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STATE OF MINNESOTA

EIGHTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE

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A bill for an act

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relating to education; making an exception to the school start date for school

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districts that suffer natural disasters; amending Minnesota Statutes 2012, section

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120A.40.

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

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Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2012, section 120A.40, is amended to read:

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120A.40 SCHOOL CALENDAR.

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(a) Except for learning programs during summer, flexible learning year programs

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authorized under sections 124D.12 to 124D.127, and learning year programs under section

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124D.128, a district must not commence an elementary or secondary school year before

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Labor Day, except as provided under paragraph (b). Days devoted to teachers' workshops

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may be held before Labor Day. Districts that enter into cooperative agreements are

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encouraged to adopt similar school calendars.

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(b) A district may begin the school year on any day before Labor Day:

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(1) to accommodate a construction or remodeling project of \$400,000 or more

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affecting a district school facility;

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(2) if the district has an agreement under section 123A.30, 123A.32, or 123A.35

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with a district that qualifies under clause (1); ~~or~~

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(3) if the district agrees to the same schedule with a school district in an adjoining

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state; or

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(4) if the district canceled at least two instructional school days in the previous

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school year because of a flood, tornado, or fire.

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