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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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H. F. No. 3298

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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.** (a) 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, deafblind, hard-of-hearing, blind, and visually impaired students statewide.

1.12 The board of the Minnesota State Academies ~~shall consist~~ consists of ~~nine persons~~ 13
1.13 members. The members of the board ~~shall~~ must be appointed by the governor with the
1.14 advice and consent of the senate. At least one member must be appointed from ~~the~~
1.15 ~~seven-county metropolitan area, one member must be from greater Minnesota, and one~~
1.16 ~~member may be appointed at-large~~ each congressional district.

1.17 (b) The board must be composed of:

1.18 ~~(1) one present or former superintendent of an independent school district;~~

1.19 ~~(2) one present or former special education director;~~

1.20 ~~(3) the commissioner of education or the commissioner's designee;~~

1.21 ~~(4) one member of the blind community;~~

- 2.1 ~~(5) one member of the deaf community;~~
- 2.2 ~~(6) two members of the general public with business, administrative, or financial~~
- 2.3 ~~expertise;~~
- 2.4 (1) the Department of Education specialist for blind and visually impaired students and
- 2.5 the department specialist for deaf and hard-of-hearing students, both of whom are nonvoting,
- 2.6 unpaid, ex officio members;
- 2.7 (2) seven nonrelated members of the community who:
- 2.8 (i) reside in Minnesota;
- 2.9 (ii) are not employed by the Minnesota State Academies;
- 2.10 (iii) do not have a child enrolled in the school; and
- 2.11 (iv) are deaf, deafblind, visually impaired, or have expertise in deaf or blind culture and
- 2.12 education;
- 2.13 (3) two parents or legal guardians, not employed by the school, who have a student
- 2.14 currently enrolled in the school;
- 2.15 ~~(7)~~ (4) one nonvoting, unpaid ex officio member appointed by the site council for the
- 2.16 State Academy for the Deaf; and
- 2.17 ~~(8)~~ (5) one nonvoting, unpaid ex officio member appointed by the site council for the
- 2.18 State Academy for the Blind.
- 2.19 (c) All board members must complete board training requirements consistent with section
- 2.20 127A.19.