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State of Minnesota

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NINETY-FIRST SESSION

H. F. No. 972

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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to education finance; authorizing certain nonpublic students to enroll in
1.3 postsecondary enrollment options in 10th grade; appropriating money; amending
1.4 Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 124D.09, subdivision 4.

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

1.6 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 124D.09, subdivision 4, is amended to read:

1.7 Subd. 4. **Alternative pupil.** (a) "Alternative pupil" means an a 10th, 11th, or 12th grade
1.8 student, subject to paragraph (b), who is not enrolled in a public school district, and includes,
1.9 Alternative pupil includes students attending nonpublic schools and students who are home
1.10 schooled. An alternative pupil is considered a pupil for purposes of this section only. An
1.11 alternative pupil must register with the commissioner of education before participating in
1.12 the postsecondary enrollment options program. The commissioner ~~shall~~ must prescribe the
1.13 form and manner of the registration, in consultation with the Nonpublic Education Council
1.14 under section 123B.445, and may request any necessary information from the alternative
1.15 pupil.

1.16 (b) A 10th grade student qualifies as an alternative pupil if the student: (1) is enrolled
1.17 in a career or technical education course offered by an eligible institution; and (2) received
1.18 a passing score on the 8th grade Minnesota Comprehensive Assessment, or another reading
1.19 assessment accepted by the enrolling postsecondary institution. A career or technical
1.20 education course must meet the requirements under subdivision 5a. If an alternative pupil
1.21 in 10th grade receives a grade of "C" or better in the career or technical education course
1.22 taken under this subdivision, the postsecondary institution must allow the student to take

2.1 additional postsecondary courses for credit at that institution, not to exceed the limits in
2.2 subdivision 8.

2.3 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective for applications submitted on or after
2.4 July 1, 2019.

2.5 Sec. 2. **APPROPRIATIONS.**

2.6 Subdivision 1. **Department of Education.** The sums indicated in this section are
2.7 appropriated from the general fund to the Department of Education for the fiscal years
2.8 designated.

2.9 Subd. 2. **General education aid.** For general education aid under Minnesota Statutes,
2.10 section 126C.13, subdivision 4:

2.11 \$ 2020

2.12 \$ 2021

2.13 The 2020 appropriation includes \$..... for 2019 and \$..... for 2020.

2.14 The 2021 appropriation includes \$..... for 2020 and \$..... for 2021.