

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to education; directing commissioner of education to develop an
1.3 assessment tool to fairly evaluate performance of alternative schools.

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

1.5 Section 1. **PROGRESS ASSESSMENT; ALTERNATIVE SCHOOLS.**

1.6 The commissioner of education, in cooperation with the Minnesota Association of
1.7 Alternative Programs and the Office of Educational Accountability under Minnesota
1.8 Statutes, section 120B.31, subdivision 3, by February 15, 2008, must submit to the house
1.9 of representatives and senate committees with jurisdiction over education policy and
1.10 finance recommendations for using various performance indicators to fairly and accurately
1.11 measure the progress of alternative schools and the students enrolled in those schools and
1.12 to avoid the negative, unintended consequences that alternative students and schools
1.13 suffer as a result of "high stakes" testing.

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