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H. F. No. 1129

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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Education Policy

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to education; postsecondary enrollment options; requiring postsecondary
1.3 institution to notify school of student withdrawal; requiring student to provide
1.4 school with a copy of grades; amending Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 124D.09,
1.5 subdivisions 5, 12.

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

1.7 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 124D.09, subdivision 5, is amended to read:

1.8 Subd. 5. Authorization; notification. Notwithstanding any other law to the contrary,
1.9 an 11th or 12th grade pupil enrolled in a school or an American Indian-controlled tribal
1.10 contract or grant school eligible for aid under section 124D.83, except a foreign exchange
1.11 pupil enrolled in a district under a cultural exchange program, may apply to an eligible
1.12 institution, as defined in subdivision 3, to enroll in nonsectarian courses offered by that
1.13 postsecondary institution. If an institution accepts a secondary pupil for enrollment under
1.14 this section, the institution shall send written notice to the pupil, the pupil's school or school
1.15 district, and the commissioner. The notice must indicate the course and hours of enrollment
1.16 of that pupil. If the pupil enrolls in a course for postsecondary credit, the institution must
1.17 notify:

1.18 (1) the pupil about payment in the customary manner used by the institution; and

1.19 (2) the pupil's school as soon as practicable if the student withdraws from the course or
1.20 stops attending the course.

1.21 EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective July 1, 2021.

2.1 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 124D.09, subdivision 12, is amended to read:

2.2 Subd. 12. **Credits; grade point average weighting policy.** (a) A pupil must not audit
2.3 a course under this section.

2.4 (b) A district ~~shall~~ must grant academic credit to a pupil enrolled in a course for secondary
2.5 credit if the pupil successfully completes the course. Seven quarter or four semester college
2.6 credits equal at least one full year of high school credit. Fewer college credits may be
2.7 prorated. A district must also grant academic credit to a pupil enrolled in a course for
2.8 postsecondary credit if secondary credit is requested by a pupil. If no comparable course is
2.9 offered by the district, the district must, as soon as possible, notify the commissioner, who
2.10 ~~shall~~ must determine the number of credits that ~~shall~~ must be granted to a pupil who
2.11 successfully completes a course. If a comparable course is offered by the district, the school
2.12 board ~~shall~~ must grant a comparable number of credits to the pupil. If there is a dispute
2.13 between the district and the pupil regarding the number of credits granted for a particular
2.14 course, the pupil may appeal the board's decision to the commissioner. The commissioner's
2.15 decision regarding the number of credits ~~shall be~~ is final.

2.16 (c) A school board must adopt a policy regarding weighted grade point averages for any
2.17 high school or dual enrollment course. The policy must state whether the district offers
2.18 weighted grades. A school board must annually publish on its website a list of courses for
2.19 which a student may earn a weighted grade.

2.20 (d) The secondary credits granted to a pupil must be counted toward the graduation
2.21 requirements and subject area requirements of the district. Evidence of successful completion
2.22 of each course and secondary credits granted must be included in the pupil's secondary
2.23 school record. A pupil ~~shall~~ must provide the school with a copy of the pupil's grade grades
2.24 in each course taken for secondary credit under this section, including interim or nonfinal
2.25 grades earned during the academic term. Upon the request of a pupil, the pupil's secondary
2.26 school record must also include evidence of successful completion and credits granted for
2.27 a course taken for postsecondary credit. In either case, the record must indicate that the
2.28 credits were earned at a postsecondary institution.

2.29 (e) If a pupil enrolls in a postsecondary institution after leaving secondary school, the
2.30 postsecondary institution must award postsecondary credit for any course successfully
2.31 completed for secondary credit at that institution. Other postsecondary institutions may
2.32 award, after a pupil leaves secondary school, postsecondary credit for any courses
2.33 successfully completed under this section. An institution may not charge a pupil for the
2.34 award of credit.

3.1 (f) The Board of Trustees of the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities and the
3.2 Board of Regents of the University of Minnesota must, and private nonprofit and proprietary
3.3 postsecondary institutions should, award postsecondary credit for any successfully completed
3.4 courses in a program certified by the National Alliance of Concurrent Enrollment Partnerships
3.5 offered according to an agreement under subdivision 10. Consistent with section 135A.101,
3.6 subdivision 3, all MnSCU institutions must give full credit to a secondary pupil who
3.7 completes for postsecondary credit a postsecondary course or program that is part or all of
3.8 a goal area or a transfer curriculum at a MnSCU institution when the pupil enrolls in a
3.9 MnSCU institution after leaving secondary school. Once one MnSCU institution certifies
3.10 as completed a secondary student's postsecondary course or program that is part or all of a
3.11 goal area or a transfer curriculum, every MnSCU institution must consider the student's
3.12 course or program for that goal area or the transfer curriculum as completed.

3.13 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 1, 2021.