

A bill for an act

relating to public health; modifying academic standards to include nutrition;
creating an advisory council on health, nutrition, and physical education;
amending Minnesota Statutes 2007 Supplement, section 120B.021, subdivision 1.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2007 Supplement, section 120B.021, subdivision 1,
is amended to read:

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

(1) language arts;

(2) mathematics;

(3) science;

(4) social studies, including history, geography, economics, and government and
citizenship;

(5) health, nutrition, and physical education, for which locally developed academic
standards apply; and

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

(b) The commissioner must submit proposed standards in science and social studies
to the legislature by February 1, 2004.

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For purposes of applicable federal law, the academic standards for language arts, mathematics, and science apply to all public school students, except the very few students with extreme cognitive or physical impairments for whom an individualized education plan team has determined that the required academic standards are inappropriate.

An individualized education plan team that makes this determination must establish alternative standards.

(c) A school district, no later than the 2007-2008 school year, must adopt graduation requirements that meet or exceed state graduation requirements established in law or rule. A school district that incorporates these state graduation requirements before the 2007-2008 school year must provide students who enter the 9th grade in or before the 2003-2004 school year the opportunity to earn a diploma based on existing locally established graduation requirements in effect when the students entered the 9th grade. District efforts to develop, implement, or improve instruction or curriculum as a result of the provisions of this section must be consistent with sections 120B.10, 120B.11, and 120B.20.

(d) The commissioner must include the contributions of Minnesota American Indian tribes and communities as they relate to the academic standards during the review and revision of the required academic standards.

EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective for the 2008-2009 school year and later.

Sec. 2. HEALTH, NUTRITION, AND PHYSICAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COUNCIL.

The commissioner of education shall convene an advisory council that consists of 12 members appointed by the commissioner. The membership of the council shall include a curriculum specialist; a person familiar with the requirements of Title IX, Education Amendments of 1972; a representative of the Minnesota Board of Teaching; a representative of the Minnesota School Boards Association; a school nurse; a representative of the American Heart Association; an elementary school principal; a secondary school principal; a representative of the Minnesota State High School League; a nutritionist; a health educator; and a physical fitness educator. The advisory council shall develop recommendations for statewide curriculum standards that should be adopted for health, nutrition, and physical education, and shall report its recommendations to the legislature by June 30, 2009. The advisory council shall be governed by Minnesota Statutes, section 15.059.