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**STATE OF MINNESOTA**  
**EIGHTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE**

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1.1 A bill for an act  
 1.2 relating to education; developing teacher evaluations through a meet and confer  
 1.3 process; amending Minnesota Statutes 2012, sections 122A.40, subdivision 8;  
 1.4 122A.41, subdivision 5.

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

1.6 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2012, section 122A.40, subdivision 8, is amended to read:

1.7 Subd. 8. **Development, evaluation, and peer coaching for continuing contract**  
 1.8 **teachers.** (a) To improve student learning and success, a school board and an exclusive  
 1.9 representative of the teachers in the district, consistent with paragraph (b), may develop  
 1.10 a teacher evaluation and peer review process for probationary and continuing contract  
 1.11 teachers through ~~joint agreement~~ a meet and confer process, consistent with section  
 1.12 179A.07, subdivision 3. If a school board ~~and the exclusive representative of the teachers~~  
 1.13 ~~do not agree to~~ does not implement an annual teacher evaluation and peer review process  
 1.14 after having met and conferred, then the school board and the exclusive representative of  
 1.15 the teachers must implement the plan for evaluation and review under paragraph (c). The  
 1.16 process must include having trained observers serve as peer coaches or having teachers  
 1.17 participate in professional learning communities, consistent with paragraph (b).

1.18 (b) To develop, improve, and support qualified teachers and effective teaching  
 1.19 practices and improve student learning and success, the annual evaluation process for  
 1.20 teachers:

1.21 (1) must, for probationary teachers, provide for all evaluations required under  
 1.22 subdivision 5;

1.23 (2) must establish a three-year professional review cycle for each teacher that  
 1.24 includes an individual growth and development plan, a peer review process, the

2.1 opportunity to participate in a professional learning community under paragraph (a), and  
2.2 at least one summative evaluation performed by a qualified and trained evaluator such as a  
2.3 school administrator. For the years when a tenured teacher is not evaluated by a qualified  
2.4 and trained evaluator, the teacher must be evaluated by a peer review;

2.5 (3) must be based on professional teaching standards established in rule;

2.6 (4) must coordinate staff development activities under sections 122A.60 and  
2.7 122A.61 with this evaluation process and teachers' evaluation outcomes;

2.8 (5) may provide time during the school day and school year for peer coaching and  
2.9 teacher collaboration;

2.10 (6) may include mentoring and induction programs;

2.11 (7) must include an option for teachers to develop and present a portfolio  
2.12 demonstrating evidence of reflection and professional growth, consistent with section  
2.13 122A.18, subdivision 4, paragraph (b), and include teachers' own performance assessment  
2.14 based on student work samples and examples of teachers' work, which may include video  
2.15 among other activities for the summative evaluation;

2.16 (8) must use an agreed upon teacher value-added assessment model for the grade  
2.17 levels and subject areas for which value-added data are available and establish state  
2.18 or local measures of student growth for the grade levels and subject areas for which  
2.19 value-added data are not available as a basis for 35 percent of teacher evaluation results;

2.20 (9) must use longitudinal data on student engagement and connection, and other  
2.21 student outcome measures explicitly aligned with the elements of curriculum for which  
2.22 teachers are responsible;

2.23 (10) must require qualified and trained evaluators such as school administrators to  
2.24 perform summative evaluations;

2.25 (11) must give teachers not meeting professional teaching standards under clauses  
2.26 (3) through (10) support to improve through a teacher improvement process that includes  
2.27 established goals and timelines; and

2.28 (12) must discipline a teacher for not making adequate progress in the teacher  
2.29 improvement process under clause (11) that may include a last chance warning,  
2.30 termination, discharge, nonrenewal, transfer to a different position, a leave of absence, or  
2.31 other discipline a school administrator determines is appropriate.

2.32 Data on individual teachers generated under this subdivision are personnel data  
2.33 under section 13.43.

2.34 (c) The department, in consultation with parents who may represent parent  
2.35 organizations and teacher and administrator representatives appointed by their respective  
2.36 organizations, representing the Board of Teaching, the Minnesota Association of School

3.1 Administrators, the Minnesota School Boards Association, the Minnesota Elementary  
 3.2 and Secondary Principals Associations, Education Minnesota, and representatives of  
 3.3 the Minnesota Assessment Group, the Minnesota Business Partnership, the Minnesota  
 3.4 Chamber of Commerce, and Minnesota postsecondary institutions with research expertise  
 3.5 in teacher evaluation, must create and publish a teacher evaluation process that complies  
 3.6 with the requirements in paragraph (b) and applies to all teachers under this section and  
 3.7 section 122A.41 for whom no agreement exists under paragraph (a) for an annual teacher  
 3.8 evaluation and peer review process. The teacher evaluation process created under this  
 3.9 subdivision does not create additional due process rights for probationary teachers under  
 3.10 subdivision 5.

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

3.12 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2012, section 122A.41, subdivision 5, is amended to read:

3.13 Subd. 5. **Development, evaluation, and peer coaching for continuing contract**  
 3.14 **teachers.** (a) To improve student learning and success, a school board and an exclusive  
 3.15 representative of the teachers in the district, consistent with paragraph (b), may develop an  
 3.16 annual teacher evaluation and peer review process for probationary and nonprobationary  
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 3.20 review process after having met and conferred, then the school board and the exclusive  
 3.21 representative of the teachers must implement the plan for evaluation and review  
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 3.23 as peer coaches or having teachers participate in professional learning communities,  
 3.24 consistent with paragraph (b).

3.25 (b) To develop, improve, and support qualified teachers and effective teaching  
 3.26 practices and improve student learning and success, the annual evaluation process for  
 3.27 teachers:

3.28 (1) must, for probationary teachers, provide for all evaluations required under  
 3.29 subdivision 2;

3.30 (2) must establish a three-year professional review cycle for each teacher that  
 3.31 includes an individual growth and development plan, a peer review process, the  
 3.32 opportunity to participate in a professional learning community under paragraph (a), and  
 3.33 at least one summative evaluation performed by a qualified and trained evaluator such  
 3.34 as a school administrator;

3.35 (3) must be based on professional teaching standards established in rule;

4.1 (4) must coordinate staff development activities under sections 122A.60 and  
4.2 122A.61 with this evaluation process and teachers' evaluation outcomes;

4.3 (5) may provide time during the school day and school year for peer coaching and  
4.4 teacher collaboration;

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