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Introduction and first reading
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OFFICIAL STATUS

1.1 A bill for an act

1.2 relating to education finance; authorizing a pilot site for a cooperative career

1.3 academy; requiring a report; appropriating money for a cooperative career academy

1.4 school in Moorhead; authorizing the sale and issuance of state bonds.

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

1.6 Section 1. **COOPERATIVE CAREER ACADEMY; MOORHEAD.**

1.7 Subdivision 1. **Cooperative career academy.** Independent School District No. 152,

1.8 Moorhead, may enter into a joint powers agreement with Independent School District No.

1.9 2164, Dilworth-Glyndon-Felton, and other nearby school districts to operate a cooperative

1.10 career academy. The cooperative career academy must be designed as a pilot program

1.11 replicable to other local school districts. The cooperative career academy program must be

1.12 aligned with the Minnesota State system, through an articulation agreement or otherwise,

1.13 to provide college credits for the career academy programs. The cooperative career academy

1.14 program must include public-private sector partnerships to maximize alignment to local

1.15 and regional workforce needs.

1.16 Subd. 2. **Building age indexes.** The square footage of a cooperative career academy

1.17 must not be included in school district building age indexes calculated under Minnesota

1.18 Statutes, section 123B.595 or 126C.10, subdivision 16.

1.19 Subd. 3. **Facility maintenance needs.** A school district with students participating in a

1.20 cooperative career academy may include in its building lease levy under Minnesota Statutes,

1.21 section 126C.40, subdivision 3, the amounts as specified in the joint powers agreement for

1.22 facility repairs and maintenance needs.

2.1 Subd. 4. **Report.** On February 15 of each even-numbered year, Independent School
2.2 District No. 152, Moorhead, and its public-private sector partnerships must report to the
2.3 commissioner of education and the legislative committees with jurisdiction over education
2.4 on its cooperative career academy programming. The report must include a description of
2.5 the courses offered at the academy, the number of students participating in each program,
2.6 and, to the extent possible, the career and college choices and placement rates of the
2.7 program's graduates. The report must also recommend strategies for other school districts
2.8 to incorporate into their career and college readiness activities.

2.9 Subd. 5. **Appropriation.** \$6,000,000 is appropriated from the bond proceeds fund to
2.10 the commissioner of education for a grant to Independent School District No. 152, Moorhead,
2.11 to predesign, design, construct, furnish, and equip a facility for educational purposes. The
2.12 appropriated funds may also be used to acquire land if needed for the project. This
2.13 appropriation is not available until the commissioner of management and budget determines
2.14 that at least an equal amount has been committed from nonstate sources to complete the
2.15 project.

2.16 Subd. 6. **Bond sale.** To provide the money appropriated in this section from the bond
2.17 proceeds fund, the commissioner of management and budget shall sell and issue bonds of
2.18 the state in an amount up to \$6,000,000 in the manner, upon the terms, and with the effect
2.19 prescribed by Minnesota Statutes, sections 16A.631 to 16A.675, and by the Minnesota
2.20 Constitution, article XI, sections 4 to 7.

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