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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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H. F. No. 4288

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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 finance; creating an adult diploma program; appropriating
1.3 money; amending Minnesota Statutes 2019 Supplement, section 124D.09,
1.4 subdivision 9; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 124D.

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

1.6 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2019 Supplement, section 124D.09, subdivision 9, is
1.7 amended to read:

1.8 Subd. 9. Enrollment priority. (a) A postsecondary institution must give priority to its
1.9 postsecondary students when enrolling pupils in grades 10, 11, and 12 in its courses. A
1.10 postsecondary institution may provide information about its programs to a secondary school
1.11 or to a pupil or parent and it may advertise or otherwise recruit or solicit a secondary pupil
1.12 to enroll in its programs on educational and programmatic grounds only except,
1.13 notwithstanding other law to the contrary, and for the 2014-2015 through 2019-2020 school
1.14 years only, an eligible postsecondary institution may advertise or otherwise recruit or solicit
1.15 a secondary pupil residing in a school district with 700 students or more in grades 10, 11,
1.16 and 12, to enroll in its programs on educational, programmatic, or financial grounds.

1.17 (b) An institution must not enroll secondary pupils, for postsecondary enrollment options
1.18 purposes, in remedial, developmental, or other courses that are not college level except:

1.19 (1) when a student eligible to participate and enrolled in the graduation incentives
1.20 program under section 124D.68 enrolls full time in a middle or early college program; or

1.21 (2) when the student is registered for and participating in an adult diploma program
1.22 under section 124D.533.

2.1 (c) A middle or early college program and an adult diploma program must be specifically
 2.2 designed to allow the student to earn dual high school and college credit with a well-defined
 2.3 pathway to allow the student to earn a postsecondary degree or credential. In this case, the
 2.4 student must receive developmental college credit and not college credit for completing
 2.5 remedial or developmental courses.

2.6 ~~(e)~~ (d) Once a pupil has been enrolled in any postsecondary course under this section,
 2.7 the pupil must not be displaced by another student.

2.8 ~~(d)~~ (e) If a postsecondary institution enrolls a secondary school pupil in a course under
 2.9 this section, the postsecondary institution also must enroll in the same course an otherwise
 2.10 enrolled and qualified postsecondary student who qualifies as a veteran under section
 2.11 197.447, and demonstrates to the postsecondary institution's satisfaction that the institution's
 2.12 established enrollment timelines were not practicable for that student.

2.13 ~~(e)~~ (f) A postsecondary institution must allow secondary pupils to enroll in online courses
 2.14 under this section consistent with the institution's policy regarding postsecondary pupil
 2.15 enrollment in online courses.

2.16 Sec. 2. [124D.533] ADULT DIPLOMA PROGRAM.

2.17 Subdivision 1. Eligible providers. A school district or an adult basic education program
 2.18 provider may develop and operate an adult diploma program. To the extent practicable, a
 2.19 school district's adult diploma program must be offered in cooperation with an adult basic
 2.20 education program and a workforce development program. The commissioner of education
 2.21 must approve an adult diploma program.

2.22 Subd. 2. Eligible participant. A person between the ages of 18 and 26 who qualifies
 2.23 to participate in an adult basic education program under section 124D.52 may participate
 2.24 in the adult diploma program in order to obtain a standard adult high school diploma under
 2.25 section 124D.52, subdivision 9. For purposes of this section and section 124D.09 only, an
 2.26 eligible participant may be considered a secondary student.

2.27 Subd. 3. Program requirements. To the extent practicable, an adult diploma program
 2.28 must be offered on a year-round basis. An adult diploma program may incorporate
 2.29 experiential learning with employers and postsecondary institutions. An adult diploma
 2.30 program may offer programs leading to occupational certificates and industry-recognized
 2.31 credentials and may include participation in an apprenticeship program.

2.32 Subd. 4. Adult diploma program revenue. A school district or adult basic education
 2.33 program operating an approved adult diploma program may apply to the commissioner of

3.1 education for an adult diploma program grant in the form and manner specified by the
3.2 commissioner.

3.3 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective for revenue for fiscal year 2021 and later.

3.4 Sec. 3. **APPROPRIATION; ADULT DIPLOMA PROGRAM.**

3.5 Subdivision 1. **Department of Education.** The sum indicated in this section is
3.6 appropriated from the general fund to the Department of Education in the fiscal year
3.7 designated.

3.8 Subd. 2. **Adult diploma program.** (a) For grants to adult diploma program providers:

3.9 § 2021

3.10 (b) This appropriation does not cancel but is available until June 30, 2023.