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

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to education; creating a directory of cross-references to statutes governing
1.3 school district flexibility; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes,
1.4 chapter 123B.

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

1.6 Section 1. [123B.32] SCHOOL DISTRICT FLEXIBILITY PROVISIONS CODED
1.7 ELSEWHERE.

1.8 Subdivision 1. Scope. The sections referred to in subdivisions 2 to 10 are codified outside
1.9 this section. Those sections include many but not all the sections governing school districts'
1.10 authority related to topics in prekindergarten through grade 12 education.

1.11 Subd. 2. Standards and electives. (a) A school district may determine the circumstances
1.12 in which to declare that a student participating in an outside rigorous course of study meets
1.13 or exceeds a specific academic standard that the school site requires for graduation under
1.14 sections 120B.02 and 120B.021.

1.15 (b) A school district may, under section 120B.022, award:

1.16 (1) Minnesota World Language Proficiency Certificates;

1.17 (2) elective course credits in world languages; and

1.18 (3) community service credit to students with appropriate proficiency in a language other
1.19 than English who participate in community service activities that are integrated into the
1.20 curriculum.

1.21 (c) A school district may implement advanced placement and international baccalaureate
1.22 programs under section 120B.13.

2.1 (d) A school district may offer concurrent enrollment courses under section 124D.09.

2.2 Subd. 3. **Teachers.** (a) A school district may enter into an alternative teacher professional
2.3 pay system under sections 122A.414 and 122A.4144.

2.4 (b) A school district may establish the following programs:

2.5 (1) a staff exchange program under section 122A.55;

2.6 (2) a faculty exchange and temporary assignment program under section 122A.56;

2.7 (3) a teaching residency program under section 122A.68; and

2.8 (4) a teacher mentoring program under section 122A.70.

2.9 (c) A school district may establish a teacher center under section 122A.72.

2.10 Subd. 4. **Organizing; agreements.** (a) Two or more school districts may enter into an
2.11 agreement to:

2.12 (1) increase efficiency in the delivery of administrative services and reduce costs under
2.13 section 123A.12;

2.14 (2) establish a service cooperative under section 123A.21;

2.15 (3) establish an innovative cooperative center to provide for technology and other
2.16 educational services under section 123A.215;

2.17 (4) form a regional management information center under sections 123A.21 and 123A.23
2.18 to provide computer services to districts;

2.19 (5) provide for the instruction of secondary pupils in one district or students in
2.20 discontinued grades under sections 123A.30 and 123A.32;

2.21 (6) jointly operate a secondary facility under section 123A.482; and

2.22 (7) form a joint powers district to build or acquire a facility under section 123A.78.

2.23 (b) A district may form an education district under sections 123A.15 to 123A.19.

2.24 (c) A district may collaborate with qualifying entities to establish a family services
2.25 collaborative under section 124D.23.

2.26 Subd. 5. **Early learning.** A school district may establish:

2.27 (1) a school readiness program individually or with one or more districts under section
2.28 124D.15;

3.1 (2) a voluntary prekindergarten program, or contract with a third party to provide mixed
3.2 delivery of services under section 124D.151; and

3.3 (3) an early childhood family education program, either individually or jointly with one
3.4 or more districts, under section 124D.13.

3.5 Subd. 6. **Career and technical education.** (a) A district may establish a comprehensive
3.6 youth apprenticeship program or other work-based learning program under section 124D.47.

3.7 (b) A school district may participate in local education and employment transition
3.8 partnerships that plan and implement work-based and other applied learning programs under
3.9 section 124D.49.

3.10 (c) A district may collaborate with one or more school districts to establish an innovative
3.11 career and technical education program based on shared district resources under section
3.12 124D.4535.

3.13 (d) A district may offer additional career and technical education courses through
3.14 membership in an intermediate school district under chapter 136D, a service cooperative
3.15 under section 123A.21, or a cooperative center for vocational education under section
3.16 123A.22.

3.17 Subd. 7. **School sites.** (a) A school district may approve a site-governed school under
3.18 section 123B.045.

3.19 (b) A school board and a school site may enter into an agreement under section 123B.04
3.20 to develop and implement an individualized learning and achievement contract.

3.21 (c) A school district may establish full-service community schools under section
3.22 124D.231.

3.23 Subd. 8. **Calendar.** A district may implement:

3.24 (1) a flexible learning year program under sections 124D.12 to 124D.127; and

3.25 (2) an e-learning day plan under sections 120A.41 and 120A.414.

3.26 Subd. 9. **Community programs.** (a) A district may establish a community education
3.27 program under section 124D.19.

3.28 (b) A district may establish and maintain public evening schools and adult and continuing
3.29 education programs under sections 124D.51 to 124D.521.

4.1 Subd. 10. **Alternative programs.** A school district may establish an area learning center,
4.2 alternative learning program, or contract alternative under sections 123A.05 to 123A.09
4.3 and 124D.68, subdivision 3, paragraph (d).

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