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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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H. F. No. 3975

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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; amending dismissal limitations for kindergarten through
1.3 grade 3 students; amending Minnesota Statutes 2023 Supplement, section 121A.425,
1.4 subdivision 1.

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

1.6 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2023 Supplement, section 121A.425, subdivision 1, is
1.7 amended to read:

1.8 Subdivision 1. **Disciplinary dismissals prohibited.** (a) A pupil enrolled in the following
1.9 is not subject to dismissals under this chapter:

1.10 (1) a preschool or prekindergarten program, including ~~an~~ a child participating in early
1.11 childhood family education, school readiness, school readiness plus, voluntary
1.12 prekindergarten, Head Start, or other school-based preschool or prekindergarten program;
1.13 ~~or~~ may not be subject to dismissals under this chapter.

1.14 (2) ~~kindergarten through grade 3.~~

1.15 (b) This ~~provision~~ subdivision does not apply to a dismissal from school for less than
1.16 one school day, except as provided under chapter 125A and federal law for a student receiving
1.17 special education services.

1.18 (c) Notwithstanding this subdivision, expulsions and exclusions may be used only after
1.19 resources outlined in subdivision 2 have been exhausted, and only in circumstances where
1.20 there is an ongoing serious safety threat to the child or others.