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1.1 A bill for an act

1.2 relating to education; directing the Minnesota State High School League to

1.3 amend its transfer rule, including the procedure to determine student eligibility;

1.4 amending Minnesota Statutes 2010, section 128C.02, by adding a subdivision.

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

1.6 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2010, section 128C.02, is amended by adding a

1.7 subdivision to read:

1.8 Subd. 2a. **Transfer rule; procedure to determine student eligibility.** (a) The

1.9 league must amend its transfer rule to allow an otherwise eligible high school student

1.10 who transfers between schools due to the family's changed economic circumstances or

1.11 to pursue a specific learning opportunity not available in the student's last school to be

1.12 immediately and fully eligible to play varsity sports in the school or district enrolling that

1.13 incoming transfer student. A student with a disability who transfers between schools to

1.14 pursue a specific learning opportunity, whether the transfer is the decision of the parent or

1.15 district, is immediately and fully eligible to play varsity sports in the school or district

1.16 enrolling the student.

1.17 (b) As part of its fair hearing procedure and consistent with this subdivision, the

1.18 league must establish and publish, including in an electronic format, specific substantive

1.19 requirements and timelines for appeal so that a parent or student who files a timely appeal

1.20 of a school or district decision not to certify a student's eligibility will receive a final

1.21 board decision regarding that appeal before the beginning of the proximate sports season,

1.22 including the fall sports season. The league's eligibility committee must include members

1.23 representing nonpublic schools that participate in league-sponsored competition.

- 2.1 EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective for the 2011-2012 school year and
- 2.2 later.