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Introduction and first reading
Referred to E-12 Policy

OFFICIAL STATUS

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to education; clarifying the authority of school districts to implement
1.3 competency-based courses and education programs; amending Minnesota Statutes
1.4 2016, section 120B.02, subdivision 2.

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

1.6 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 120B.02, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

1.7 Subd. 2. **Graduation requirements.** (a) To graduate from high school, students must
1.8 demonstrate to their enrolling school district or school their satisfactory completion of the
1.9 credit requirements under section 120B.024 and their understanding of academic standards.
1.10 A school district must adopt graduation requirements that meet or exceed state graduation
1.11 requirements established in law or rule.

1.12 (b) Students ages 19 to 21 who have not yet graduated from a Minnesota high school
1.13 and, but for their age, are otherwise eligible to participate in an adult basic education program
1.14 may be admitted to an adult high school diploma program under section 124D.52,
1.15 subdivisions 8 and 9.

1.16 (c) A school district or charter school may adopt a plan to allow a student to meet the
1.17 requirements of paragraph (a) in full or in part by demonstrating standards-aligned
1.18 competency, regardless of the student's time in classroom instruction.

1.19 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective for the 2018-2019 school year and later.