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OFFICIAL STATUS

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to education; requiring education on homelessness prevention and life
1.3 skills; 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.237] HOMELESSNESS PREVENTION AND LIFE SKILLS**
1.6 **EDUCATION.**

1.7 (a) A school district must provide homelessness prevention and life skills education to
1.8 students as part of the grades 6 through 8 curriculum. The school district may determine
1.9 the appropriate grade level for the instruction provided under this section.

1.10 (b) Homelessness prevention and life skills education may include information and skills
1.11 on completing required education, preparing for a career or college by the end of high
1.12 school, securing a job, managing finances, starting a savings account, knowing where to go
1.13 for help if homeless, and understanding what resources are available for additional education
1.14 or homelessness assistance. The district may develop a flyer that includes information on
1.15 homelessness resources, where to go for help if homeless, local food shelf locations, homeless
1.16 shelters, transportation options, and human resources information. The district is encouraged
1.17 to make the same information available in the school counselor's office and the school
1.18 nurse's office.

1.19 (c) A school district may use teaching resources developed by national or local
1.20 organizations dedicated to preventing homelessness or ensuring that the immediate needs
1.21 of students experiencing homelessness are met.

1.22 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective for the 2021-2022 school year and later.