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State of Minnesota
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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H. F. No. 627

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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; prohibiting participants in the national school lunch program
1.3 from discriminating against eligible children; amending Minnesota Statutes
1.4 2012, sections 123B.37, subdivision 2; 124D.111, by adding a subdivision.

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

1.6 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2012, section 123B.37, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

1.7 Subd. 2. **Boards shall not withhold grades or diplomas for nonpayment of**
1.8 **student fees.** No pupil's rights or privileges, including the receipt of grades or diplomas
1.9 may be denied or abridged for nonpayment of fees, including school lunch debts; but this
1.10 provision does not prohibit a district from maintaining any action provided by law for the
1.11 collection of fees authorized by sections 123B.36 and 123B.38.

1.12 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.

1.13 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2012, section 124D.111, is amended by adding a
1.14 subdivision to read:

1.15 Subd. 4. **Discrimination prohibited.** No school district, charter school, nonpublic
1.16 school, or other participant in the national school lunch program receiving state aid under
1.17 subdivision 1 may:

1.18 (1) discriminate against or otherwise stigmatize any child eligible for a free or
1.19 reduced-price school lunch; or

1.20 (2) deny lunch to a child eligible for a reduced-price school lunch who lacks
1.21 sufficient funds to pay for lunch or has unpaid school lunch debts.

1.22 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 1, 2013.