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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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H. F. No. 3482

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

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to education; defining and prohibiting seclusion; proposing coding for
1.3 new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 121A.

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

1.5 Section 1. [121A.583] SECLUSION.

1.6 (a) "Seclusion" as used in this section means confining a student alone in a room from
1.7 which egress is barred by an adult locking or closing the door in the room or preventing the
1.8 student from leaving the room. Removing a student from an activity to a location where the
1.9 student cannot participate in or observe the activity is not seclusion.

1.10 (b) A school employee or other agent of a district must not use seclusion to punish or
1.11 otherwise discipline a student.

1.12 EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective July 1, 2020.