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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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H. F. No. 2447

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

1.1 A bill for an act  
1.2 relating to education finance; extending graduation incentives program funding  
1.3 to certain pupils between the ages of 21 and 24; appropriating money; amending  
1.4 Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 124D.68, subdivision 2.

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

1.6 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 124D.68, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

1.7 Subd. 2. **Eligible pupils.** (a) A pupil under the age of 21 or who meets the  
1.8 requirements of section 120A.20, subdivision 1, paragraph (c), is eligible to participate in  
1.9 the graduation incentives program, if the pupil:

1.10 (1) performs substantially below the performance level for pupils of the same age  
1.11 in a locally determined achievement test;

1.12 (2) is behind in satisfactorily completing coursework or obtaining credits for  
1.13 graduation;

1.14 (3) is pregnant or is a parent;

1.15 (4) has been assessed as chemically dependent;

1.16 (5) has been excluded or expelled according to sections 121A.40 to 121A.56;

1.17 (6) has been referred by a school district for enrollment in an eligible program or  
1.18 a program pursuant to section 124D.69;

1.19 (7) is a victim of physical or sexual abuse;

1.20 (8) has experienced mental health problems;

1.21 (9) has experienced homelessness sometime within six months before requesting a  
1.22 transfer to an eligible program;

1.23 (10) speaks English as a second language or is an English learner; or

1.24 (11) has withdrawn from school or has been chronically truant; or

2.1 (12) is being treated in a hospital in the seven-county metropolitan area for cancer or  
2.2 other life threatening illness or is the sibling of an eligible pupil who is being currently  
2.3 treated, and resides with the pupil's family at least 60 miles beyond the outside boundary  
2.4 of the seven-county metropolitan area.

2.5 (b) A pupil otherwise qualifying under paragraph (a) who is at least 21 years of age  
2.6 and not yet 24 years of age and is an English learner with an interrupted formal education  
2.7 according to section 124D.59, subdivision 2a, is eligible to participate in the graduation  
2.8 incentives program under section 124D.68 and in job training and other adult education  
2.9 programming under section 124D.231, and is funded in the same manner as other pupils  
2.10 under this section.

2.11 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective for state aid for fiscal year 2017  
2.12 and later.

2.13 Sec. 2. **APPROPRIATION; OVER AGE 21.**

2.14 \$...... in fiscal year 2017 is appropriated from the general fund to the commissioner  
2.15 of education for payment of additional general education aid for the costs incurred under  
2.16 Minnesota Statutes, section 124D.68, subdivision 2, paragraph (b).