision 7, as  
158.25 amended by Laws 2016, chapter 189, article 34, section 4, is amended to read:

158.26 Subd. 7. **Nonpublic pupil transportation.** For nonpublic pupil transportation aid under  
158.27 Minnesota Statutes, section 123B.92, subdivision 9:

158.28 \$ 17,673,000 ..... 2016

158.29 ~~18,103,000~~

158.30 \$ 18,278,000 ..... 2017

158.31 The 2016 appropriation includes \$1,816,000 for 2015 and \$15,857,000 for 2016.

159.1 The 2017 appropriation includes \$1,761,000 for 2016 and ~~\$16,342,000~~ \$16,517,000 for  
159.2 2017.

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

159.4 Sec. 6. Laws 2015, First Special Session chapter 3, article 1, section 27, subdivision 9, as  
159.5 amended by Laws 2016, chapter 189, article 34, section 5, is amended to read:

159.6 Subd. 9. **Career and technical aid.** For career and technical aid under Minnesota  
159.7 Statutes, section 124D.4531, subdivision 1b:

159.8 \$ 5,922,000 ..... 2016

159.9 ~~4,262,000~~

159.10 \$ 4,806,000 ..... 2017

159.11 The 2016 appropriation includes \$574,000 for 2015 and \$5,348,000 for 2016.

159.12 The 2017 appropriation includes \$517,000 for 2016 and ~~\$3,745,000~~ \$4,289,000 for  
159.13 2017.

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

159.15 **B. EDUCATION EXCELLENCE**

159.16 Sec. 7. Laws 2015, First Special Session chapter 3, article 2, section 70, subdivision 2, as  
159.17 amended by Laws 2016, chapter 189, article 25, section 44, is amended to read:

159.18 Subd. 2. **Alternative compensation.** For alternative teacher compensation aid under  
159.19 Minnesota Statutes, section 122A.415, subdivision 4:

159.20 \$ 78,907,000 ..... 2016

159.21 ~~89,049,000~~

159.22 \$ 88,137,000 ..... 2017

159.23 The 2016 appropriation includes \$7,766,000 for 2015 and \$71,141,000 for 2016.

159.24 The 2017 appropriation includes \$7,876,000 for 2016 and ~~\$81,173,000~~ \$80,261,000 for  
159.25 2017.

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

159.27 Sec. 8. Laws 2015, First Special Session chapter 3, article 2, section 70, subdivision 3, as  
159.28 amended by Laws 2016, chapter 189, article 25, section 45, is amended to read:

159.29 Subd. 3. **Achievement and integration aid.** For achievement and integration aid under  
159.30 Minnesota Statutes, section 124D.862:

159.31 \$ 65,439,000 ..... 2016

160.1 ~~69,372,000~~  
 160.2 \$ 67,091,000 ..... 2017

160.3 The 2016 appropriation includes \$6,382,000 for 2015 and \$59,057,000 for 2016.

160.4 The 2017 appropriation includes \$6,561,000 for 2016 and ~~\$62,811,000~~ \$60,530,000 for  
 160.5 2017.

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

160.7 Sec. 9. Laws 2015, First Special Session chapter 3, article 2, section 70, subdivision 4, as  
 160.8 amended by Laws 2016, chapter 189, article 34, section 6, is amended to read:

160.9 Subd. 4. **Literacy incentive aid.** For literacy incentive aid under Minnesota Statutes,  
 160.10 section 124D.98:

160.11 \$ 44,538,000 ..... 2016

160.12 ~~45,855,000~~  
 160.13 \$ 45,803,000 ..... 2017

160.14 The 2016 appropriation includes \$4,683,000 for 2015 and \$39,855,000 for 2016.

160.15 The 2017 appropriation includes \$4,428,000 for 2016 and ~~\$41,427,000~~ \$41,375,000 for  
 160.16 2017.

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

160.18 Sec. 10. Laws 2015, First Special Session chapter 3, article 2, section 70, subdivision 5,  
 160.19 as amended by Laws 2016, chapter 189, article 34, section 7, is amended to read:

160.20 Subd. 5. **Interdistrict desegregation or integration transportation grants.** For  
 160.21 interdistrict desegregation or integration transportation grants under Minnesota Statutes,  
 160.22 section 124D.87:

160.23 \$ 14,423,000 ..... 2016

160.24 ~~15,193,000~~  
 160.25 \$ 13,496,000 ..... 2017

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

160.27 Sec. 11. Laws 2015, First Special Session chapter 3, article 2, section 70, subdivision 7,  
 160.28 as amended by Laws 2016, chapter 189, article 34, section 8, is amended to read:

160.29 Subd. 7. **Tribal contract schools.** For tribal contract school aid under Minnesota Statutes,  
 160.30 section 124D.83:

160.31 \$ 3,539,000 ..... 2016

161.1                    ~~3,715,000~~  
 161.2            \$        3,278,000        ..... 2017

161.3            The 2016 appropriation includes \$204,000 for 2015 and \$3,335,000 for 2016.

161.4            The 2017 appropriation includes \$370,000 for 2016 and ~~\$3,345,000~~ \$2,908,000 for  
 161.5 2017.

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

161.7            Sec. 12. Laws 2015, First Special Session chapter 3, article 2, section 70, subdivision 11,  
 161.8 as amended by Laws 2016, chapter 189, article 34, section 9, is amended to read:

161.9            Subd. 11. **American Indian education aid.** For American Indian education aid under  
 161.10 Minnesota Statutes, section 124D.81, subdivision 2a:

161.11            \$        7,740,000        ..... 2016

161.12                    ~~8,878,000~~  
 161.13            \$        8,838,000        ..... 2017

161.14            The 2016 appropriation includes \$0 for 2015 and \$7,740,000 for 2016.

161.15            The 2017 appropriation includes \$860,000 for 2016 and ~~\$8,018,000~~ \$7,978,000 for  
 161.16 2017.

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

161.18            Sec. 13. Laws 2015, First Special Session chapter 3, article 4, section 9, subdivision 2, as  
 161.19 amended by Laws 2016, chapter 189, article 28, section 10, is amended to read:

161.20            Subd. 2. **Charter school building lease aid.** For building lease aid under Minnesota  
 161.21 Statutes, section 124E.22:

161.22            \$        63,540,000        ..... 2016

161.23                    ~~70,132,000~~  
 161.24            \$        68,046,000        ..... 2017

161.25            The 2016 appropriation includes \$6,032,000 for 2015 and \$57,508,000 for 2016.

161.26            The 2017 appropriation includes \$6,389,000 for 2016 and ~~\$63,743,000~~ \$61,657,000 for  
 161.27 2017.

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

162.1

**C. SPECIAL EDUCATION**

162.2 Sec. 14. Laws 2015, First Special Session chapter 3, article 5, section 30, subdivision 2,  
162.3 as amended by Laws 2016, chapter 189, article 29, section 15, is amended to read:

162.4 Subd. 2. **Special education; regular.** For special education aid under Minnesota Statutes,  
162.5 section 125A.75:

162.6 \$ 1,183,619,000 ..... 2016

162.7 ~~1,247,107,000~~

162.8 \$ 1,258,250,000 ..... 2017

162.9 The 2016 appropriation includes \$137,932,000 for 2015 and \$1,045,687,000 for 2016.

162.10 The 2017 appropriation includes \$147,202,000 for 2016 and ~~\$1,099,905,000~~

162.11 \$1,111,048,000 for 2017.

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

162.13 Sec. 15. Laws 2015, First Special Session chapter 3, article 5, section 30, subdivision 3,  
162.14 as amended by Laws 2016, chapter 189, article 34, section 10, is amended to read:

162.15 Subd. 3. **Travel for home-based services.** For aid for teacher travel for home-based  
162.16 services under Minnesota Statutes, section 125A.75, subdivision 1:

162.17 \$ 416,000 ..... 2016

162.18 ~~435,000~~

162.19 \$ 482,000 ..... 2017

162.20 The 2016 appropriation includes \$35,000 for 2015 and \$381,000 for 2016.

162.21 The 2017 appropriation includes \$42,000 for 2016 and ~~\$393,000~~ \$440,000 for 2017.

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

162.23 Sec. 16. Laws 2015, First Special Session chapter 3, article 5, section 30, subdivision 5,  
162.24 as amended by Laws 2016, chapter 189, article 34, section 11, is amended to read:

162.25 Subd. 5. **Aid for children with disabilities.** For aid under Minnesota Statutes, section  
162.26 125A.75, subdivision 3, for children with disabilities placed in residential facilities within  
162.27 the district boundaries for whom no district of residence can be determined:

162.28 \$ 1,307,000 ..... 2016

162.29 ~~1,516,000~~

162.30 \$ 1,390,000 ..... 2017

163.1 If the appropriation for either year is insufficient, the appropriation for the other year is  
163.2 available.

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

163.4 Sec. 17. Laws 2015, First Special Session chapter 3, article 5, section 30, subdivision 6,  
163.5 is amended to read:

163.6 Subd. 6. **Court-placed special education revenue.** For reimbursing serving school  
163.7 districts for unreimbursed eligible expenditures attributable to children placed in the serving  
163.8 school district by court action under Minnesota Statutes, section 125A.79, subdivision 4:

163.9 \$ 56,000 ..... 2016

163.10 ~~57,000~~

163.11 \$ 45,000 ..... 2017

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

163.13 **D. FACILITIES AND TECHNOLOGY**

163.14 Sec. 18. Laws 2015, First Special Session chapter 3, article 6, section 13, subdivision 2,  
163.15 as amended by Laws 2016, chapter 189, article 30, section 23, is amended to read:

163.16 Subd. 2. **Long-term facilities maintenance ~~equalization~~ equalized aid.** For long-term  
163.17 facilities maintenance ~~equalization~~ equalized aid under Minnesota Statutes, section 123B.595:

163.18 \$ 0 ..... 2016

163.19 ~~52,844,000~~

163.20 \$ 50,571,000 ..... 2017

163.21 The 2017 appropriation includes \$0 for 2016 and ~~\$52,844,000~~ \$50,571,000 for 2017.

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

163.23 Sec. 19. Laws 2015, First Special Session chapter 3, article 6, section 13, subdivision 3,  
163.24 as amended by Laws 2016, chapter 189, article 34, section 12, is amended to read:

163.25 Subd. 3. **Debt service equalization.** For debt service aid according to Minnesota Statutes,  
163.26 section 123B.53, subdivision 6:

163.27 \$ 20,349,000 ..... 2016

163.28 ~~22,926,000~~

163.29 \$ 20,406,000 ..... 2017

163.30 The 2016 appropriation includes \$2,295,000 for 2015 and \$18,054,000 for 2016.

164.1 The 2017 appropriation includes \$2,005,000 for 2016 and ~~\$20,921,000~~ \$18,401,000 for  
164.2 2017.

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

164.4 **E. NUTRITION**

164.5 Sec. 20. Laws 2015, First Special Session chapter 3, article 7, section 7, subdivision 2, as  
164.6 amended by Laws 2016, chapter 189, article 27, section 18, is amended to read:

164.7 Subd. 2. **School lunch.** For school lunch aid according to Minnesota Statutes, section  
164.8 124D.111, and Code of Federal Regulations, title 7, section 210.17:

164.9	\$	16,251,000	.....	2016
164.10		<del>16,775,000</del>		
164.11	\$	<u>16,234,000</u>	.....	2017

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

164.13 Sec. 21. Laws 2015, First Special Session chapter 3, article 7, section 7, subdivision 3, as  
164.14 amended by Laws 2016, chapter 189, article 27, section 19, is amended to read:

164.15 Subd. 3. **School breakfast.** For traditional school breakfast aid under Minnesota Statutes,  
164.16 section 124D.1158:

164.17	\$	9,457,000	.....	2016
164.18		<del>10,365,000</del>		
164.19	\$	<u>9,869,000</u>	.....	2017

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

164.21 Sec. 22. Laws 2015, First Special Session chapter 3, article 7, section 7, subdivision 4, as  
164.22 amended by Laws 2016, chapter 189, article 34, section 15, is amended to read:

164.23 Subd. 4. **Kindergarten milk.** For kindergarten milk aid under Minnesota Statutes,  
164.24 section 124D.118:

164.25	\$	788,000	.....	2016
164.26		<del>788,000</del>		
164.27	\$	<u>758,000</u>	.....	2017

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

165.1 **F. EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION**

165.2 Sec. 23. Laws 2015, First Special Session chapter 3, article 9, section 8, subdivision 5, as  
165.3 amended by Laws 2016, chapter 189, article 34, section 16, is amended to read:

165.4 Subd. 5. **Early childhood family education aid.** For early childhood family education  
165.5 aid under Minnesota Statutes, section 124D.135:

165.6 \$ 27,948,000 ..... 2016

165.7 ~~29,336,000~~

165.8 \$ 28,944,000 ..... 2017

165.9 The 2016 appropriation includes \$2,713,000 for 2015 and \$25,235,000 for 2016.

165.10 The 2017 appropriation includes \$2,803,000 for 2016 and ~~\$26,533,000~~ \$26,141,000 for  
165.11 2017.

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

165.13 Sec. 24. Laws 2015, First Special Session chapter 3, article 9, section 8, subdivision 6, as  
165.14 amended by Laws 2016, chapter 189, article 34, section 17, is amended to read:

165.15 Subd. 6. **Developmental screening aid.** For developmental screening aid under  
165.16 Minnesota Statutes, sections 121A.17 and 121A.19:

165.17 \$ 3,477,000 ..... 2016

165.18 ~~3,488,000~~

165.19 \$ 3,573,000 ..... 2017

165.20 The 2016 appropriation includes \$338,000 for 2015 and \$3,139,000 for 2016.

165.21 The 2017 appropriation includes \$348,000 for 2016 and ~~\$3,140,000~~ \$3,225,000 for  
165.22 2017.

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

165.24 Sec. 25. Laws 2015, First Special Session chapter 3, article 10, section 3, subdivision 2,  
165.25 as amended by Laws 2016, chapter 189, article 34, section 18, is amended to read:

165.26 Subd. 2. **Community education aid.** For community education aid under Minnesota  
165.27 Statutes, section 124D.20:

165.28 \$ 790,000 ..... 2016

165.29 ~~553,000~~

165.30 \$ 555,000 ..... 2017

165.31 The 2016 appropriation includes \$107,000 for 2015 and \$683,000 for 2016.

166.1 The 2017 appropriation includes \$75,000 for 2016 and ~~\$478,000~~ \$480,000 for 2017.

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

166.3 **G. SELF-SUFFICIENCY AND LIFELONG LEARNING**

166.4 Sec. 26. Laws 2015, First Special Session chapter 3, article 11, section 3, subdivision 2,  
166.5 as amended by Laws 2016, chapter 189, article 34, section 19, is amended to read:

166.6 Subd. 2. **Adult basic education aid.** For adult basic education aid under Minnesota  
166.7 Statutes, section 124D.531:

166.8 \$ 48,231,000 ..... 2016

166.9 ~~49,683,000~~

166.10 \$ 48,762,000 ..... 2017

166.11 The 2016 appropriation includes \$4,782,000 for 2015 and \$43,449,000 for 2016.

166.12 The 2017 appropriation includes \$4,827,000 for 2016 and ~~\$44,856,000~~ \$43,935,000 for  
166.13 2017.

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

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**122A.162 LICENSURE RULES.**

The commissioner may make rules relating to licensure of school personnel not licensed by the Board of Teaching or Board of School Administrators.

**122A.163 TEACHER RULE VARIANCES; COMMISSIONER.**

Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, and only upon receiving the agreement of the State Board of Teaching or Board of School Administrators, whichever has jurisdiction over the licensure, the commissioner of education may grant a variance to rules governing licensure of persons licensed by the Board of Teaching or Board of School Administrators, whichever has jurisdiction.

**122A.18 BOARD TO ISSUE LICENSES.**

Subd. 4. **Expiration and renewal.** (a) Each license the Department of Education issues through its licensing section must bear the date of issue and the name of the state-approved teacher training provider. Licenses must expire and be renewed according to the respective rules the Board of Teaching, the Board of School Administrators, or the commissioner of education adopts. Requirements for renewing a license must include showing satisfactory evidence of successful teaching or administrative experience for at least one school year during the period covered by the license in grades or subjects for which the license is valid or completing such additional preparation as the Board of Teaching prescribes. The Board of School Administrators shall establish requirements for renewing the licenses of supervisory personnel except athletic coaches. The State Board of Teaching shall establish requirements for renewing the licenses of athletic coaches.

(b) Applicants for license renewal who have been employed as a teacher during the renewal period of their expiring license, as a condition of license renewal, must present to their local continuing education and relicensure committee or other local relicensure committee evidence of work that demonstrates professional reflection and growth in best teaching practices, including among other things, practices in meeting the varied needs of English learners, from young children to adults under section 124D.59, subdivisions 2 and 2a. The applicant must include a reflective statement of professional accomplishment and the applicant's own assessment of professional growth showing evidence of:

- (1) support for student learning;
- (2) use of best practices techniques and their applications to student learning;
- (3) collaborative work with colleagues that includes examples of collegiality such as attested-to committee work, collaborative staff development programs, and professional learning community work; or
- (4) continual professional development that may include (i) job-embedded or other ongoing formal professional learning or (ii) for teachers employed for only part of the renewal period of their expiring license, other similar professional development efforts made during the relicensure period.

The Board of Teaching must ensure that its teacher relicensing requirements also include this paragraph.

(c) The Board of Teaching shall offer alternative options for license renewal for teachers who are accepted into and complete the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards certification process, and offer additional continuing relicensure options for teachers who earn National Board for Professional Teaching Standards certification. Continuing relicensure requirements for teachers who do not maintain National Board for Professional Teaching Standards certification are those the board prescribes, consistent with this section.

Subd. 4a. **Limited provisional licenses.** The board may grant two-year provisional licenses to licensure candidates in a field in which they were not previously licensed or in a field in which a shortage of licensed teachers exists. A shortage is defined as an inadequate supply of licensed personnel in a given licensure area as determined by the commissioner.

Subd. 7. **Limited provisional licenses.** The Board of Teaching may grant provisional licenses, which shall be valid for two years, in fields in which licenses were not issued previously or in fields in which a shortage of licensed teachers exists. A shortage is defined as a lack of or an inadequate supply of licensed personnel within a given licensure area in a school district that

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has notified the Board of Teaching of the shortage and has applied to the Board of Teaching for provisional licenses for that district's licensed staff.

**122A.23 APPLICANTS TRAINED IN OTHER STATES.**

Subdivision 1. **Preparation equivalency.** When a license to teach is authorized to be issued to any holder of a diploma or a degree of a Minnesota state university, or of the University of Minnesota, or of a liberal arts university, or a technical training institution, such license may also, in the discretion of the Board of Teaching, be issued to any holder of a diploma or a degree of a teacher training institution of equivalent rank and standing of any other state. The diploma or degree must be granted by virtue of completing coursework in teacher preparation as preliminary to the granting of a diploma or a degree of the same rank and class. For purposes of granting a Minnesota teaching license to a person who receives a diploma or degree from a state-accredited, out-of-state teacher training program leading to licensure, the Board of Teaching must establish criteria and streamlined policies and procedures by January 1, 2016, to recognize the experience and professional credentials of the person holding the out-of-state diploma or degree and allow that person to demonstrate to the board the person's qualifications for receiving a Minnesota teaching license based on performance measures the board adopts by January 1, 2016, under this section.

Subd. 2. **Applicants licensed in other states.** (a) Subject to the requirements of sections 122A.18, subdivision 8, and 123B.03, the Board of Teaching must issue a professional five-year teaching license or an initial professional one-year teaching license under paragraphs (c) to (f) to an applicant who holds at least a baccalaureate degree from a regionally accredited college or university and holds or held an out-of-state teaching license that requires the applicant to successfully complete a teacher preparation program approved by the issuing state, which includes either (1) field-specific teaching methods, student teaching, or equivalent experience, or (2) at least two years of teaching experience as the teacher of record in a similar licensure area.

(b) The Board of Teaching may issue a professional five-year teaching license on the basis of teaching experience and examination requirements only.

(c) The Board of Teaching must issue a professional five-year teaching license to an applicant who:

(1) successfully completed all exams and human relations preparation components required by the Board of Teaching; and

(2) holds or held an out-of-state teaching license to teach a similar content field and grade levels if the scope of the out-of-state license is no more than two grade levels less than a similar Minnesota license, and either (i) has completed field-specific teaching methods, student teaching, or equivalent experience, or (ii) has at least two years of teaching experience as the teacher of record in a similar licensure area.

(d) The Board of Teaching, consistent with board rules and paragraph (i), must issue up to four initial professional one-year teaching licenses to an applicant who holds or held an out-of-state teaching license to teach a similar licensure area and grade levels, where the scope of the out-of-state license is no more than two grade levels less than a similar Minnesota license, but has not successfully completed all exams and human relations preparation components required by the Board of Teaching. The board must issue a professional five-year teaching license to an applicant who successfully completes the requirements under this paragraph.

(e) The Board of Teaching, consistent with board rules, must issue up to four initial professional one-year teaching licenses to an applicant who:

(1) successfully completed all exams and human relations preparation components required by the Board of Teaching; and

(2) holds or held an out-of-state teaching license to teach a similar licensure area and grade levels, where the scope of the out-of-state license is no more than two grade levels less than a similar Minnesota license, but has not completed field-specific teaching methods or student teaching or equivalent experience.

The applicant may complete field-specific teaching methods by successfully participating in a one-year school district mentorship program consistent with board-adopted standards of effective practice and Minnesota graduation requirements. If no school district mentorship program is available, the applicant must complete field-specific teaching methods coursework while serving as a teacher of record and providing classroom instruction in the applicant's field of licensure. The board must issue a professional five-year teaching license to an applicant who successfully completes the requirements under this paragraph.

(f) The Board of Teaching must issue to an applicant with an out-of-state teaching license up to four initial professional one-year teaching licenses that are restricted in content or grade levels specified in the out-of-state license if the applicant's out-of-state teaching license is more

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limited than a similar Minnesota license in content field or grade levels. The Board of Teaching must issue a professional five-year teaching license to an applicant who successfully completes all exams and human relations preparation components required by the Board of Teaching. Any content or grade level restriction placed on a license under this paragraph remains in effect.

(g) The Board of Teaching may issue a two-year provisional permission to an applicant under this subdivision to teach in a shortage area, consistent with section 122A.18, subdivision 4a.

(h) The Board of Teaching may issue a license under this subdivision if the applicant has attained the additional degrees, credentials, or licenses required in a particular licensure field and the applicant can demonstrate competency by obtaining qualifying scores on the board-adopted skills examination in reading, writing, and mathematics, and on applicable board-adopted rigorous content area and pedagogy examinations under section 122A.09, subdivision 4, paragraphs (a) and (e).

(i) The Board of Teaching must require an applicant for a professional five-year teaching license or an initial professional one-year teaching license under this subdivision to pass a board-adopted skills examination in reading, writing, and mathematics before the board issues the license unless, notwithstanding other provisions of this subdivision, an applicable board-approved National Association of State Directors of Teacher Education and Certification interstate agreement exists to allow fully certified teachers from other states to transfer their certification to Minnesota.

### **122A.245 ALTERNATIVE TEACHER PREPARATION PROGRAM AND PRELIMINARY TEACHER LICENSE.**

Subdivision 1. **Requirements.** (a) To improve academic excellence, improve ethnic and cultural diversity in the classroom, and close the academic achievement gap, the Board of Teaching must approve qualified teacher preparation programs under this section that are a means to acquire a two-year preliminary teacher license, which the board may renew one time for an additional one-year term, and to prepare for acquiring a professional five-year license. The following entities are eligible to participate under this section:

(1) a school district, charter school, or nonprofit corporation organized under chapter 317A for an education-related purpose that forms a partnership with a college or university that has a board-approved alternative teacher preparation program; or

(2) a school district or charter school, after consulting with a college or university with a board-approved teacher preparation program, that forms a partnership with a nonprofit corporation organized under chapter 317A for an education-related purpose that has a board-approved teacher preparation program.

(b) Before becoming a teacher of record, a candidate must:

(1) have a bachelor's degree with a 3.0 or higher grade point average unless the board waives the grade point average requirement based on board-adopted criteria adopted by January 1, 2016;

(2) demonstrate a passing score on a board-adopted reading, writing, and mathematics skills examination under section 122A.09, subdivision 4, paragraph (b); and

(3) obtain qualifying scores on applicable board-approved rigorous content area and pedagogy examinations under section 122A.09, subdivision 4, paragraph (e).

(c) The Board of Teaching must issue a two-year preliminary teacher license to a person who enrolls in an alternative teacher preparation program.

Subd. 2. **Characteristics.** An alternative teacher preparation program under this section must include:

(1) a minimum 200-hour instructional phase that provides intensive preparation and student teaching before the teacher candidate assumes classroom responsibilities;

(2) a research-based and results-oriented approach focused on best teaching practices to increase student proficiency and growth measured against state academic standards;

(3) strategies to combine pedagogy and best teaching practices to better inform teacher candidates' classroom instruction;

(4) assessment, supervision, and evaluation of teacher candidates to determine their specific needs throughout the program and to support their efforts to successfully complete the program;

(5) intensive, ongoing, and multiyear professional learning opportunities that accelerate teacher candidates' professional growth, support student learning, and provide a workplace orientation, professional staff development, and mentoring and peer review focused on standards of professional practice and continuous professional growth; and

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(6) a requirement that teacher candidates demonstrate to the local site team under subdivision 5 satisfactory progress toward acquiring professional five-year teaching licenses from the Board of Teaching.

Subd. 3. **Program approval; disapproval.** (a) The Board of Teaching must approve alternative teacher preparation programs under this section based on board-adopted criteria that reflect best practices for alternative teacher preparation programs, consistent with this section.

(b) The board must permit teacher candidates to demonstrate mastery of pedagogy and content standards in school-based settings and through other nontraditional means. "Nontraditional means" must include a portfolio of previous experiences, teaching experience, educator evaluations, certifications marking the completion of education training programs, and essentially equivalent demonstrations.

(c) The board must use nontraditional criteria to determine the qualifications of program instructors.

(d) The board may permit instructors to hold a baccalaureate degree only.

(e) If the Board of Teaching determines that a teacher preparation program under this section does not meet the requirements of this section, it may revoke its approval of the program after it notifies the program provider of any deficiencies and gives the program provider an opportunity to remedy the deficiencies.

Subd. 4. **Employment conditions.** Where applicable, teacher candidates with a preliminary teacher license under this section are members of the local employee organization representing teachers and subject to the terms of the local collective bargaining agreement between the exclusive representative of the teachers and the school board. A collective bargaining agreement between a school board and the exclusive representative of the teachers must not prevent or restrict or otherwise interfere with a school district's ability to employ a teacher prepared under this section.

Subd. 5. **Approval for professional five-year license.** A school board or its designee must appoint members to a local site team that includes teachers, school administrators, and postsecondary faculty under subdivision 1, paragraph (a), clause (1), or staff of a participating nonprofit corporation under subdivision 1, paragraph (a), clause (2), to evaluate the performance of the teacher candidate. The evaluation must be consistent with board-adopted performance measures, use the Minnesota state standards of effective practice and subject matter content standards for teachers established in Minnesota Rules, and include a report to the board recommending whether or not to issue the teacher candidate a professional five-year teaching license.

Subd. 6. **Applicants trained in other states.** A person who successfully completes another state's alternative teacher preparation program, consistent with section 122A.23, may apply to the Board of Teaching for an initial professional one-year teaching license or a professional five-year teaching license.

Subd. 7. **Professional five-year license.** The Board of Teaching must issue a professional five-year teaching license to an otherwise qualified teacher candidate under this section who successfully performs throughout a program under this section, obtains qualifying scores on applicable board-adopted rigorous skills, pedagogy, and content area examinations under section 122A.09, subdivision 4, paragraphs (a) and (e), and is recommended for licensure under subdivision 5 or successfully demonstrates to the board qualifications for licensure under subdivision 6.

Subd. 8. **Qualified teacher.** A person holding a valid limited-term license under this section is a qualified teacher and the teacher of record under section 122A.16.

Subd. 9. **Exchange of best practices.** By July 31 in an even-numbered year, approved alternative preparation program providers, the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities, the University of Minnesota, the Minnesota Private College Council, and the Department of Education must exchange information about best practices and educational innovations.

Subd. 10. **Reports.** The Board of Teaching must submit an interim report on the efficacy of this program to the policy and finance committees of the legislature with jurisdiction over kindergarten through grade 12 education by February 15, 2013, and a final report by February 15, 2015.

### **122A.25 NONLICENSED COMMUNITY EXPERTS; VARIANCE.**

Subdivision 1. **Authorization.** Notwithstanding any law or commissioner of education rule to the contrary, the Board of Teaching may allow school districts or charter schools to hire nonlicensed community experts to teach in the public schools or charter schools on a limited basis according to this section.

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Subd. 2. **Applications; criteria.** The school district or charter school shall apply to the Board of Teaching for approval to hire nonlicensed teaching personnel from the community. In approving or disapproving the application for each community expert, the board shall consider:

- (1) the qualifications of the community person whom the district or charter school proposes to employ;
- (2) the reasons for the need for a variance from the teacher licensure requirements;
- (3) the district's efforts to obtain licensed teachers, who are acceptable to the school board, for the particular course or subject area or the charter school's efforts to obtain licensed teachers for the particular course or subject area;
- (4) the amount of teaching time for which the community expert would be hired;
- (5) the extent to which the district or charter school is utilizing other nonlicensed community experts under this section;
- (6) the nature of the community expert's proposed teaching responsibility; and
- (7) the proposed level of compensation to the community expert.

Subd. 3. **Approval of plan.** The Board of Teaching shall approve or disapprove an application within 60 days of receiving it from a school district or charter school.

Subd. 4. **Background check.** A school district or charter school shall provide the Board of Teaching with confirmation that criminal background checks have been completed for all nonlicensed community experts employed by the district or charter school and approved by the Board of Teaching under this section.

### **123A.73 LEVY LIMITATIONS OF REORGANIZED DISTRICTS.**

Subd. 3. **Voluntary dissolution; referendum revenue.** As of the effective date of the voluntary dissolution of a district and its attachment to one or more existing districts pursuant to section 123A.46, the authorization for all referendum revenues previously approved by the voters of all affected districts for those districts pursuant to section 126C.17, subdivision 9, or its predecessor provision, is canceled. However, if all of the territory of any independent district is included in the enlarged district, and if the adjusted net tax capacity of taxable property in that territory comprises 90 percent or more of the adjusted net tax capacity of all taxable property in an enlarged district, the enlarged district's referendum revenue shall be determined as follows:

The referendum revenue shall be the revenue per adjusted pupil unit times the number of adjusted pupil units in the enlarged district. Any new referendum revenue shall be authorized only after approval is granted by the voters of the entire enlarged district in an election pursuant to section 126C.17, subdivision 9.

### **124D.73 DEFINITIONS.**

Subd. 2. **American Indian child.** "American Indian child" means any child, living on or off a reservation, who is enrolled or eligible for enrollment in a federally recognized tribe.

### **124E.10 CHARTER CONTRACT.**

Subd. 5. **Mutual nonrenewal.** If the authorizer and the charter school board of directors mutually agree not to renew the contract, or if the governing board of an approved authorizer votes to withdraw as an approved authorizer for a reason unrelated to any cause under subdivision 4, a change in authorizers is allowed. The authorizer and the school board must jointly submit a written and signed letter of their intent to the commissioner to mutually not renew the contract. The authorizer that is a party to the existing contract must inform the proposed authorizer about the fiscal, operational, and student performance status of the school, including unmet contract outcomes and other outstanding contractual obligations. The charter contract between the proposed authorizer and the school must identify and provide a plan to address any outstanding obligations from the previous contract. The proposed authorizer must submit the proposed contract at least 105 business days before the end of the existing charter contract. The commissioner has 30 business days to review and make a determination on the change in authorizer. The proposed authorizer and the school have 15 business days to respond to the determination and address any issues identified by the commissioner. The commissioner must make a final determination no later than 45 business days before the end of the current charter contract. If the commissioner does not approve a change in authorizer, the school and the current authorizer may withdraw their letter of nonrenewal and enter into a new contract. If the commissioner does not approve a change in authorizer and the current authorizer and the school

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do not withdraw their letter and enter into a new contract, the school must be dissolved according to applicable law and the terms of the contract.

**125A.75 SPECIAL EDUCATION PROGRAMS; APPROVAL; AID PAYMENTS; TRAVEL AID; LITIGATION COSTS.**

Subd. 7. **Allocation from cooperative centers, service cooperatives, education districts, and intermediate districts.** For purposes of this section, a special education cooperative, service cooperative, education district, or an intermediate district must allocate its approved expenditures for special education programs among participating districts. Special education aid for services provided by a cooperative, service cooperative, education district, or intermediate district must be paid to the participating school districts.

**125A.76 SPECIAL EDUCATION AID.**

Subd. 2b. **Cross subsidy reduction aid.** For fiscal years 2014 and 2015, the cross subsidy reduction aid for a school district, not including a charter school, equals the lesser of (a) the product of the cross subsidy reduction aid limit and the district's average daily membership served or (b) the sum of the product of the cross subsidy reduction aid percentage, the district's average daily membership served, and the sum of:

- (1) \$450; plus
- (2) \$400 times the ratio of the sum of the number of pupils enrolled on October 1 who are eligible to receive free lunch plus one-half of the pupils enrolled on October 1 who are eligible to receive reduced-price lunch to the total October 1 enrollment; plus
- (3) .008 times the district's average daily membership served; plus the product of the cross subsidy aid percentage and the sum of:
  - (i) \$10,100 times the December 1 child count for the primary disability areas of autism spectrum disorders, developmental delay, and severely multiply impaired; plus
  - (ii) \$17,500 times the December 1 child count for the primary disability areas of deaf and hard-of-hearing and emotional or behavioral disorders; plus
  - (iii) \$26,000 times the December 1 child count for the primary disability areas of developmentally cognitive mild-moderate, developmentally cognitive severe-profound, physically impaired, visually impaired, and deafblind.

**129C.10 PERPICH CENTER FOR ARTS EDUCATION.**

Subd. 5a. **Interdistrict voluntary integration magnet program.** Notwithstanding Minnesota Rules, parts 3535.0110 and 3535.0150, the board may establish and operate an interdistrict integration magnet program according to section 129C.30. For fiscal year 2016 and later, the board must have an approved achievement and integration plan and budget under section 124D.861.

**129C.30 CROSSWINDS INTEGRATION MAGNET SCHOOL.**

Subdivision 1. **Definitions.** (a) The following terms have the meanings given them for this chapter.

- (b) "Board" means the board of directors of the Perpich Center for Arts Education.
- (c) "Crosswinds school" means the Crosswinds school in Woodbury operated during the 2012-2013 school year by Joint Powers District No. 6067, East Metro Integration District.

Subd. 2. **Board to operate the Crosswinds school.** The board may operate the Crosswinds school with the powers and duties granted to it under this chapter. A student may apply to the Crosswinds school under section 124D.03 and the Crosswinds school may accept students under that section.

Subd. 3. **General education funding.** General education revenue must be paid to the Crosswinds school as though it were a district. The general education revenue for each adjusted pupil unit is the state average general education revenue per pupil unit, plus the referendum equalization aid allowance in the pupil's district of residence, minus an amount equal to the product of the formula allowance according to section 126C.10, subdivision 2, times .0466, calculated without declining enrollment, basic skills revenue, extended time revenue, pension adjustment revenue, transition revenue, and transportation sparsity revenue, plus declining enrollment, basic skills revenue, extended time revenue, pension adjustment revenue, and transition revenue as though the school were a school district. The general education revenue for each extended time pupil unit equals \$4,794.

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Subd. 4. **Special education funding.** Special education aid must be paid to the Crosswinds school according to sections 125A.76 and 125A.79, as though it were a school district. The special education aid paid to the Crosswinds school shall be adjusted as follows:

(1) if the Crosswinds school does not receive general education revenue on behalf of the student according to subdivision 3, the aid shall be adjusted as provided in section 125A.11; or

(2) if the Crosswinds school receives general education revenue on behalf of the student according to subdivision 3, the aid shall be adjusted as provided in section 127A.47, subdivision 7, paragraphs (b) to (d).

Subd. 5. **Pupil transportation.** (a) For fiscal year 2015 only, a member district of Joint Powers District No. 6067, East Metro Integration District, must transport pupils enrolled at the Crosswinds school in the same manner as they were transported in fiscal year 2014.

(b) Pupil transportation expenses under this section are reimbursable under section 124D.87.

Subd. 6. **Achievement and integration aid.** For fiscal year 2016 and later, the Crosswinds school is eligible for achievement and integration aid under section 124D.862 as if it were a school district.

Subd. 7. **Other aids, grants, revenue.** (a) The Crosswinds school is eligible to receive other aids, grants, and revenue according to chapters 120A to 129C as though it were a district.

(b) Notwithstanding paragraph (a), the Crosswinds school may not receive aid, a grant, or revenue if a levy is required to obtain the money, or if the aid, grant, or revenue replaces levy revenue that is not general education revenue, except as otherwise provided in this section.

(c) Federal aid received by the state must be paid to the school if it qualifies for the aid as though it were a school district.

(d) In the year-end report to the commissioner of education, the Crosswinds school shall report the total amount of funds received from grants and other outside sources.

Subd. 8. **Year-round programming.** The Crosswinds school may operate as a flexible learning year program under sections 124D.12 to 124D.127.

Subd. 9. **Data requirements.** The commissioner of education shall require the Crosswinds school to follow the budget and accounting procedures required for school districts and the Crosswinds school shall report all data to the Department of Education in the form and manner required by the commissioner.

**3500.3100 ISSUANCE OF GENERAL EDUCATIONAL DEVELOPMENT (GED) DIPLOMA.**

Subp. 4. **General Educational Development (GED) diploma.** The commissioner of education may issue a General Educational Development (GED) diploma to a Minnesota resident 19 years of age or over who has not earned a high school diploma and who has not previously been issued a GED if:

A. the person makes written application through any of the approved GED testing centers located in Minnesota; and

B. the person obtains a minimum standard score of 410 on each of the five GED tests and an average standard score of at least 450 on all five tests or the minimum standard scores required by the GED testing service, whichever is greater.

GED tests must be administered only by official agencies established by the American Council on Education and approved by the commissioner of education.

The commissioner of education may waive the minimum age requirement if supportive evidence is provided by an employer or a recognized education or rehabilitation provider.