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**STATE OF MINNESOTA**  
**NINETY-FIRST SESSION**

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Introduction and first reading  
Referred to E-12 Finance and Policy

OFFICIAL STATUS

- 1.1 A bill for an act
- 1.2 relating to education; modifying requirements for establishing an area learning
- 1.3 center; amending Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 123A.05, subdivision 1.
- 1.4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:
- 1.5 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 123A.05, subdivision 1, is amended to read:
- 1.6 Subdivision 1. **Governance.** (a) A district may establish an area learning center,
- 1.7 alternative learning program, or contract alternative in accordance with sections 124D.68,
- 1.8 subdivision 3, paragraph (d), and 124D.69.
- 1.9 (b) An area learning center is encouraged to cooperate with a service cooperative, an
- 1.10 intermediate school district, a local education and employment transitions partnership, public
- 1.11 and private secondary and postsecondary institutions, public agencies, businesses, and
- 1.12 foundations. Except for a district located in a city of the first class and the ten largest school
- 1.13 districts based on enrollment in the 2017-2018 school year, an area learning center must be
- 1.14 established in cooperation with other districts and must serve the geographic area of at least
- 1.15 two districts. An area learning center must provide comprehensive educational services to
- 1.16 enrolled secondary students throughout the year, including a daytime school within a school
- 1.17 or separate site for both high school and middle school level students.
- 1.18 (c) An alternative learning program may serve the students of one or more districts, may
- 1.19 designate which grades are served, and may make program hours and a calendar optional.
- 1.20 (d) A contract alternative is an alternative learning program operated by a private
- 1.21 organization that has contracted with a school district to provide educational services for
- 1.22 students under section 124D.68, subdivision 2.