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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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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; modifying certain school reporting requirements; requiring
1.3 a report; amending Minnesota Statutes 2014, sections 120B.11, subdivision 5;
1.4 127A.05, by adding a subdivision; repealing Minnesota Statutes 2014, section
1.5 122A.60, subdivision 4.

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

1.7 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 120B.11, subdivision 5, is amended to read:

1.8 Subd. 5. **Report.** Consistent with requirements for school performance reports
1.9 under section 120B.36, subdivision 1, the school board shall publish a report in the local
1.10 newspaper with the largest circulation in the district, by mail, or by electronic means on
1.11 the district Web site. The school board shall hold an annual public meeting to review,
1.12 and revise where appropriate, student achievement goals, local assessment outcomes,
1.13 plans, strategies, and practices for improving curriculum and instruction and cultural
1.14 competency, and to review district success in realizing the previously adopted student
1.15 achievement goals and related benchmarks and the improvement plans leading to the
1.16 world's best workforce. ~~The school board must transmit an electronic summary of its~~
1.17 ~~report to the commissioner in the form and manner the commissioner determines.~~

1.18 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 127A.05, is amended by adding a subdivision
1.19 to read:

1.20 Subd. 7. **Review and repeal of reporting and paperwork requirements.** By
1.21 December 1 of each year, the commissioner must submit to the governor and the
1.22 legislative policy and funding committees and divisions with jurisdiction over the
1.23 Department of Education a list of any school reporting or paperwork requirements that are
1.24 obsolete, unnecessary, or duplicative. The commissioner must consult with and include

2.1 recommendations from the Minnesota Association of School Business Officials and the
2.2 Minnesota Association of School Administrators. By December 1 of each year, the
2.3 agency must develop a bill for submission to the appropriate policy committee to repeal
2.4 the obsolete, unnecessary, or duplicative reporting or paperwork requirements contained
2.5 in statute and rule.

2.6 Sec. 3. **REPEALER.**

2.7 Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 122A.60, subdivision 4, is repealed.

122A.60 STAFF DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM.

Subd. 4. **Staff development report.** (a) By October 15 of each year, the district and site staff development committees shall write and submit a report of staff development activities and expenditures for the previous year, in the form and manner determined by the commissioner. The report, signed by the district superintendent and staff development chair, must include assessment and evaluation data indicating progress toward district and site staff development goals based on teaching and learning outcomes, including the percentage of teachers and other staff involved in instruction who participate in effective staff development activities under subdivision 3.

(b) The report must break down expenditures for:

- (1) curriculum development and curriculum training programs; and
- (2) staff development training models, workshops, and conferences, and the cost of releasing teachers or providing substitute teachers for staff development purposes.

The report also must indicate whether the expenditures were incurred at the district level or the school site level, and whether the school site expenditures were made possible by grants to school sites that demonstrate exemplary use of allocated staff development revenue. These expenditures must be reported using the uniform financial and accounting and reporting standards.

(c) The commissioner shall report the staff development progress and expenditure data to the house of representatives and senate committees having jurisdiction over education by February 15 each year.