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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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H. F. No. 355

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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; requiring a mental health curriculum for students in grades
1.3 6 through 12; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 120B.

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

1.5 Section 1. [120B.21] MENTAL HEALTH EDUCATION.

1.6 School districts and charter schools must provide mental health instruction for
1.7 students in grades 6 through 12 aligned with local health and physical education standards
1.8 and integrated into existing programs, curriculum, or the general school environment of
1.9 a district or charter school. The commissioner, in consultation with the commissioner
1.10 of human services and mental health organizations, shall provide districts and charter
1.11 schools with:

1.12 (1) age-appropriate model learning activities for grades 6 through 12 that encompass
1.13 the mental health components of the National Health Education Standards and the
1.14 benchmarks developed by the department's quality teaching network in health and physical
1.15 education, and best practices in mental health education; and

1.16 (2) a directory of resources for planning and implementing age-appropriate mental
1.17 health curriculum and instruction in grades 6 through 12.

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