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A bill for an act
relating to education; requiring a waiver application from No Child Left Behind;
modifying enforcement of education statutes.

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

Section 1. **NO CHILD LEFT BEHIND ACT; WAIVER FROM FINANCIAL
CONSTRAINTS.**

(a) The commissioner of education must immediately petition the federal
Department of Education to allow Minnesota schools to continue to receive federal
funds under the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001 for state educational services without
the restrictions in federal regulations. The commissioner must include in the petition
information to demonstrate the long history of Minnesota's educational efficacy and how
flexibility related to expending such federal funds will enhance the state education system.

(b) The commissioner must not enforce the educational assessment and
accountability provisions in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 120B, related to implementing
the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001 after the 2012-2013 school year. A school board
may file a written resolution with the state auditor under Minnesota Statutes, section
6.79, recommending how the legislature should reform the educational assessment
and accountability provisions in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 120B, absent the federal
mandates. The commissioner may report proposals and requests to the educational
committees of the legislature by January 1, 2013.