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H. F. No. 957

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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Education Policy
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1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to education; providing mandate relief for school districts; authorizing
1.3 certain fund transfers for fiscal years 2025 through 2029; authorizing a school
1.4 board to opt out of compliance with certain recently enacted state laws or rules.

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

1.6 Section 1. FUND TRANSFERS FOR FISCAL YEARS 2025 THROUGH 2029.

1.7 Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes, section 123B.80, subdivision 3, or any law to the
1.8 contrary, for fiscal years 2025 through 2029 only, a school district, charter school, or
1.9 cooperative unit may transfer any funds not already assigned to or encumbered by staff
1.10 salary and benefits, or otherwise encumbered by federal law, from any operating account
1.11 or operating fund to the undesignated balance in any other operating account or operating
1.12 fund. A fund or account transfer under this section must not increase state aid obligations
1.13 to the district or school, or result in additional property tax authority for the district. The
1.14 school board must adopt a written resolution outlining the purpose for and specifying the
1.15 amount of funds that are transferred under this section. A school board must post the
1.16 resolution for each approved transfer on its website and must transmit a timely, electronic
1.17 notice of each approved transfer to the commissioner.

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

1.19 Sec. 2. RELIEF FROM STATE MANDATES FOR SCHOOL YEARS 2025-2026
1.20 THROUGH 2028-2029.

1.21 (a) Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, for the 2025-2026 through 2028-2029
1.22 school years only, a school district or charter school may adopt a resolution not to comply

2.1 with a new state education law or new state education rule applicable to that school according
2.2 to paragraph (b) for the length of time established in the resolution. A district or charter
2.3 school that adopts a resolution under this section must continue to comply with all applicable
2.4 federal laws and rules.

2.5 (b) For purposes of this section, "new rule" means a rule adopted by the Professional
2.6 Educator Licensing and Standards Board after July 1, 2023, and "new law" means:

2.7 (1) a law initially enacted under:

2.8 (i) Laws 2023, chapter 53, article 12;

2.9 (ii) Laws 2023, chapter 54;

2.10 (iii) Laws 2023, chapter 55;

2.11 (iv) Laws 2023, chapter 59;

2.12 (v) Laws 2024, chapter 109; or

2.13 (vi) Laws 2024, chapter 115; or

2.14 (2) an amendment to a law under clause (1), enacted during the 2023 or 2024 legislative
2.15 session.

2.16 (c) Upon a recorded vote, a school board that formally resolves not to comply with a
2.17 newly enacted or newly amended state law or rule as defined in paragraph (b) must post a
2.18 record of each decision to not comply on its website and transmit to the commissioner an
2.19 electronic notice of each decision.

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