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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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H. F. No. 1375

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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Education Innovation Policy

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to education; providing for a multidisability teaching license; amending
1.3 Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 122A.09, subdivision 10.

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

1.5 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 122A.09, subdivision 10, is amended to
1.6 read:

1.7 Subd. 10. **Variances.** (a) Notwithstanding subdivision 9 and section 14.05,
1.8 subdivision 4, the Board of Teaching may grant a variance to its rules upon application
1.9 by a school district for purposes of implementing experimental programs in learning or
1.10 management.

1.11 (b) To enable a school district to meet the needs of students enrolled in an alternative
1.12 education program and to enable licensed teachers instructing those students to satisfy
1.13 content area licensure requirements, the Board of Teaching annually may permit a licensed
1.14 teacher teaching in an alternative education program to instruct students in a content area
1.15 for which the teacher is not licensed, consistent with paragraph (a).

1.16 (c) A special education license variance issued by the Board of Teaching for a
1.17 primary employer's low-incidence region shall be valid in all low-incidence regions.

1.18 (d) The Board of Teaching must adopt rules for a multidisability teaching license
1.19 that allows the holder of this license to provide instruction and related services to students
1.20 with disabilities who have individualized education programs when a teacher who is
1.21 licensed to teach in a specific disability area is not available.

1.22 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective for the 2016-2017 school year and
1.23 later.