A bill for an act

relating to education; requiring students in grades 1 through 4 to attend language immersion summer school; appropriating money; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 120B.

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

Section 1. **[120B.122] LANGUAGE IMMERSION SUMMER SCHOOL.**

(a) Recognizing that young children can readily learn a second language, each public school student in grades 1 through 4 must attend a minimum of six weeks of half-day language immersion summer school, consistent with a school district's locally developed world languages standards. Districts are encouraged to implement a language immersion curriculum that:

(1) develops students' proficiency in the foreign language;

(2) develops students' positive attitudes toward those who speak that language and toward that culture;

(3) develops students' language skills appropriate to their age and ability; and

(4) allows students to gain skills and knowledge in related content areas.

When providing a language immersion summer school, districts must: ensure that administrative support, qualified teachers who are fluent in the oral and written forms of the language and have a knowledge of the culture, appropriate foreign language materials, teacher preparation time, and ongoing staff development training are available; and foster parent and community support for the program.

(b) Consistent with section 120B.021, subdivision 1, school districts must facilitate students' continued growth in the foreign language throughout the school year and in later grades through an integrated curriculum and enrichment activities.

EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective for the 2008-2009 school year and later.

Sec. 2. **APPROPRIATION.**

$..... is appropriated in fiscal year 2008 from the general fund to the commissioner of education for the purposes of enabling school districts to implement Minnesota Statutes, section 120B.122. Any unexpended funds in fiscal year 2008 do not cancel and are available in fiscal year 2009.

EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective July 1, 2007.