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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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H. F. No. 689

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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; allowing public school students to attend courses at nonpublic
1.3 schools; amending Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 120A.22, by adding a
1.4 subdivision.

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

1.6 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 120A.22, is amended by adding a subdivision
1.7 to read:

1.8 Subd. 14. Attending courses at a nonpublic school. (a) A 9th, 10th, 11th, or 12th grade
1.9 student enrolled in a public school may attend courses at a nonpublic school as defined in
1.10 subdivision 4 at the student's expense for up to one-third of the minimum hours required
1.11 under section 120A.41.

1.12 (b) A district or school must grant academic credit to a pupil attending a course at a
1.13 nonpublic school for secondary credit pursuant to this subdivision if the pupil successfully
1.14 completes the course. If a comparable course is offered by the school or district, the school
1.15 board shall grant a comparable number of credits to the pupil. If no comparable course is
1.16 offered by the school or district, the school or district must, as soon as possible, notify the
1.17 commissioner, who shall determine the number of credits that shall be granted to a pupil
1.18 who successfully completes the course.

1.19 (c) The secondary credits granted to a pupil must be counted toward the graduation
1.20 requirements and subject area requirements of the school or district. Evidence of successful
1.21 completion of each course and secondary credits granted must be included in the pupil's
1.22 secondary school record. A pupil shall provide the school with a copy of the pupil's grade
1.23 in each course taken for secondary credit under this subdivision.

2.1 (d) Written notice of attendance in a course at a nonpublic school under this subdivision
2.2 must be provided to the pupil's school or district no later than two weeks before the first
2.3 day of the nonpublic school course.

2.4 (e) A pupil attending a course under this subdivision is ineligible for nonpublic pupil
2.5 aid under section 123B.42. A pupil attending a course under this subdivision shall continue
2.6 to generate average daily membership for the enrolling public school district.

2.7 (f) Students who enroll in a course pursuant to this subdivision shall lose no rights,
2.8 privileges, or access to services from the district.