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State of Minnesota

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NINETY-FIRST SESSION

H. F. No. 2718

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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Education Policy

- 1.1 A bill for an act
- 1.2 relating to education; modifying board requirements for the Minnesota State
- 1.3 Academies; amending Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 125A.62, subdivision 1.
- 1.4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:
- 1.5 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 125A.62, subdivision 1, is amended to read:
- 1.6 Subdivision 1. **Governance.** The board of the Minnesota State Academies ~~shall~~ must
- 1.7 govern the State Academy for the Deaf and the State Academy for the Blind. The board
- 1.8 must promote academic standards based on high expectation and an assessment system to
- 1.9 measure academic performance toward the achievement of those standards. The board must
- 1.10 focus on the academies' needs as a whole and ~~not prefer one school over the other~~ must
- 1.11 support deaf, hard of hearing, blind, and visually impaired students statewide. The board
- 1.12 of the Minnesota State Academies ~~shall consist~~ consists of ~~nine persons~~ 13 members. The
- 1.13 members of the board ~~shall~~ must be appointed by the governor with the advice and consent
- 1.14 of the senate. At least one member must be appointed from the seven-county metropolitan
- 1.15 area, one member must be from greater Minnesota, and one member may be appointed
- 1.16 at-large each congressional district. The board must be composed of:
- 1.17 (1) one present or former superintendent of an independent school district;
- 1.18 (2) one present or former special education director;
- 1.19 (3) ~~the commissioner of education or the commissioner's designee~~ Minnesota Department
- 1.20 of Education specialist for blind and visually impaired students and the department specialist
- 1.21 for deaf and hard of hearing students;
- 1.22 (4) ~~one member~~ three members of the blind or visually impaired community;

- 2.1 (5) ~~one member~~ four members of the deaf or hard of hearing community;
- 2.2 ~~(6) two members of the general public with business, administrative, or financial~~
- 2.3 ~~expertise;~~
- 2.4 ~~(7)~~ (6) one ~~nonvoting~~, unpaid ex officio member appointed by the site council for the
- 2.5 State Academy for the Deaf; and
- 2.6 ~~(8)~~ (7) one ~~nonvoting~~, unpaid ex officio member appointed by the site council for the
- 2.7 State Academy for the Blind.