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Read for the Second Time

1.1 A bill for an act

1.2 relating to education; providing for the financing of early childhood through higher

1.3 education, including general education; student and school safety; education

1.4 excellence; teachers; special education; facilities, technology, and libraries;

1.5 nutrition; early childhood and family support; community education, prevention,

1.6 self-sufficiency, and lifelong learning; state agencies; making forecast adjustments;

1.7 modifying certain higher education policy provisions; making clarifying changes

1.8 to loan forgiveness and research grant programs; and modifying the regent candidate

1.9 selection process; requiring reports; appropriating money; amending Minnesota

1.10 Statutes 2016, sections 120A.20, subdivision 2; 120A.22, subdivision 12; 120B.021,

1.11 by adding a subdivision; 120B.024, subdivision 1; 120B.11, subdivisions 1, 1a,

1.12 2, 5, 9; 120B.12, as amended; 120B.299, subdivision 10; 120B.30, subdivisions

1.13 1a, 3; 120B.36, subdivision 2; 121A.39; 121A.41, by adding a subdivision;

1.14 121A.45, subdivision 1; 121A.46, by adding subdivisions; 121A.47, subdivisions

1.15 2, 14; 121A.53, subdivision 1; 121A.55; 121A.61, subdivision 2; 121A.67, by

1.16 adding a subdivision; 122A.42; 122A.71, subdivision 2; 123B.14, subdivision 7;

1.17 123B.41, subdivision 5; 123B.52, subdivision 6; 123B.595, as amended; 123B.61;

1.18 124D.09, subdivision 4; 124D.111; 124D.151, subdivision 2; 124D.162; 124D.78,

1.19 subdivision 2; 124D.98; 124E.03, subdivision 5; 125A.76, subdivision 1; 125B.07,

1.20 subdivision 6; 126C.15, subdivision 5, by adding a subdivision; 126C.44; 127A.41,

1.21 as amended; 127A.45, subdivisions 11, 16; 127A.70, subdivision 2; 134.355,

1.22 subdivision 10; 135A.15, subdivisions 2, 6; 136A.15, subdivision 8; 136A.16,

1.23 subdivisions 1, 2, 5, 8, 9; 136A.162; 136A.1701, subdivision 7; 136A.1702;

1.24 136A.1791, subdivision 8; 136A.1795, subdivision 2; 136A.822, subdivision 10;

1.25 136A.901, by adding a subdivision; 137.0245; 137.0246; 171.02, subdivision 2a;

1.26 205A.07, subdivision 2; 245C.02, by adding a subdivision; 245C.12; 299C.17;

1.27 471.59, subdivision 1; 475.58, subdivision 4; 609.095; 626.556, subdivision 10;

1.28 631.40, subdivision 1a; Minnesota Statutes 2017 Supplement, sections 120B.021,

1.29 subdivision 1; 120B.122, subdivision 1; 120B.125; 120B.30, subdivision 1;

1.30 120B.35, subdivision 3; 120B.36, subdivision 1; 122A.09, subdivision 2, by adding

1.31 a subdivision; 122A.18, subdivision 8; 122A.187, subdivision 3, by adding a

1.32 subdivision; 122A.20, subdivisions 1, 2; 122A.40, subdivision 13; 122A.41,

1.33 subdivision 6; 123B.03, subdivisions 1, 2; 123B.41, subdivision 2; 123B.52,

1.34 subdivision 7; 124D.09, subdivision 3; 124D.151, subdivision 5; 124D.165,

1.35 subdivisions 2, 3, 4; 124D.549; 124D.99, subdivision 3; 124E.11; 136A.1275,

1.36 subdivisions 2, 3; 136A.1789, subdivision 2; 136A.246, subdivision 4; 136A.646;

1.37 136A.822, subdivision 6; 136A.8295, by adding a subdivision; 155A.30,

1.38 subdivision 12; 171.02, subdivision 2b; 171.3215, subdivisions 2, 3; 475.59,

1.39 subdivision 1; 609A.03, subdivision 7a; 626.556, subdivisions 2, 3, 10e; Laws

2.1 2016, chapter 189, article 25, sections 61; 62, subdivision 15; Laws 2017, chapter  
2.2 89, article 1, section 2, subdivisions 18, 20, 29, 31, 32, 33, 34; Laws 2017, First  
2.3 Special Session chapter 5, article 1, section 19, subdivisions 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 9;  
2.4 article 2, sections 56; 57, subdivisions 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 12, 14, 21, 23, 24, 26; article  
2.5 4, sections 11; 12, subdivisions 2, as amended, 3, 4, 5; article 5, section 14,  
2.6 subdivisions 2, 3; article 6, section 3, subdivisions 2, 3, 4; article 7, section 2,  
2.7 subdivision 5; article 8, sections 9, subdivision 2; 10, subdivisions 3, 5a, 6, 12;  
2.8 article 9, section 2, subdivisions 2, 7; article 10, section 6, subdivision 2; article  
2.9 11, sections 9; 12; 13; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapters  
2.10 120B; 121A; 122A; 125A; 125B; 136A; 245C; 299C; repealing Minnesota Statutes  
2.11 2016, sections 120B.299, subdivisions 7, 8, 9, 11; 136A.15, subdivisions 2, 7;  
2.12 136A.1701, subdivision 12; Minnesota Statutes 2017 Supplement, section 122A.09,  
2.13 subdivision 1; Minnesota Rules, part 8710.2100, subparts 1, 2.

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

2.15 **ARTICLE 1**

2.16 **GENERAL EDUCATION**

2.17 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2017 Supplement, section 123B.41, subdivision 2, is amended  
2.18 to read:

2.19 Subd. 2. **Textbook.** (a) "Textbook" means any book or book substitute, including  
2.20 electronic books as well as other printed materials delivered electronically, which a pupil  
2.21 uses as a text or text substitute in a particular class or program in the school regularly  
2.22 attended and a copy of which is expected to be available for the individual use of each pupil  
2.23 in this class or program. Textbook includes an online book with an annual subscription cost.  
2.24 Textbook includes a teacher's edition or teacher's guide that accompanies a textbook that a  
2.25 pupil uses.

2.26 (b) For purposes of calculating the annual nonpublic pupil aid entitlement for textbooks,  
2.27 the term shall be limited to books, workbooks, or manuals, whether bound or in loose-leaf  
2.28 form, as well as electronic books and other printed materials delivered electronically,  
2.29 intended for use as a principal source of study material for a given class or a group of  
2.30 students.

2.31 (c) For purposes of sections 123B.40 to 123B.48, the terms "textbook" and "software  
2.32 or other educational technology" include only such secular, neutral, and nonideological  
2.33 materials as are available, used by, or of benefit to Minnesota public school pupils.

2.34 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective for revenue in fiscal year 2019 and later.

3.1 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 123B.41, subdivision 5, is amended to read:

3.2 Subd. 5. **Individualized instructional or cooperative learning materials.**

3.3 "Individualized instructional or cooperative learning materials" means educational materials  
3.4 which:

3.5 ~~(a)~~ (1) are designed primarily for individual pupil use or use by pupils in a cooperative  
3.6 learning group in a particular class or program in the school the pupil regularly attends,  
3.7 including a teacher's edition or teacher's guide that accompanies materials that a pupil uses;

3.8 ~~(b)~~ (2) are secular, neutral, nonideological and not capable of diversion for religious  
3.9 use; and

3.10 ~~(c)~~ (3) are available, used by, or of benefit to Minnesota public school pupils.

3.11 Subject to the requirements in clauses ~~(a)~~ (1), ~~(b)~~ (2), and ~~(c)~~ (3), "individualized  
3.12 instructional or cooperative learning materials" include, but are not limited to, the following  
3.13 if they do not fall within the definition of "textbook" in subdivision 2: published materials;  
3.14 periodicals; documents; pamphlets; photographs; reproductions; pictorial or graphic works;  
3.15 prerecorded video programs; prerecorded tapes, cassettes and other sound recordings;  
3.16 manipulative materials; desk charts; games; study prints and pictures; desk maps; models;  
3.17 learning kits; blocks or cubes; flash cards; individualized multimedia systems; prepared  
3.18 instructional computer software programs; choral and band sheet music; electronic books  
3.19 and other printed materials delivered electronically; and CD-Rom.

3.20 "Individualized instructional or cooperative learning materials" do not include  
3.21 instructional equipment, instructional hardware, or ordinary daily consumable classroom  
3.22 supplies.

3.23 Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 2017 Supplement, section 124D.09, subdivision 3, is amended  
3.24 to read:

3.25 Subd. 3. **Definitions.** For purposes of this section, the following terms have the meanings  
3.26 given to them.

3.27 (a) "Eligible institution" means a Minnesota public postsecondary institution, a private,  
3.28 nonprofit two-year trade and technical school granting associate degrees, an accredited  
3.29 opportunities industrialization center ~~accredited by the North Central Association of Colleges~~  
3.30 ~~and Schools~~, or a private, residential, two-year or four-year, liberal arts, degree-granting  
3.31 college or university located in Minnesota.

3.32 (b) "Course" means a course or program.

4.1 (c) "Concurrent enrollment" means nonsectarian courses in which an eligible pupil under  
4.2 subdivision 5 or 5b enrolls to earn both secondary and postsecondary credits, are taught by  
4.3 a secondary teacher or a postsecondary faculty member, and are offered at a high school  
4.4 for which the district is eligible to receive concurrent enrollment program aid under section  
4.5 124D.091.

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

4.7 Sec. 4. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 124D.09, subdivision 4, is amended to read:

4.8 Subd. 4. **Alternative pupil.** (a) "Alternative pupil" means ~~an~~ a 10th, 11th, or 12th grade  
4.9 student, subject to paragraph (b), who is not enrolled in a public school district, and includes.  
4.10 Alternative pupil includes students attending nonpublic schools and students who are home  
4.11 schooled. An alternative pupil is considered a pupil for purposes of this section only. An  
4.12 alternative pupil must register with the commissioner of education before participating in  
4.13 the postsecondary enrollment options program. The commissioner ~~shall~~ must prescribe the  
4.14 form and manner of the registration, in consultation with the Nonpublic Education Council  
4.15 under section 123B.445, and may request any necessary information from the alternative  
4.16 pupil.

4.17 (b) A 10th grade student qualifies as an alternative pupil if the student: (1) is enrolled  
4.18 in a career or technical education course offered by an eligible institution; and (2) received  
4.19 a passing score on the 8th grade Minnesota Comprehensive Assessment, or another reading  
4.20 assessment accepted by the enrolling postsecondary institution. A career or technical  
4.21 education course must meet the requirements under subdivision 5a. If an alternative pupil  
4.22 in 10th grade receives a grade of "C" or better in the career or technical education course  
4.23 taken under this subdivision, the postsecondary institution must allow the student to take  
4.24 additional postsecondary courses for credit at that institution, not to exceed the limits in  
4.25 subdivision 8.

4.26 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective for applications submitted on or after  
4.27 July 1, 2018.

4.28 Sec. 5. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 126C.15, subdivision 5, is amended to read:

4.29 Subd. 5. **Annual expenditure report.** (a) Each year, a district that receives basic skills  
4.30 revenue must submit a report to the commissioner of education identifying the expenditures  
4.31 it incurred to meet the needs of eligible learners under subdivision 1.

4.32 (b) The report must:

- 5.1 (1) conform to uniform financial and reporting standards established for this purpose;  
5.2 (2) categorize expenditures by each of the permitted uses authorized in subdivision 1,  
5.3 in the form and manner specified by the commissioner; and  
5.4 (3) report under section 120B.11, using valid and reliable data and measurement criteria,  
5.5 ~~the report also must determine~~ whether increased expenditures raised student achievement  
5.6 levels.

5.7 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective for reports issued after July 1, 2018.

5.8 Sec. 6. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 126C.15, is amended by adding a subdivision to  
5.9 read:

5.10 Subd. 6. **Commissioner's report.** By February 15 of each year, the commissioner shall  
5.11 compile the district data submitted under subdivision 5, report the results to the legislative  
5.12 committees with jurisdiction over education, and file the report according to section 3.195.

5.13 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 1, 2018.

5.14 Sec. 7. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 127A.41, as amended by Laws 2017, chapter 40,  
5.15 article 1, section 16, and Laws 2017, First Special Session chapter 5, article 1, section 15,  
5.16 is amended to read:

5.17 **127A.41 DISTRIBUTION OF SCHOOL AIDS; APPROPRIATION.**

5.18 Subdivision 1. **Commissioner duties.** The commissioner shall supervise distribution of  
5.19 school aids and grants in accordance with law. The commissioner may make rules consistent  
5.20 with law for the distribution to enable districts to perform efficiently the services required  
5.21 by law and further education in the state, including reasonable requirements for the reports  
5.22 and accounts to it as will assure accurate and lawful apportionment of aids. State and federal  
5.23 aids and discretionary or entitlement grants distributed by the commissioner shall not be  
5.24 subject to the contract approval procedures of the commissioner of administration or to  
5.25 chapter 16A, 16B, or 16C. The commissioner shall adopt internal procedures for  
5.26 administration and monitoring of aids and grants.

5.27 Subd. 2. **Errors in distribution.** On determining that the amount of state aid distributed  
5.28 to a school district is in error or has been spent contrary to statutorily established revenue  
5.29 uses, the commissioner is authorized to adjust the amount of aid consistent with this  
5.30 subdivision. On determining that the amount of aid is in excess of the school district's  
5.31 entitlement, the commissioner is authorized to recover the amount of the excess by any  
5.32 appropriate means. Notwithstanding the fiscal years designated by the appropriation, the

6.1 excess may be recovered by reducing future aid payments to the district. Notwithstanding  
6.2 any law to the contrary, if the aid reduced is not of the same type as that overpaid, the district  
6.3 must adjust all necessary financial accounts to properly reflect all revenues earned in  
6.4 accordance with the uniform financial accounting and reporting standards pursuant to  
6.5 sections 123B.75 to 123B.83. Notwithstanding the fiscal years designated by the  
6.6 appropriation, on determining that the amount of an aid paid is less than the school district's  
6.7 entitlement, the commissioner is authorized to increase such aid from the current  
6.8 appropriation. If the aid program has been discontinued and has no appropriation, the  
6.9 appropriation for general education shall be used for recovery or payment of the aid decrease  
6.10 or increase. Any excess of aid recovery over aid payment shall be canceled to the state  
6.11 general fund.

6.12 Subd. 3. **Audits.** The commissioner shall establish procedures for conducting and shall  
6.13 conduct audits of district records and files for the purpose of verifying district pupil counts,  
6.14 levy limitations, ~~and~~ aid entitlements, and appropriate revenue uses. The commissioner  
6.15 shall establish procedures for selecting and shall select districts to be audited. Disparities,  
6.16 if any, between pupil counts, levy limitations, ~~or~~ aid entitlements, or revenue uses determined  
6.17 by audit of district records and files and data reported by districts in reports, claims and  
6.18 other documents shall be reviewed by the commissioner who shall order increases or  
6.19 decreases accordingly. The commissioner may reduce an allocation to a district or charter  
6.20 school if the statutorily prescribed uses of the revenue are not being met. Whenever possible,  
6.21 the commissioner shall audit at least ~~25~~ 50 districts each year pursuant to this subdivision.  
6.22 Procedures adopted under this subdivision are not subject to chapter 14, including section  
6.23 14.386, and may differ from the procedures under section 127A.42.

6.24 Subd. 4. **Less than ~~25~~ 50 districts audited.** If the commissioner audits fewer than ~~25~~  
6.25 50 districts in a fiscal year pursuant to subdivision 3, the commissioner shall report the  
6.26 reasons for the number audited to the following legislative committees: house of  
6.27 representatives education, house of representatives appropriations, senate education, and  
6.28 senate finance.

6.29 Subd. 5. **District appeal of aid reduction; inspection of district schools and accounts**  
6.30 **and records.** Public schools shall at all times be open to the inspection of the commissioner.  
6.31 The accounts and records of any district must be open to inspection by the state auditor, or  
6.32 the commissioner for the purpose of audits conducted under this section. Each district shall  
6.33 keep for a minimum of three years at least the following: (1) identification of the annual  
6.34 session days held, together with a record of the length of each session day, (2) a record of  
6.35 each pupil's daily attendance, with entrance and withdrawal dates, and (3) identification of

7.1 the to-and-from school transportation category for each pupil as defined in section 123B.92,  
7.2 subdivision 1.

7.3 Subd. 7. **Schedule adjustments.** (a) It is the intention of the legislature to encourage  
7.4 efficient and effective use of staff and facilities by districts. Districts are encouraged to  
7.5 consider both cost and energy saving measures.

7.6 (b) Any district operating a program pursuant to sections 124D.12 to 124D.127 or  
7.7 124D.128, or operating a commissioner-designated area learning center program under  
7.8 section 123A.09, or that otherwise receives the approval of the commissioner to operate its  
7.9 instructional program to avoid an aid reduction in any year, may adjust the annual school  
7.10 schedule for that program throughout the calendar year.

7.11 Subd. 8. **Appropriation transfers.** (a) If a direct appropriation from the general fund  
7.12 to the department for any education aid or grant authorized in this chapter and chapters  
7.13 122A, 123A, 123B, 124D, 124E, 125A, 126C, and 134, excluding appropriations under  
7.14 sections 124D.135, 124D.16, 124D.20, 124D.22, 124D.52, 124D.531, 124D.55, and 124D.56,  
7.15 exceeds the amount required, the commissioner may transfer the excess to any education  
7.16 aid or grant appropriation that is insufficient. However, section 126C.20 applies to a  
7.17 deficiency in the direct appropriation for general education aid. Excess appropriations must  
7.18 be allocated proportionately among aids or grants that have insufficient appropriations. The  
7.19 commissioner of management and budget shall make the necessary transfers among  
7.20 appropriations according to the determinations of the commissioner. If the amount of the  
7.21 direct appropriation for the aid or grant plus the amount transferred according to this  
7.22 subdivision is insufficient, the commissioner shall prorate the available amount among  
7.23 eligible districts. The state is not obligated for any additional amounts.

7.24 (b) Transfers for aids paid under section 127A.45, subdivisions 12 and 13, shall be made  
7.25 during the fiscal year after the fiscal year of the entitlement. Transfers for aids paid under  
7.26 section 127A.45, subdivisions 11 and 12a, shall be made during the fiscal year of the  
7.27 appropriation.

7.28 Subd. 9. **Appropriation transfers for community education programs.** If a direct  
7.29 appropriation from the general fund to the Department of Education for an education aid  
7.30 or grant authorized under section 124D.135, 124D.16, 124D.20, 124D.22, 124D.52,  
7.31 124D.531, 124D.55, or 124D.56 exceeds the amount required, the commissioner of education  
7.32 may transfer the excess to any education aid or grant appropriation that is insufficiently  
7.33 funded under these sections. Excess appropriations shall be allocated proportionately among  
7.34 aids or grants that have insufficient appropriations. The commissioner of management and

8.1 budget shall make the necessary transfers among appropriations according to the  
8.2 determinations of the commissioner of education. If the amount of the direct appropriation  
8.3 for the aid or grant plus the amount transferred according to this subdivision is insufficient,  
8.4 the commissioner shall prorate the available amount among eligible districts. The state is  
8.5 not obligated for any additional amounts.

8.6 ~~Subd. 10. **Health and safety aid transfer.** The commissioner, with the approval of the~~  
8.7 ~~commissioner of management and budget, annually may transfer an amount from the~~  
8.8 ~~appropriation for health and safety aid to the appropriation for debt service aid for the same~~  
8.9 ~~fiscal year. The amount of the transfer equals the amount necessary to fund any shortage~~  
8.10 ~~in the debt service aid appropriation created by a data correction that occurs between~~  
8.11 ~~November 1 and June 30 of the preceding fiscal year.~~

8.12 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective for fiscal year 2019 and later.

8.13 Sec. 8. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 127A.45, subdivision 11, is amended to read:

8.14 Subd. 11. **Payment percentage for reimbursement aids.** One hundred percent of the  
8.15 aid for the previous fiscal year must be paid in the current year for the following aids:  
8.16 telecommunications/Internet access equity and according to section 125B.26, special  
8.17 education special pupil aid according to section 125A.75, subdivision 3, ~~aid for litigation~~  
8.18 ~~costs according to section 125A.75, subdivision 9,~~ aid for court-placed special education  
8.19 expenses according to section 125A.79, subdivision 4, and aid for special education  
8.20 out-of-state tuition according to section 125A.79, subdivision 8, and shared time aid  
8.21 according to section 126C.01, subdivision 7.

8.22 Sec. 9. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 127A.45, subdivision 16, is amended to read:

8.23 Subd. 16. **Payments to third parties.** Notwithstanding subdivision 3, the current year  
8.24 aid payment percentage of the ~~amounts~~ amount under ~~sections 123A.26, subdivision 3, and~~  
8.25 section 124D.041; shall be paid in equal installments on August 30, December 30, and  
8.26 March 30, with a final adjustment payment on October 30 of the next fiscal year of the  
8.27 remaining amount.

8.28 Sec. 10. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 471.59, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

8.29 Subdivision 1. **Agreement.** (a) Two or more governmental units, by agreement entered  
8.30 into through action of their governing bodies, may jointly or cooperatively exercise any  
8.31 power common to the contracting parties or any similar powers, including those which are  
8.32 the same except for the territorial limits within which they may be exercised. The agreement

9.1 may provide for the exercise of such powers by one or more of the participating governmental  
 9.2 units on behalf of the other participating units.

9.3 (b) The term "governmental unit" as used in this section includes every city, county,  
 9.4 town, school district, service cooperative under section 123A.21, independent nonprofit  
 9.5 firefighting corporation, other political subdivision of this or another state, another state,  
 9.6 federally recognized Indian tribe, the University of Minnesota, the Minnesota Historical  
 9.7 Society, nonprofit hospitals licensed under sections 144.50 to 144.56, rehabilitation facilities  
 9.8 and extended employment providers that are certified by the commissioner of employment  
 9.9 and economic development, day and supported employment services licensed under chapter  
 9.10 245D, and any agency of the state of Minnesota or the United States, and includes any  
 9.11 instrumentality of a governmental unit. For the purpose of this section, an instrumentality  
 9.12 of a governmental unit means an instrumentality having independent policy-making and  
 9.13 appropriating authority.

9.14 Sec. 11. Laws 2017, First Special Session chapter 5, article 1, section 19, subdivision 2,  
 9.15 is amended to read:

9.16 Subd. 2. **General education aid.** For general education aid under Minnesota Statutes,  
 9.17 section 126C.13, subdivision 4:

9.18		<del>7,032,051,000</del>		
9.19	\$	<u>7,078,769,000</u>	.....	2018
9.20		<del>7,227,809,000</del>		
9.21	\$	<u>7,239,221,000</u>	.....	2019

9.22 The 2018 appropriation includes \$686,828,000 for 2017 and ~~\$6,345,223,000~~  
 9.23 \$6,391,941,000 for 2018.

9.24 The 2019 appropriation includes ~~\$705,024,000~~ \$683,110,000 for 2018 and  
 9.25 ~~\$6,522,785,000~~ \$6,556,111,000 for 2019.

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

9.27 Sec. 12. **FUND TRANSFERS.**

9.28 Subdivision 1. Minnetonka school district. (a) Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes,  
 9.29 section 123B.79, 123B.80, or 124D.20, subdivision 10, on June 30, 2018, Independent  
 9.30 School District No. 276, Minnetonka, may permanently transfer up to \$2,400,000 from its  
 9.31 community education reserve fund balance to its reserved for operating capital account in  
 9.32 the general fund.

10.1 (b) The transferred funds must be used only to design, construct, furnish, and equip an  
10.2 early childhood classroom addition.

10.3 Subd. 2. **Ivanhoe school district.** Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes, section 123B.79,  
10.4 123B.80, or 124D.20, subdivision 10, on June 30, 2018, Independent School District No.  
10.5 403, Ivanhoe, may permanently transfer up to \$79,000 from its community education reserve  
10.6 fund balance to its undesignated general fund.

10.7 Subd. 3. **Minneapolis school district.** (a) Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes, section  
10.8 123B.79, 123B.80, or 124D.20, subdivision 10, on June 30, 2018, Special School District  
10.9 No. 1, Minneapolis, may permanently transfer up to \$5,500,000 from its community  
10.10 education reserve fund balance to its undesignated general fund.

10.11 (b) The transferred funds must be used only for school support services, including mental  
10.12 health services.

10.13 Subd. 4. **Hopkins school district.** (a) Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes, section  
10.14 123B.79, 123B.80, or 124D.20, subdivision 10, on June 30, 2018, Independent School  
10.15 District No. 270, Hopkins, may permanently transfer up to \$500,000 from its community  
10.16 education reserve fund balance to its reserved for operating capital account in the general  
10.17 fund.

10.18 (b) The transferred funds must be used only to design, construct, furnish, and equip an  
10.19 early childhood classroom addition.

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

10.21 Sec. 13. **SCHOOL REVENUE GENERATION AND SPENDING; LEGISLATIVE**  
10.22 **AUDITOR STUDY.**

10.23 (a) The legislative auditor is requested to conduct a study of how students in  
10.24 prekindergarten through grade 12 generate revenue and compare how that revenue is spent  
10.25 and reported at the school level for a sample of school districts.

10.26 (b) The study shall focus on a sample of school districts and include the following topics:

10.27 (1) the extent to which the funding generated by students is spent at the school sites  
10.28 those students attend;

10.29 (2) how district calculations of actual salaries for teachers and staff compare to average  
10.30 salaries and how those calculations may impact per pupil expenditures at the school level;

11.1 (3) how per pupil expenditures within a given school district compare across school  
 11.2 sites, including expenditures to reduce class sizes, hire additional support staff, and support  
 11.3 other resources;

11.4 (4) the extent to which revenue sources for a given school district vary by school site,  
 11.5 including state and local funding and philanthropic and parent association funds;

11.6 (5) whether there is currently variation in reporting across schools in the Uniform  
 11.7 Financial Accounting and Reporting Standards (UFARS) system; and

11.8 (6) what steps the Department of Education can take to ensure consistent and accurate  
 11.9 UFARS reporting from schools and districts on school-level revenue and expenditures.

11.10 (c) The legislative auditor must deliver the study findings to the chairs and ranking  
 11.11 minority members of the legislative committees with primary jurisdiction over kindergarten  
 11.12 through grade 12 education no later than February 1, 2019.

11.13 Sec. 14. **APPROPRIATIONS.**

11.14 Subdivision 1. **Commissioner of education.** The sum indicated in this section is  
 11.15 appropriated from the general fund to the commissioner of education in the fiscal year  
 11.16 designated.

11.17 Subd. 2. **St. Cloud English language learner summer program.** (a) For a grant to  
 11.18 Independent School District No. 742, St. Cloud, for a summer language academy providing  
 11.19 targeted services and extended year programming for English language learners:

11.20 §            420,000    .....    2019

11.21 (b) A program funded under this subdivision must:

11.22 (1) provide a research-based language summer instructional program to help English  
 11.23 learners, as defined in Minnesota Statutes, section 124D.59, subdivision 2, acquire English  
 11.24 and achieve academic excellence;

11.25 (2) be consistent with English language development standards under Minnesota Rules,  
 11.26 parts 3501.1200 and 3501.1210; and

11.27 (3) provide instruction by a highly qualified teacher of English as a second language.

11.28 (c) Independent School District No. 742, St. Cloud, must report to the education  
 11.29 committees of the legislature by January 15, 2021, on the program's design, student  
 11.30 participation levels, and any measurable outcomes of the program.

11.31 (d) This is a onetime appropriation.

12.1 (e) This appropriation does not cancel and is available until June 30, 2021.

12.2 Subd. 3. **School bus safety campaign.** (a) For transfer to the commissioner of public  
 12.3 safety for an education and awareness campaign on passing school buses:

12.4 §            50,000     ..... 2019

12.5 (b) This is a onetime appropriation.

12.6 (c) The campaign must be designed to: (1) help reduce occurrences of motor vehicles  
 12.7 unlawfully passing school buses; and (2) inform drivers about the safety of pupils boarding  
 12.8 and unloading from school buses, including (i) laws requiring a motor vehicle to stop when  
 12.9 a school bus has extended the stop-signal arm and is flashing red lights, and (ii) penalties  
 12.10 for violations. When developing the campaign, the commissioner must identify best practices,  
 12.11 review effective communication methods to educate drivers, and consider multiple forms  
 12.12 of media to convey the information.

12.13 Sec. 15. **APPROPRIATION; SCHOOL REVENUE GENERATION AND**  
 12.14 **SPENDING; LEGISLATIVE AUDITOR STUDY.**

12.15 \$200,000 in fiscal year 2019 is appropriated from the general fund to the Office of the  
 12.16 Legislative Auditor for the legislative auditor to study and report on school revenue  
 12.17 generation and spending outlined in section 13. This is a onetime appropriation.

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

12.19 Sec. 16. **DUPLICATE APPROPRIATIONS.**

12.20 If an appropriation in this act from the general fund or any other fund is enacted more  
 12.21 than once in the 2018 legislative session, the appropriation must be given effect only once.

## 12.22 **ARTICLE 2**

### 12.23 **STUDENT AND SCHOOL SAFETY**

12.24 Section 1. **[121A.35] SCHOOL THREAT ASSESSMENTS.**

12.25 Subdivision 1. **School threat assessment.** "School threat assessment" means a fact-based  
 12.26 process using an integrated team approach that helps schools evaluate and assess potentially  
 12.27 threatening situations or students whose behavior may pose a threat to the safety of school  
 12.28 staff or students.

12.29 Subd. 2. **Policy.** A school board must adopt a policy to establish threat assessment teams  
 12.30 to conduct school threat assessments consistent with subdivision 1. A threat assessment

13.1 policy must be consistent with district policies developed in accordance with sections  
13.2 121A.031 and 121A.035, and with any guidance provided by the Department of Public  
13.3 Safety's School Safety Center. A threat assessment policy must include procedures for  
13.4 referrals to mental health centers or health care providers for evaluation or treatment, when  
13.5 appropriate.

13.6 Subd. 3. **Oversight committees.** The superintendent of a school district must establish  
13.7 a committee charged with oversight of the threat assessment teams operating within the  
13.8 district, which may be an existing committee established by the school board.

13.9 Subd. 4. **Threat assessment teams.** (a) The superintendent of a school district must  
13.10 establish, for each school, a threat assessment team that includes, to the extent practicable,  
13.11 school officials with expertise in counseling, school administration, students with disabilities,  
13.12 and law enforcement. A threat assessment team may serve one or more schools, as determined  
13.13 by the superintendent.

13.14 (b) A threat assessment team must:

13.15 (1) provide guidance to students, faculty, and staff regarding recognition of threatening  
13.16 or aberrant behavior that may represent a threat to the community, school, or self;

13.17 (2) consider whether there is sufficient information to determine whether or not a student  
13.18 poses a threat;

13.19 (3) identify members of the community to whom threatening behavior should be reported;

13.20 (4) implement a policy adopted by the school board under subdivision 2; and

13.21 (5) report summary data on its activities according to guidance developed by the School  
13.22 Safety Center.

13.23 (c) Upon a preliminary determination that a student poses a threat of violence or physical  
13.24 harm to self or others, a threat assessment team must immediately report its determination  
13.25 to the district superintendent or the superintendent's designee, who must immediately attempt  
13.26 to notify the student's parent or legal guardian. The threat assessment team must consider  
13.27 services to address the student's underlying issues, which may include counseling, social  
13.28 work services, character education consistent with section 120B.232, evidence-based  
13.29 academic and positive behavioral interventions and supports, mental health services, and  
13.30 referrals for special education or section 504 evaluations.

13.31 (d) Upon determining that a student exhibits suicidal ideation or self-harm, a school  
13.32 threat assessment team must follow the district's suicide prevention policy or protocol or

14.1 refer the student to an appropriate school-linked mental health professional or other support  
14.2 personnel.

14.3 (e) Nothing in this section precludes a school district official or employee from acting  
14.4 immediately to address an imminent threat.

14.5 Subd. 5. **Redisclosure.** (a) A threat assessment team member must not redisclose  
14.6 educational records or use any record of an individual beyond the purpose for which the  
14.7 disclosure was made to the threat assessment team.

14.8 (b) Nothing in this section prohibits the disclosure of educational records in health,  
14.9 including mental health, and safety emergencies in accordance with state and federal law.

14.10 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective for the 2019-2020 school year and later.

14.11 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 121A.41, is amended by adding a subdivision to  
14.12 read:

14.13 Subd. 12. **Nonexclusionary disciplinary policies and practices; alternatives to pupil**  
14.14 **dismissal.** "Nonexclusionary disciplinary policies and practices" means policies and practices  
14.15 that require school officials to intervene in, redirect, and support a pupil's behavior before  
14.16 dismissing a pupil from school. Nonexclusionary disciplinary policies and practices include  
14.17 evidence-based positive behavioral interventions and supports, social and emotional learning,  
14.18 character education consistent with section 120B.232, school-linked mental health services,  
14.19 counseling services, social work services, referrals for special education or 504 evaluations,  
14.20 academic screening for Title I services or reading interventions, and alternative education  
14.21 services.

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

14.23 Sec. 3. **[121A.441] EXPULSION FOR MAKING A THREAT OF VIOLENCE.**

14.24 Notwithstanding the time limitation in section 121A.41, subdivision 5, a school board  
14.25 must expel for a period of at least one year a pupil who makes a threat of gun violence  
14.26 against another person or makes a threat of violence with the intent to cause evacuation of  
14.27 a school site or school administration building. A school board may modify this expulsion  
14.28 requirement for a pupil on a case-by-case basis.

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

15.1 Sec. 4. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 121A.45, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

15.2 Subdivision 1. **Provision of alternative programs.** ~~No school shall dismiss any pupil~~  
15.3 ~~without attempting to provide alternative educational services.~~ Schools must consider, where  
15.4 appropriate, using nonexclusionary disciplinary policies and practices before dismissal  
15.5 proceedings, except where it appears that the pupil will create an immediate and substantial  
15.6 danger to self or to surrounding persons or property.

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

15.8 Sec. 5. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 121A.46, is amended by adding a subdivision to  
15.9 read:

15.10 **Subd. 5. Suspensions exceeding five consecutive school days.** The school administrator  
15.11 must ensure that alternative education services are provided when a pupil is suspended for  
15.12 more than five consecutive school days.

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

15.14 Sec. 6. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 121A.46, is amended by adding a subdivision to  
15.15 read:

15.16 **Subd. 6. Minimum education services.** School officials must give a suspended pupil  
15.17 the opportunity to complete all school work assigned during the pupil's suspension and to  
15.18 receive full credit for satisfactorily completing the assignments. The school principal or  
15.19 other person having administrative control of the school building or program is encouraged  
15.20 to designate a district or school employee as a liaison to work with the pupil's teachers to  
15.21 allow the suspended pupil to: (1) receive timely course materials and other information;  
15.22 and (2) complete daily and weekly assignments and receive teachers' feedback.

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

15.24 Sec. 7. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 121A.47, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

15.25 Subd. 2. **Written notice.** Written notice of intent to take action ~~shall~~ must:

15.26 ~~(a)~~ (1) be served upon the pupil and the pupil's parent or guardian personally or by mail;

15.27 ~~(b)~~ (2) contain a complete statement of the facts, a list of the witnesses and a description  
15.28 of their testimony;

15.29 (3) explain the grounds for expelling the pupil instead of imposing nonexclusionary  
15.30 disciplinary policies and practices under section 121A.41, subdivision 12;

- 16.1       (e) (4) state the date, time, and place of the hearing;
- 16.2       ~~(d)~~ (5) be accompanied by a copy of sections 121A.40 to 121A.56;
- 16.3       ~~(e)~~ (6) describe ~~alternative educational services~~ the nonexclusionary disciplinary policies
- 16.4 and practices accorded the pupil in an attempt to avoid the expulsion proceedings; and
- 16.5       ~~(f)~~ (7) inform the pupil and parent or guardian of the right to:
- 16.6       ~~(1)~~ (i) have a representative of the pupil's own choosing, including legal counsel, at the
- 16.7 hearing. The district ~~shall~~ must advise the pupil's parent or guardian that free or low-cost
- 16.8 legal assistance may be available and that a legal assistance resource list is available from
- 16.9 the Department of Education and is posted on the department's Web site;
- 16.10       ~~(2)~~ (ii) examine the pupil's records before the hearing;
- 16.11       ~~(3)~~ (iii) present evidence; and
- 16.12       ~~(4)~~ (iv) confront and cross-examine witnesses.

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

16.14       Sec. 8. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 121A.47, subdivision 14, is amended to read:

16.15       Subd. 14. **Admission or readmission plan.** (a) A school administrator ~~shall~~ must prepare

16.16 and enforce an admission or readmission plan for any pupil who is excluded or expelled

16.17 from school. The plan ~~may~~ must include measures to improve the pupil's behavior, ~~including~~

16.18 which may include completing a character education program; consistent with section

16.19 120B.232, subdivision 1, ~~and~~ social and emotional learning, counseling, social work services,

16.20 mental health services, referrals for special education or 504 evaluation, and evidence-based

16.21 academic interventions. The plan must require parental involvement in the admission or

16.22 readmission process, and may indicate the consequences to the pupil of not improving the

16.23 pupil's behavior.

16.24       (b) The definition of suspension under section 121A.41, subdivision 10, does not apply

16.25 to a student's dismissal from school for one school day or less, except as provided under

16.26 federal law for a student with a disability. Each suspension action may include a readmission

16.27 plan. A readmission plan must provide, where appropriate, alternative education services,

16.28 which must not be used to extend the student's current suspension period. Consistent with

16.29 section 125A.091, subdivision 5, a readmission plan must not obligate a parent or guardian

16.30 to provide psychotropic drugs to their student as a condition of readmission. School officials

16.31 must not use the refusal of a parent or guardian to consent to the administration of

16.32 psychotropic drugs to their student or to consent to a psychiatric evaluation, screening or

17.1 examination of the student as a ground, by itself, to prohibit the student from attending class  
 17.2 or participating in a school-related activity, or as a basis of a charge of child abuse, child  
 17.3 neglect or medical or educational neglect.

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

17.5 Sec. 9. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 121A.53, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

17.6 Subdivision 1. **Exclusions and expulsions; physical assaults.** Consistent with  
 17.7 subdivision 2, the school board must report through the department electronic reporting  
 17.8 system each exclusion or expulsion and each physical assault of a district employee by a  
 17.9 ~~student~~ pupil within 30 days of the effective date of the dismissal action or assault to the  
 17.10 commissioner of education. This report must include a statement of ~~alternative educational~~  
 17.11 ~~services~~ nonexclusionary disciplinary policies and practices, or other sanction, intervention,  
 17.12 or resolution in response to the assault given the pupil and the reason for, the effective date,  
 17.13 and the duration of the exclusion or expulsion or other sanction, intervention, or resolution.  
 17.14 The report must also include the ~~student's~~ pupil's age, grade, gender, race, and special  
 17.15 education status.

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

17.17 Sec. 10. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 121A.55, is amended to read:

17.18 **121A.55 POLICIES TO BE ESTABLISHED.**

17.19 (a) The commissioner of education shall promulgate guidelines to assist each school  
 17.20 board. Each school board ~~shall~~ must establish uniform criteria for dismissal and adopt written  
 17.21 policies and rules to effectuate the purposes of sections 121A.40 to 121A.56. The policies  
 17.22 ~~shall~~ must include nonexclusionary disciplinary policies and practices consistent with section  
 17.23 121A.41, subdivision 12, and emphasize preventing dismissals through early detection of  
 17.24 problems ~~and shall~~. The policies must be designed to address students' inappropriate behavior  
 17.25 from recurring.

17.26 (b) The policies shall recognize the continuing responsibility of the school for the  
 17.27 education of the pupil during the dismissal period. The school is responsible for ensuring  
 17.28 that the alternative educational services, if to be provided to the pupil ~~wishes to take~~  
 17.29 ~~advantage of them, must be~~ are adequate to allow the pupil to make progress towards meeting  
 17.30 the graduation standards adopted under section 120B.02 ~~and,~~ help prepare the pupil for  
 17.31 readmission, and are consistent with section 121A.46, subdivision 6.

17.32 (c) For expulsion and exclusion dismissals:

18.1 (1) the school district's continuing responsibility includes reviewing the pupil's school  
 18.2 work and grades on a quarterly basis to ensure the pupil is on track for readmission with  
 18.3 the pupil's peers until the student enrolls in a new district. School districts must communicate  
 18.4 on a regular basis with the pupil's parent or guardian to ensure the pupil is completing the  
 18.5 work assigned through the alternative educational services;

18.6 (2) a pupil remains eligible for school-linked mental health services under section  
 18.7 245.4889 in the manner determined by the district until the pupil is enrolled in a new district;  
 18.8 and

18.9 (3) the school district must provide to the pupil's parent or guardian a list of community  
 18.10 mental health programs after expulsion.

18.11 ~~(b)~~ (d) An area learning center under section 123A.05 may not prohibit an expelled or  
 18.12 excluded pupil from enrolling solely because a district expelled or excluded the pupil. The  
 18.13 board of the area learning center may use the provisions of the Pupil Fair Dismissal Act to  
 18.14 exclude a pupil or to require an admission plan.

18.15 ~~(e)~~ (e) Each school district shall develop a policy and report it to the commissioner on  
 18.16 the appropriate use of peace officers and crisis teams to remove students who have an  
 18.17 individualized education program from school grounds.

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

18.19 Sec. 11. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 121A.61, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

18.20 Subd. 2. **Grounds for removal from class.** The policy must establish the various grounds  
 18.21 for which a ~~student~~ pupil may be removed from a class in the district for a period of time  
 18.22 under the procedures specified in the policy. The policy must include a procedure for  
 18.23 notifying and meeting with a ~~student's~~ pupil's parent or guardian to discuss the problem that  
 18.24 is causing the ~~student~~ pupil to be removed from class after the ~~student~~ pupil has been removed  
 18.25 from class more than ~~ten~~ five times in one school year. The grounds in the policy must  
 18.26 include at least the following provisions as well as other grounds determined appropriate  
 18.27 by the board:

18.28 ~~(a)~~ (1) willful conduct that significantly disrupts the rights of others to an education,  
 18.29 including conduct that interferes with a teacher's ability to teach or communicate effectively  
 18.30 with ~~students~~ pupils in a class or with the ability of other ~~students~~ pupils to learn;

18.31 ~~(b)~~ (2) willful conduct that endangers surrounding persons, including school district  
 18.32 employees, the ~~student~~ pupil, or other ~~students~~ pupils, or the property of the school; and

19.1 (e) (3) willful violation of any rule of conduct specified in the discipline policy adopted  
19.2 by the board.

19.3 Sec. 12. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 121A.67, is amended by adding a subdivision  
19.4 to read:

19.5 Subd. 3. **Parent notification.** A school administrator must make and document efforts  
19.6 to immediately contact the parent or guardian of a pupil removed from a school building  
19.7 or school grounds by a peace officer unless such notice is specifically prohibited by law.

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

19.9 Sec. 13. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 123B.595, as amended by Laws 2017, First  
19.10 Special Session chapter 5, article 5, sections 3 and 4, is amended to read:

19.11 **123B.595 LONG-TERM FACILITIES MAINTENANCE REVENUE.**

19.12 Subdivision 1. **Long-term facilities maintenance revenue.** ~~(a) For fiscal year 2017~~  
19.13 ~~only, long-term facilities maintenance revenue equals the greater of (1) the sum of (i) \$193~~  
19.14 ~~times the district's adjusted pupil units times the lesser of one or the ratio of the district's~~  
19.15 ~~average building age to 35 years, plus the cost approved by the commissioner for indoor~~  
19.16 ~~air quality, fire alarm and suppression, and asbestos abatement projects under section~~  
19.17 ~~123B.57, subdivision 6, with an estimated cost of \$100,000 or more per site, plus (ii) for a~~  
19.18 ~~school district with an approved voluntary prekindergarten program under section 124D.151,~~  
19.19 ~~the cost approved by the commissioner for remodeling existing instructional space to~~  
19.20 ~~accommodate prekindergarten instruction, or (2) the sum of (i) the amount the district would~~  
19.21 ~~have qualified for under Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 123B.57, Minnesota Statutes~~  
19.22 ~~2014, section 123B.59, and Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 123B.591, and (ii) for a school~~  
19.23 ~~district with an approved voluntary prekindergarten program under section 124D.151, the~~  
19.24 ~~cost approved by the commissioner for remodeling existing instructional space to~~  
19.25 ~~accommodate prekindergarten instruction.~~

19.26 ~~(b)~~ (a) For fiscal year 2018 only, long-term facilities maintenance revenue equals the  
19.27 greater of (1) the sum of (i) \$292 times the district's adjusted pupil units times the lesser of  
19.28 one or the ratio of the district's average building age to 35 years, plus (ii) the cost approved  
19.29 by the commissioner for indoor air quality, fire alarm and suppression, and asbestos  
19.30 abatement projects under section 123B.57, subdivision 6, with an estimated cost of \$100,000  
19.31 or more per site, plus (iii) for a school district with an approved voluntary prekindergarten  
19.32 program under section 124D.151, the cost approved by the commissioner for remodeling  
19.33 existing instructional space to accommodate prekindergarten instruction, or (2) the sum of

20.1 (i) the amount the district would have qualified for under Minnesota Statutes 2014, section  
20.2 123B.57, Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 123B.59, and Minnesota Statutes 2014, section  
20.3 123B.591, and (ii) for a school district with an approved voluntary prekindergarten program  
20.4 under section 124D.151, the cost approved by the commissioner for remodeling existing  
20.5 instructional space to accommodate prekindergarten instruction.

20.6 ~~(e)~~ (b) For fiscal year 2019 and later, long-term facilities maintenance revenue equals  
20.7 the greater of (1) the sum of (i) \$380 times the district's adjusted pupil units times the lesser  
20.8 of one or the ratio of the district's average building age to 35 years, plus (ii) the cost approved  
20.9 by the commissioner for indoor air quality, fire alarm and suppression, and asbestos  
20.10 abatement projects under section 123B.57, subdivision 6, with an estimated cost of \$100,000  
20.11 or more per site, plus (iii) for a school district with an approved voluntary prekindergarten  
20.12 program under section 124D.151, the cost approved by the commissioner for remodeling  
20.13 existing instructional space to accommodate prekindergarten instruction, or (2) the sum of  
20.14 (i) the amount the district would have qualified for under Minnesota Statutes 2014, section  
20.15 123B.57, Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 123B.59, and Minnesota Statutes 2014, section  
20.16 123B.591, and (ii) for a school district with an approved voluntary prekindergarten program  
20.17 under section 124D.151, the cost approved by the commissioner for remodeling existing  
20.18 instructional space to accommodate prekindergarten instruction.

20.19 ~~(d)~~ (c) Notwithstanding paragraphs (a), and (b), ~~and (e)~~, a school district that qualified  
20.20 for eligibility under Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 123B.59, subdivision 1, paragraph  
20.21 (a), for fiscal year 2010 remains eligible for funding under this section as a district that  
20.22 would have qualified for eligibility under Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 123B.59,  
20.23 subdivision 1, paragraph (a), for fiscal year 2017 and later.

20.24 **Subd. 2. Long-term facilities maintenance revenue for a charter school.** ~~(a) For fiscal~~  
20.25 ~~year 2017 only, long-term facilities maintenance revenue for a charter school equals \$34~~  
20.26 ~~times the adjusted pupil units.~~

20.27 ~~(b)~~ (a) For fiscal year 2018 only, long-term facilities maintenance revenue for a charter  
20.28 school equals \$85 times the adjusted pupil units.

20.29 ~~(e)~~ (b) For fiscal year 2019 and later, long-term facilities maintenance revenue for a  
20.30 charter school equals \$132 times the adjusted pupil units.

20.31 **Subd. 3. Intermediate districts and other cooperative units.** Upon approval through  
20.32 the adoption of a resolution by each member district school board of an intermediate district  
20.33 or other cooperative units under section 123A.24, subdivision 2, and the approval of the  
20.34 commissioner of education, a school district may include in its authority under this section

21.1 a proportionate share of the long-term maintenance costs of the intermediate district or  
21.2 cooperative unit. The cooperative unit may issue bonds to finance the project costs or levy  
21.3 for the costs, using long-term maintenance revenue transferred from member districts to  
21.4 make debt service payments or pay project costs. Authority under this subdivision is in  
21.5 addition to the authority for individual district projects under subdivision 1.

21.6 Subd. 4. **Facilities plans.** (a) To qualify for revenue under this section, a school district  
21.7 or intermediate district, not including a charter school, must have a ten-year facility plan  
21.8 adopted by the school board and approved by the commissioner. The plan must include  
21.9 provisions for implementing a health and safety program that complies with health, safety,  
21.10 and environmental regulations and best practices, including indoor air quality management  
21.11 and remediation of lead hazards. The plan may include provisions for enhancing school  
21.12 safety through physical modifications to school facilities as described in subdivision 4a.

21.13 (b) The district must annually update the plan, submit the plan to the commissioner for  
21.14 approval by July 31, and indicate whether the district will issue bonds to finance the plan  
21.15 or levy for the costs.

21.16 (c) For school districts issuing bonds to finance the plan, the plan must include a debt  
21.17 service schedule demonstrating that the debt service revenue required to pay the principal  
21.18 and interest on the bonds each year will not exceed the projected long-term facilities revenue  
21.19 for that year.

21.20 Subd. 4a. **School safety facility enhancements.** A school district may include in its  
21.21 facilities plan a school safety facilities plan. School safety projects may include remodeling  
21.22 and new construction for school security enhancements, public announcement systems,  
21.23 emergency communications devices, and equipment and facility modifications related to  
21.24 violence prevention and facility security.

21.25 Subd. 5. **Bond authorization.** (a) A school district may issue general obligation bonds  
21.26 under this section to finance facilities plans approved by its board and the commissioner.  
21.27 Chapter 475, except sections 475.58 and 475.59, must be complied with. The authority to  
21.28 issue bonds under this section is in addition to any bonding authority authorized by this  
21.29 chapter or other law. The amount of bonding authority authorized under this section must  
21.30 be disregarded in calculating the bonding or net debt limits of this chapter, or any other law  
21.31 other than section 475.53, subdivision 4.

21.32 (b) At least 20 days before the earliest of solicitation of bids, the issuance of bonds, or  
21.33 the final certification of levies under subdivision 6, the district must publish notice of the  
21.34 intended projects, the amount of the bond issue, and the total amount of district indebtedness.

22.1 (c) The portion of revenue under this section for bonded debt must be recognized in the  
22.2 debt service fund.

22.3 Subd. 6. **Levy authorization.** A district may levy for costs related to an approved plan  
22.4 under subdivision 4 as follows:

22.5 (1) if the district has indicated to the commissioner that bonds will be issued, the district  
22.6 may levy for the principal and interest payments on outstanding bonds issued under  
22.7 subdivision 5 after reduction for any aid receivable under subdivision 9;

22.8 (2) if the district has indicated to the commissioner that the plan will be funded through  
22.9 levy, the district may levy according to the schedule approved in the plan after reduction  
22.10 for any aid receivable under subdivision 9; or

22.11 (3) if the debt service revenue for a district required to pay the principal and interest on  
22.12 bonds issued under subdivision 5 exceeds the district's long-term facilities maintenance  
22.13 revenue for the same fiscal year, the district's general fund levy must be reduced by the  
22.14 amount of the excess.

22.15 Subd. 7. **Long-term facilities maintenance equalization revenue.** ~~(a) For fiscal year~~  
22.16 ~~2017 only, a district's long-term facilities maintenance equalization revenue equals the lesser~~  
22.17 ~~of (1) \$193 times the adjusted pupil units or (2) the district's revenue under subdivision 1.~~

22.18 ~~(b)~~ (a) For fiscal year 2018 only, a district's long-term facilities maintenance equalization  
22.19 revenue equals the lesser of (1) \$292 times the adjusted pupil units or (2) the district's  
22.20 revenue under subdivision 1.

22.21 ~~(c)~~ (b) For fiscal year 2019 and later, a district's long-term facilities maintenance  
22.22 equalization revenue equals the lesser of (1) \$380 times the adjusted pupil units or (2) the  
22.23 district's revenue under subdivision 1.

22.24 ~~(d)~~ (c) Notwithstanding paragraphs ~~(a) to (c)~~ and (b), a district's long-term facilities  
22.25 maintenance equalization revenue must not be less than the lesser of the district's long-term  
22.26 facilities maintenance revenue or the amount of aid the district received for fiscal year 2015  
22.27 under Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 123B.59, subdivision 6.

22.28 Subd. 8. **Long-term facilities maintenance equalized levy.** ~~(a) For fiscal year 2017~~  
22.29 ~~and later,~~ A district's long-term facilities maintenance equalized levy equals the district's  
22.30 long-term facilities maintenance equalization revenue minus the greater of:

22.31 (1) the lesser of the district's long-term facilities maintenance equalization revenue or  
22.32 the amount of aid the district received for fiscal year 2015 under Minnesota Statutes 2014,  
22.33 section 123B.59, subdivision 6; or

23.1 (2) the district's long-term facilities maintenance equalization revenue times the greater  
 23.2 of (i) zero or (ii) one minus the ratio of its adjusted net tax capacity per adjusted pupil unit  
 23.3 in the year preceding the year the levy is certified to 123 percent of the state average adjusted  
 23.4 net tax capacity per adjusted pupil unit for all school districts in the year preceding the year  
 23.5 the levy is certified.

23.6 (b) For purposes of this subdivision, "adjusted net tax capacity" means the value described  
 23.7 in section 126C.01, subdivision 2, paragraph (b).

23.8 Subd. 8a. **Long-term facilities maintenance unequalized levy.** ~~For fiscal year 2017~~  
 23.9 ~~and later,~~ A district's long-term facilities maintenance unequalized levy equals the difference  
 23.10 between the district's revenue under subdivision 1 and the district's equalization revenue  
 23.11 under subdivision 7.

23.12 Subd. 9. **Long-term facilities maintenance equalized aid.** ~~For fiscal year 2017 and~~  
 23.13 ~~later,~~ A district's long-term facilities maintenance equalized aid equals its long-term facilities  
 23.14 maintenance equalization revenue minus its long-term facilities maintenance equalized levy  
 23.15 times the ratio of the actual equalized amount levied to the permitted equalized levy.

23.16 Subd. 10. **Allowed uses for long-term facilities maintenance revenue.** (a) A district  
 23.17 may use revenue under this section for any of the following:

23.18 (1) deferred capital expenditures and maintenance projects necessary to prevent further  
 23.19 erosion of facilities;

23.20 (2) increasing accessibility of school facilities;

23.21 (3) health and safety capital projects under section 123B.57;

23.22 (4) school safety facility enhancements authorized under subdivision 4a; or

23.23 ~~(4)~~(5) by board resolution, to transfer money from the general fund reserve for long-term  
 23.24 facilities maintenance to the debt redemption fund to pay the amounts needed to meet, when  
 23.25 due, principal and interest on general obligation bonds issued under subdivision 5.

23.26 (b) A charter school may use revenue under this section for any purpose related to the  
 23.27 school, including school safety facility enhancements.

23.28 Subd. 11. **Restrictions on long-term facilities maintenance revenue.** Notwithstanding  
 23.29 subdivision 10, for projects other than school safety facility enhancements, long-term  
 23.30 facilities maintenance revenue may not be used:

23.31 (1) for the construction of new facilities, remodeling of existing facilities, or the purchase  
 23.32 of portable classrooms;

24.1 (2) to finance a lease purchase agreement, installment purchase agreement, or other  
 24.2 deferred payments agreement;

24.3 (3) for energy-efficiency projects under section 123B.65, for a building or property or  
 24.4 part of a building or property used for postsecondary instruction or administration, or for a  
 24.5 purpose unrelated to elementary and secondary education; or

24.6 (4) for ~~violence prevention and facility security, ergonomics, or emergency~~  
 24.7 ~~communication devices.~~

24.8 Subd. 12. **Reserve account.** The portion of long-term facilities maintenance revenue  
 24.9 not recognized under subdivision 5, paragraph (c), must be maintained in a reserve account  
 24.10 within the general fund.

24.11 Sec. 14. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 123B.61, is amended to read:

24.12 **123B.61 PURCHASE OF CERTAIN EQUIPMENT.**

24.13 (a) The board of a district may issue general obligation certificates of indebtedness or  
 24.14 capital notes subject to the district debt limits to:

24.15 ~~(a)~~ (1) purchase vehicles, computers, telephone systems, cable equipment, photocopy  
 24.16 and office equipment, technological equipment for instruction, public announcement systems,  
 24.17 emergency communications devices, other equipment related to violence prevention and  
 24.18 facility security, and other capital equipment having an expected useful life at least as long  
 24.19 as the terms of the certificates or notes;

24.20 ~~(b)~~ (2) purchase computer hardware and software, without regard to its expected useful  
 24.21 life, whether bundled with machinery or equipment or unbundled, together with application  
 24.22 development services and training related to the use of the computer; and

24.23 ~~(c)~~ (3) prepay special assessments.

24.24 (b) The certificates or notes must be payable in not more than ten years and must be  
 24.25 issued on the terms and in the manner determined by the board, except that certificates or  
 24.26 notes issued to prepay special assessments must be payable in not more than 20 years. The  
 24.27 certificates or notes may be issued by resolution and without the requirement for an election.  
 24.28 The certificates or notes are general obligation bonds for purposes of section 126C.55.

24.29 (c) A tax levy must be made for the payment of the principal and interest on the  
 24.30 certificates or notes, in accordance with section 475.61, as in the case of bonds. The sum  
 24.31 of the tax levies under this section and section 123B.62 for each year must not exceed the  
 24.32 lesser of the sum of the amount of the district's total operating capital revenue and safe

25.1 schools revenue or the sum of the district's levy in the general and community service funds  
 25.2 excluding the adjustments under this section for the year preceding the year the initial debt  
 25.3 service levies are certified.

25.4 (d) The district's general fund levy for each year must be reduced by the sum of:

25.5 (1) the amount of the tax levies for debt service certified for each year for payment of  
 25.6 the principal and interest on the certificates or notes issued under this section as required  
 25.7 by section 475.61<sup>5</sup>/<sub>2</sub>;

25.8 (2) the amount of the tax levies for debt service certified for each year for payment of  
 25.9 the principal and interest on bonds issued under section 123B.62<sup>5</sup>/<sub>2</sub>; and

25.10 (3) any excess amount in the debt redemption fund used to retire bonds, certificates, or  
 25.11 notes issued under this section or section 123B.62 after April 1, 1997, other than amounts  
 25.12 used to pay capitalized interest.

25.13 (e) If the district's general fund levy is less than the amount of the reduction, the balance  
 25.14 shall be deducted first from the district's community service fund levy, and next from the  
 25.15 district's general fund or community service fund levies for the following year.

25.16 (f) A district using an excess amount in the debt redemption fund to retire the certificates  
 25.17 or notes shall report the amount used for this purpose to the commissioner by July 15 of the  
 25.18 following fiscal year. A district having an outstanding capital loan under section 126C.69  
 25.19 or an outstanding debt service loan under section 126C.68 must not use an excess amount  
 25.20 in the debt redemption fund to retire the certificates or notes.

25.21 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 1, 2018.

25.22 Sec. 15. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 126C.44, is amended to read:

25.23 **126C.44 SAFE SCHOOLS LEVY REVENUE.**

25.24 **Subdivision 1. Safe schools revenue.** (a) A school district's total safe schools revenue  
 25.25 equals the sum of:

25.26 (1) the greater of \$30,000 or \$54 per adjusted pupil unit;

25.27 (2) the amounts under subdivision 6; and

25.28 (3) for a district not accessing revenue under subdivision 6, the amount under subdivision  
 25.29 7.

25.30 (b) A school district's equalized safe schools revenue equals \$36 times the district's  
 25.31 adjusted pupil units for that year.

26.1 (c) A charter school's safe schools revenue equals \$18 times its adjusted pupil units for  
 26.2 that year. The revenue must be reserved and used only for costs associated with safe schools  
 26.3 activities authorized under subdivision 5, paragraph (a), clauses (1) to (9), or for building  
 26.4 lease expenses not funded by charter school building lease aid that are attributable to facility  
 26.5 security enhancements made by the landlord after March 1, 2018.

26.6 Subd. 2. **Safe schools equalized levy.** (a) Each district may make a levy on all taxable  
 26.7 property located within the district for the purposes specified in this section. The maximum  
 26.8 amount which may be levied for all costs under this section shall be equal to \$36 multiplied  
 26.9 by the district's A school district's safe school equalized levy equals the product of its  
 26.10 equalized safe schools revenue under subdivision 1 times the lesser of one or the ratio of  
 26.11 its adjusted net tax capacity per adjusted pupil units for the school-year unit to 68.5 percent  
 26.12 of the statewide adjusted net tax capacity equalizing factor.

26.13 Subd. 3. **Safe schools aid.** (a) A school district's safe schools aid equals the sum of:

26.14 (1) \$18 times its adjusted pupil units for that year;

26.15 (2) its safe schools equalization aid equal to the difference between its safe schools  
 26.16 equalized revenue minus its safe schools equalized levy;

26.17 (3) its cooperative unit aid under subdivision 7; and

26.18 (4) for fiscal year 2019 only, \$6.50 times its adjusted pupil units for that year for school  
 26.19 district members of intermediate school districts.

26.20 (b) A charter school's safe schools aid equals its safe schools revenue.

26.21 Subd. 4. **Revenue reserved.** ~~The proceeds of the levy~~ A school district's safe schools  
 26.22 revenue must be reserved and used for directly funding the following purposes or for  
 26.23 reimbursing the cities and counties who contract with the district for the following purposes:  
 26.24 authorized in subdivision 5.

26.25 Subd. 5. **Revenue uses.** (a) A school district must use its safe schools revenue for the  
 26.26 following:

26.27 (1) to pay the costs incurred for the salaries, benefits, and transportation costs of peace  
 26.28 officers and sheriffs for liaison in services in the district's schools, whether through contract  
 26.29 or reimbursement to the city or county employing authority;

26.30 (2) to pay the costs for a drug abuse prevention program as defined in section 609.101,  
 26.31 subdivision 3, paragraph (e), in the elementary schools;

27.1 (3) to pay the costs for a gang resistance education training curriculum in the district's  
27.2 schools;

27.3 (4) to pay the costs for security in the district's schools and on school property;

27.4 (5) to pay the costs for other crime prevention, drug abuse, student and staff safety,  
27.5 voluntary opt-in suicide prevention tools, and violence prevention measures taken by the  
27.6 school district;

27.7 (6) to pay costs for licensed school counselors, licensed school nurses, licensed school  
27.8 social workers, licensed school psychologists, and licensed alcohol and chemical dependency  
27.9 counselors to help provide early responses to problems;

27.10 (7) to pay for facility security enhancements including laminated glass, public  
27.11 announcement systems, emergency communications devices, and equipment and facility  
27.12 modifications related to violence prevention and facility security;

27.13 (8) to pay for costs associated with improving the school climate; ~~or~~

27.14 (9) to pay costs for collocating and collaborating with mental health professionals who  
27.15 are not district employees or contractors; or

27.16 (10) by board resolution, to transfer money into the debt redemption fund to pay the  
27.17 amounts needed to meet, when due, principal and interest payments on obligations issued  
27.18 under sections 123B.61 and 123B.62 for purposes included in clause (7).

27.19 (b) For expenditures under paragraph (a), clause (1), the district must initially attempt  
27.20 to contract for services to be provided by peace officers or sheriffs with the police department  
27.21 of each city or the sheriff's department of the county within the district containing the school  
27.22 receiving the services. If a local police department or a county sheriff's department does  
27.23 not wish to provide the necessary services, the district may contract for these services with  
27.24 any other police or sheriff's department located entirely or partially within the school district's  
27.25 boundaries.

27.26 **Subd. 6. Intermediate school districts.** ~~(e)~~ A school district that is a member of an  
27.27 intermediate school district may ~~include in~~ add to its levy authority under this section the  
27.28 costs associated with safe schools activities authorized under ~~paragraph (a)~~ subdivision 5  
27.29 for intermediate school district programs. This levy authority must not exceed \$15 times  
27.30 the adjusted pupil units of the member districts. This levy authority is in addition to any  
27.31 other authority authorized under this section. Revenue raised under this ~~paragraph~~ subdivision  
27.32 must be transferred to the intermediate school district.

28.1 Subd. 7. Other cooperative units. A school district that is a member of a cooperative  
28.2 unit defined under section 123A.24, subdivision 2, other than a member of an intermediate  
28.3 school district, is eligible for additional safe schools aid equal to \$7.50 times its adjusted  
28.4 pupil units for that year. Revenue raised under this subdivision must be transferred to the  
28.5 cooperative unit.

28.6 Subd. 8. Reporting. A school district or charter school receiving revenue under this  
28.7 section must annually report safe schools expenditures to the commissioner, in the form  
28.8 and manner specified by the commissioner. The report must show spending by functional  
28.9 area and align with the revenue uses according to subdivision 5.

28.10 EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective for fiscal year 2019 and later.

28.11 Sec. 16. Laws 2017, First Special Session chapter 5, article 2, section 56, is amended to  
28.12 read:

28.13 **Sec. 56. INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL DISTRICT MENTAL HEALTH**  
28.14 **INNOVATION GRANT PROGRAM; APPROPRIATION.**

28.15 (a) \$2,450,000 in fiscal year 2018 and \$2,450,000 in fiscal year 2019 are appropriated  
28.16 from the general fund to the commissioner of human services for a grant program to fund  
28.17 innovative projects to improve mental health outcomes for youth attending a qualifying  
28.18 school unit.

28.19 (b) A "qualifying school unit" means an intermediate district organized under Minnesota  
28.20 Statutes, section 136D.01, or a service cooperative organized under Minnesota Statutes,  
28.21 section 123A.21, subdivision 1, paragraph (a), clause (2), that provides instruction to students  
28.22 in a setting of federal instructional level 4 or higher. Grants under paragraph (a) must be  
28.23 awarded to eligible applicants such that the services are proportionately provided among  
28.24 qualifying school units. The commissioner shall calculate the share of the appropriation to  
28.25 be used in each qualifying school unit by dividing the qualifying school unit's average daily  
28.26 membership in a setting of federal instructional level 4 or higher for fiscal year 2016 by the  
28.27 total average daily membership in a setting of federal instructional level 4 or higher for the  
28.28 same year for all qualifying school units.

28.29 (c) An eligible applicant is an entity that has demonstrated capacity to serve the youth  
28.30 identified in paragraph (a) and that is:

28.31 (1) certified under Minnesota Rules, parts 9520.0750 to 9520.0870;

28.32 (2) a community mental health center under Minnesota Statutes, section 256B.0625,  
28.33 subdivision 5;

29.1 (3) an Indian health service facility or facility owned and operated by a tribe or tribal  
29.2 organization operating under United States Code, title 25, section 5321; ~~or~~

29.3 (4) a provider of children's therapeutic services and supports as defined in Minnesota  
29.4 Statutes, section 256B.0943; or

29.5 (5) enrolled in medical assistance as a mental health or substance use disorder provider  
29.6 agency and must employ at least two full-time equivalent mental health professionals as  
29.7 defined in Minnesota Statutes, section 245.4871, subdivision 27, clauses (1) to (6), or alcohol  
29.8 and drug counselors licensed or exempt from licensure under chapter 148F who are qualified  
29.9 to provide clinical services to children and families.

29.10 (d) An eligible applicant must employ or contract with at least two licensed mental health  
29.11 professionals as defined in Minnesota Statutes, section 245.4871, subdivision 27, clauses  
29.12 (1) to (6), who have formal training in evidence-based practices.

29.13 (e) A qualifying school unit must submit an application to the commissioner in the form  
29.14 and manner specified by the commissioner. The commissioner may approve an application  
29.15 that describes models for innovative projects to serve the needs of the schools and students.  
29.16 The commissioner may provide technical assistance to the qualifying school unit. The  
29.17 commissioner shall then solicit grant project proposals and award grant funding to the  
29.18 eligible applicants whose project proposals best meet the requirements of this section and  
29.19 most closely adhere to the models created by the intermediate districts and service  
29.20 cooperatives.

29.21 (f) To receive grant funding, an eligible applicant must obtain a letter of support for the  
29.22 applicant's grant project proposal from each qualifying school unit the eligible applicant is  
29.23 proposing to serve. An eligible applicant must also demonstrate the following:

29.24 (1) the ability to seek third-party reimbursement for services;

29.25 (2) the ability to report data and outcomes as required by the commissioner; and

29.26 (3) the existence of partnerships with counties, tribes, substance use disorder providers,  
29.27 and mental health service providers, including providers of mobile crisis services.

29.28 (g) Grantees shall obtain all available third-party reimbursement sources as a condition  
29.29 of receiving grant funds. For purposes of this grant program, a third-party reimbursement  
29.30 source does not include a public school as defined in Minnesota Statutes, section 120A.20,  
29.31 subdivision 1.

29.32 (h) The base budget for this program is \$0. This appropriation is available until June 30,  
29.33 2020.

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

30.2 Sec. 17. **APPROPRIATIONS.**

30.3 Subdivision 1. **Commissioner of education.** The sums indicated in this section are  
 30.4 appropriated from the general fund to the commissioner of education for the specified  
 30.5 purposes.

30.6 Subd. 2. **Safe schools aid.** (a) For safe schools aid under Minnesota Statutes, section  
 30.7 126C.44:

30.8       \$       20,256,000       ..... 2019

30.9       (b) For fiscal year 2019 only, each district's safe schools state aid equals its safe schools  
 30.10 revenue for fiscal year 2019 minus the safe schools levy certified by the school district for  
 30.11 taxes payable in 2018.

30.12 Subd. 3. **Children's school-linked mental health grants.** For transfer to the  
 30.13 commissioner of human services for children's school-linked mental health grants under  
 30.14 Minnesota Statutes, section 245.4889, subdivision 1, paragraph (b), clause (8):

30.15       \$       5,000,000       ..... 2019

30.16       (b) Grants must be used to expand services, including to school districts or counties in  
 30.17 which school-linked mental health services are not available, and to fund transportation for  
 30.18 children using school-linked mental health services when school is not in session.

30.19       (c) The commissioner must require grantees to use all available third-party reimbursement  
 30.20 sources as a condition of the receipt of grant funds. For purposes of this appropriation, a  
 30.21 third-party reimbursement source does not include a public school within the meaning of  
 30.22 Minnesota Statutes, section 120A.20, subdivision 1.

30.23       (d) The base for fiscal year 2020 is \$5,000,000.

30.24 Subd. 4. **Physical security audit grants for public schools.** (a) For transfer to the  
 30.25 commissioner of public safety for grants to school districts and charter schools to reimburse  
 30.26 applicants for up to 100 percent of the cost for an audit of the physical security of public  
 30.27 school campuses and crisis management policies adopted pursuant to Minnesota Statutes,  
 30.28 section 121A.035, subdivision 2:

30.29       \$       2,000,000       ..... 2019

30.30       (b) The commissioner of public safety must establish specific eligibility and application  
 30.31 criteria including a requirement that audits be conducted by consultants holding professional

31.1 certification deemed acceptable by the commissioner, including but not limited to a Certified  
 31.2 Protection Professional certification from the American Society for Industrial Security.

31.3 (c) This is a onetime appropriation.

31.4 Subd. 5. **School resource officer training grants.** (a) For grants to reimburse school  
 31.5 districts and charter schools for up to one-half of the costs of school resource officer training:

31.6     \$        400,000    .....  2019

31.7 (b) The commissioner and the director of the Minnesota School Safety Center are  
 31.8 encouraged to develop school resource officer training guidelines and provide school districts  
 31.9 and charter schools a list of approved school resource officer training programs.

31.10 (c) A district or charter school seeking a grant under this subdivision must submit an  
 31.11 application in the form and manner specified by the commissioner of education.

31.12 Reimbursement must not exceed \$500 per officer. The commissioner must prorate grant  
 31.13 amounts if the appropriation is insufficient to fully fund the state's share of the training.

31.14 (d) A recipient school district or charter school and the local law enforcement agency  
 31.15 must enter into an agreement to pay for the remaining training costs for school resource  
 31.16 officer training. The school district or charter school and the law enforcement agency may  
 31.17 seek private funds to pay for the local share of the school resource officer training costs.

31.18 (e) This is a onetime appropriation.

31.19 Subd. 6. **Threat assessment grants.** (a) For grants to school districts for training for  
 31.20 members of threat assessment teams and oversight committees under Minnesota Statutes,  
 31.21 section 121A.35:

31.22     \$        300,000    .....  2019

31.23 (b) The commissioner and the director of the Minnesota School Safety Center are  
 31.24 encouraged to develop threat assessment training guidelines and provide school districts a  
 31.25 list of approved threat assessment training programs.

31.26 (c) This is a onetime appropriation.

31.27 (d) Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes, section 16A.28, the fiscal year 2019  
 31.28 appropriation is available until June 30, 2021. Any remaining balance is canceled to the  
 31.29 general fund.

31.30 Subd. 7. **Suicide prevention training for teachers.** (a) For a grant to a nationally  
 31.31 recognized organization to offer evidence-based online training for teachers on suicide  
 31.32 prevention and engaging students experiencing mental distress:

32.1           \$           273,000   ..... 2019

32.2           (b) This is a onetime appropriation.

32.3           (c) The recipient of the suicide prevention training grant under this subdivision must  
 32.4 make the training accessible to all Minnesota school districts, cooperative units defined  
 32.5 under Minnesota Statutes, section 123A.24, subdivision 2, tribal schools, and charter schools.

32.6           Subd. 8. **For Jake's Sake Foundation.** (a) For a grant to the For Jake's Sake Foundation  
 32.7 to collaborate with school districts throughout Minnesota to integrate evidence-based  
 32.8 substance misuse prevention instruction on the dangers of substance misuse, particularly  
 32.9 the use of opioids, into school district programs and curricula, including health education  
 32.10 curricula:

32.11           \$           350,000   ..... 2019

32.12           (b) Funds appropriated in this subdivision are to:

32.13           (1) identify effective substance misuse prevention tools and strategies, including  
 32.14 innovative uses of technology and media;

32.15           (2) develop and promote a comprehensive substance misuse prevention curriculum for  
 32.16 students in grades 5 through 12 that educates students and families about the dangers of  
 32.17 substance misuse;

32.18           (3) integrate substance misuse prevention into curricula across subject areas;

32.19           (4) train school district teachers, athletic coaches, and other school staff in effective  
 32.20 substance misuse prevention strategies; and

32.21           (5) collaborate with school districts to evaluate the effectiveness of districts' substance  
 32.22 misuse prevention efforts.

32.23           (c) By February 15, 2019, the grantee must submit a report detailing expenditures and  
 32.24 outcomes of the grant to the chairs and ranking minority members of the legislative  
 32.25 committees with primary jurisdiction over kindergarten through grade 12 education policy  
 32.26 and finance. The report must identify the school districts that have implemented or plan to  
 32.27 implement the substance misuse prevention curriculum.

32.28           (d) This is a onetime appropriation.

32.29           (e) Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes, section 16A.28, the fiscal year 2019  
 32.30 appropriation is available until June 30, 2021. Any remaining balance is canceled to the  
 32.31 general fund.

33.1 **ARTICLE 3**33.2 **EDUCATION EXCELLENCE**

33.3 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 120A.20, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

33.4 Subd. 2. **Education, residence, and transportation of homeless.** (a) Notwithstanding  
33.5 subdivision 1, a district must not deny free admission to a homeless pupil solely because  
33.6 the district cannot determine that the pupil is a resident of the district.

33.7 (b) The school district of residence for a homeless pupil shall be the school district in  
33.8 which the parent or legal guardian resides, unless: (1) parental rights have been terminated  
33.9 by court order; (2) the parent or guardian is not living within the state; or (3) the parent or  
33.10 guardian having legal custody of the child is an inmate of a Minnesota correctional facility  
33.11 or is a resident of a halfway house under the supervision of the commissioner of corrections.  
33.12 If any of clauses (1) to (3) apply, the school district of residence shall be the school district  
33.13 in which the pupil resided when the qualifying event occurred. If no other district of residence  
33.14 can be established, the school district of residence shall be the school district in which the  
33.15 pupil currently resides. If there is a dispute between school districts regarding residency,  
33.16 the district of residence is the district designated by the commissioner of education.

33.17 (c) Except as provided in paragraph (d), the serving district is responsible for transporting  
33.18 a homeless pupil to and from the pupil's district of residence. The district may transport  
33.19 from a permanent home in another district but only through the end of the academic school  
33.20 year. When a pupil is enrolled in a charter school, the district or school that provides  
33.21 transportation for other pupils enrolled in the charter school is responsible for providing  
33.22 transportation. When a homeless student with or without an individualized education program  
33.23 attends a public school other than an independent or special school district or charter school,  
33.24 the district of residence is responsible for transportation.

33.25 (d) For a homeless pupil with an individualized education plan enrolled in a program  
33.26 authorized by an intermediate school district, special education cooperative, service  
33.27 cooperative, or education district, the serving district at the time of the pupil's enrollment  
33.28 in the program remains responsible for transporting that pupil for the remainder of the school  
33.29 year unless the initial serving district and the current serving district mutually agree that  
33.30 the current serving district is responsible for transporting the homeless pupil.

33.31 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 1, 2018.

34.1 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 120A.22, subdivision 12, is amended to read:

34.2 Subd. 12. **Legitimate exemptions.** (a) A parent, guardian, or other person having control  
 34.3 of a child may apply to a school district to have the child excused from attendance for the  
 34.4 whole or any part of the time school is in session during any school year. Application may  
 34.5 be made to any member of the board, a truant officer, a principal, or the superintendent.  
 34.6 The school district may state in its school attendance policy that it may ask the student's  
 34.7 parent or legal guardian to verify in writing the reason for the child's absence from school.  
 34.8 A note from a physician or a licensed mental health professional stating that the child cannot  
 34.9 attend school is a valid excuse. The board of the district in which the child resides may  
 34.10 approve the application upon the following being demonstrated to the satisfaction of that  
 34.11 board:

34.12 (1) that the child's physical or mental health is such as to prevent attendance at school  
 34.13 or application to study for the period required, which includes:

34.14 (i) child illness, medical, dental, orthodontic, or counseling appointments;

34.15 (ii) family emergencies;

34.16 (iii) the death or serious illness or funeral of an immediate family member;

34.17 ~~(iv) active duty in any military branch of the United States;~~

34.18 ~~(v)~~ (iv) the child has a condition that requires ongoing treatment for a mental health  
 34.19 diagnosis; or

34.20 ~~(vi)~~ (v) other exemptions included in the district's school attendance policy;

34.21 (2) that the child's parent, guardian, or other person having control of the child is in  
 34.22 active duty in any branch of the United States armed forces;

34.23 (3) that the child is participating in any activity necessary for the child to join any branch  
 34.24 of the United States armed forces and may be excused for up to three days for such purpose;

34.25 ~~(2)~~ (4) that the child has already completed state and district standards required for  
 34.26 graduation from high school; or

34.27 ~~(3)~~ (5) that it is the wish of the parent, guardian, or other person having control of the  
 34.28 child, that the child attend for a period or periods not exceeding in the aggregate three hours  
 34.29 in any week, a school for religious instruction conducted and maintained by some church,  
 34.30 or association of churches, or any Sunday school association incorporated under the laws  
 34.31 of this state, or any auxiliary thereof. This school for religious instruction must be conducted  
 34.32 and maintained in a place other than a public school building, and it must not, in whole or

35.1 in part, be conducted and maintained at public expense. However, a child may be absent  
35.2 from school on such days as the child attends upon instruction according to the ordinances  
35.3 of some church.

35.4 (b) Notwithstanding subdivision 6, paragraph (a), a parent may withdraw a child from  
35.5 an all-day, every day kindergarten program and put their child in a half-day program, if  
35.6 offered, or an alternate-day program without being truant. A school board must excuse a  
35.7 kindergarten child from a part of a school day at the request of the child's parent.

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

35.9 Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 2017 Supplement, section 120B.021, subdivision 1, is amended  
35.10 to read:

35.11 Subdivision 1. **Required academic standards.** (a) The following subject areas are  
35.12 required for statewide accountability:

35.13 (1) language arts;

35.14 (2) mathematics;

35.15 (3) science;

35.16 (4) social studies, including history, geography, economics, and government and  
35.17 citizenship that includes civics consistent with section 120B.02, subdivision 3;

35.18 (5) physical education;

35.19 (6) health, for which locally developed academic standards apply, consistent with  
35.20 subdivision 1b; and

35.21 (7) the arts, for which statewide or locally developed academic standards apply, as  
35.22 determined by the school district. Public elementary and middle schools must offer at least  
35.23 three and require at least two of the following four arts areas: dance; music; theater; and  
35.24 visual arts. Public high schools must offer at least three and require at least one of the  
35.25 following five arts areas: media arts; dance; music; theater; and visual arts.

35.26 (b) For purposes of applicable federal law, the academic standards for language arts,  
35.27 mathematics, and science apply to all public school students, except the very few students  
35.28 with extreme cognitive or physical impairments for whom an individualized education  
35.29 program team has determined that the required academic standards are inappropriate. An  
35.30 individualized education program team that makes this determination must establish  
35.31 alternative standards.

36.1 (c) The department must adopt the most recent SHAPE America (Society of Health and  
36.2 Physical Educators) kindergarten through grade 12 standards and benchmarks for physical  
36.3 education as the required physical education academic standards. The department may  
36.4 modify and adapt the national standards to accommodate state interest. The modification  
36.5 and adaptations must maintain the purpose and integrity of the national standards. The  
36.6 department must make available sample assessments, which school districts may use as an  
36.7 alternative to local assessments, to assess students' mastery of the physical education  
36.8 standards beginning in the 2018-2019 school year.

36.9 ~~(d) A school district may include child sexual abuse prevention instruction in a health~~  
36.10 ~~curriculum, consistent with paragraph (a), clause (6). Child sexual abuse prevention~~  
36.11 ~~instruction may include age-appropriate instruction on recognizing sexual abuse and assault,~~  
36.12 ~~boundary violations, and ways offenders groom or desensitize victims, as well as strategies~~  
36.13 ~~to promote disclosure, reduce self-blame, and mobilize bystanders. A school district may~~  
36.14 ~~provide instruction under this paragraph in a variety of ways, including at an annual assembly~~  
36.15 ~~or classroom presentation. A school district may also provide parents information on the~~  
36.16 ~~warning signs of child sexual abuse and available resources.~~

36.17 ~~(e)~~ (d) District efforts to develop, implement, or improve instruction or curriculum as a  
36.18 result of the provisions of this section must be consistent with sections 120B.10, 120B.11,  
36.19 and 120B.20.

36.20 Sec. 4. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 120B.021, is amended by adding a subdivision  
36.21 to read:

36.22 Subd. 1b. **Health standards.** (a) A school district's locally developed health standards  
36.23 may include instruction on:

36.24 (1) child sexual abuse, exploitation, and sexual assault prevention; and

36.25 (2) substance misuse prevention in grades 5 through 12.

36.26 Instruction under this subdivision must be age-appropriate. Nothing in this subdivision  
36.27 requires a school district to use a specific methodology or curriculum. A school district may  
36.28 provide instruction under this subdivision in a variety of ways, including at an annual  
36.29 assembly or classroom presentation.

36.30 (b) Child sexual abuse, exploitation, and sexual assault prevention instruction in a health  
36.31 curriculum may include instruction on recognizing sexual abuse, exploitation and assault,  
36.32 boundary violations, and ways offenders groom or desensitize victims, as well as strategies  
36.33 to promote disclosure, reduce self-blame, and mobilize bystanders. Child sexual exploitation

37.1 prevention instruction must be consistent with the definition of sexually exploited youth  
37.2 under section 260C.007, subdivision 31. A school district may provide information to parents  
37.3 on the warning signs of child sexual abuse and sexual exploitation and available resources.  
37.4 A school district is encouraged to include in sexual assault prevention instruction:

37.5 (1) character education, as defined in section 120B.232;

37.6 (2) age-appropriate strategies and techniques to recognize and report sexual abuse,  
37.7 assault, or exploitation; and

37.8 (3) age-appropriate information to deter boundary violations and unwanted forms of  
37.9 touching and contact.

37.10 (c) A school district's substance misuse prevention curriculum must be evidence-based.  
37.11 Substance misuse prevention must include instruction on opioids and controlled substances  
37.12 as defined in section 121A.25, subdivision 2, chemical abuse as defined in section 121A.25,  
37.13 subdivision 3, prescription and nonprescription medications, and illegal drugs.

37.14 (d) A school district may consult with other federal, state, or local agencies and  
37.15 community-based organizations to identify research-based tools, curricula, and programs  
37.16 to develop instruction required under this subdivision. The Department of Education must  
37.17 assist districts when requested and may provide resources including information on best  
37.18 practices, developing standards, curricula, and programs consistent with this subdivision.

37.19 (e) Instruction under this subdivision is subject to the requirements of section 120B.20.

37.20 (f) The commissioner of education must conduct a survey of school districts and charter  
37.21 schools during the 2021-2022 school year on locally adopted health standards to determine  
37.22 whether school districts and charter schools have implemented instruction consistent with  
37.23 this subdivision. The commissioner must report the findings of the survey to the chairs and  
37.24 ranking minority members of the legislative committees with jurisdiction over kindergarten  
37.25 through grade 12 education in accordance with section 3.195 no later than January 15, 2023.

37.26 Sec. 5. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 120B.024, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

37.27 Subdivision 1. **Graduation requirements.** Students ~~beginning 9th grade in the~~  
37.28 ~~2011-2012 school year and later~~ must successfully complete the following high school level  
37.29 credits for graduation:

37.30 (1) four credits of language arts sufficient to satisfy all of the academic standards in  
37.31 English language arts;

38.1 (2) three credits of mathematics, including an algebra II credit or its equivalent, sufficient  
38.2 to satisfy all of the academic standards in mathematics;

38.3 (3) an algebra I credit by the end of 8th grade sufficient to satisfy all of the 8th grade  
38.4 standards in mathematics;

38.5 (4) three credits of science, including at least one credit of biology, one credit of chemistry  
38.6 or physics, and one elective credit of science. The combination of credits under this clause  
38.7 must be sufficient to satisfy (i) all of the academic standards in either chemistry or physics  
38.8 and (ii) all other academic standards in science;

38.9 (5) three and one-half credits of social studies, including credit for a specific course in  
38.10 government and citizenship in either 11th or 12th grade for students beginning 9th grade  
38.11 in the 2020-2021 school year and later, and a combination of other credits encompassing  
38.12 at least United States history, geography, government and citizenship, world history, and  
38.13 economics sufficient to satisfy all of the academic standards in social studies;

38.14 (6) one credit of the arts sufficient to satisfy all of the state or local academic standards  
38.15 in the arts; and

38.16 (7) a minimum of seven elective credits.

38.17 Sec. 6. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 120B.11, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

38.18 Subdivision 1. **Definitions.** For the purposes of this section and section 120B.10, the  
38.19 following terms have the meanings given them.

38.20 (a) "Instruction" means methods of providing learning experiences that enable a student  
38.21 to meet state and district academic standards and graduation requirements including applied  
38.22 and experiential learning.

38.23 (b) "Curriculum" means district or school adopted programs and written plans for  
38.24 providing students with learning experiences that lead to expected knowledge and skills  
38.25 and career and college readiness.

38.26 (c) "World's best workforce" means striving to: meet school readiness goals; have all  
38.27 third grade students achieve grade-level literacy; close the academic achievement gap among  
38.28 all racial and ethnic groups of students and between students living in poverty and students  
38.29 not living in poverty; have all students attain career and college readiness before graduating  
38.30 from high school; and have all students graduate from high school.

38.31 (d) "Experiential learning" means learning for students that includes career exploration  
38.32 through a specific class or course or through work-based experiences such as job shadowing,

39.1 mentoring, entrepreneurship, service learning, volunteering, internships, other cooperative  
39.2 work experience, youth apprenticeship, or employment.

39.3 (e) "State plan" means the plan submitted by the commissioner in accordance with the  
39.4 Elementary and Secondary Education Act, as most recently authorized, and approved by  
39.5 the United States Department of Education, including state goals.

39.6 (f) "Ineffective teacher" means a teacher whose most recent summative teacher evaluation  
39.7 resulted in placing or otherwise keeping the teacher on an improvement process pursuant  
39.8 to section 122A.40, subdivision 8, or 122A.41, subdivision 5.

39.9 (g) "Inexperienced teacher" means a licensed teacher who has been employed as a teacher  
39.10 for three years or less.

39.11 (h) "Out-of-field teacher" means a licensed teacher who is providing instruction in an  
39.12 area in which the teacher is not licensed.

39.13 Sec. 7. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 120B.11, subdivision 1a, is amended to read:

39.14 Subd. 1a. **Performance measures.** Measures to determine school district and school  
39.15 site progress in striving to create the world's best workforce must include at least:

39.16 (1) the size of the academic achievement gap; as measured on the Minnesota  
39.17 Comprehensive Assessments;

39.18 (2) rigorous course taking under section 120B.35, subdivision 3, paragraph (c), clause  
39.19 (2), and enrichment experiences by student ~~subgroup~~ group;

39.20 ~~(2)~~ (3) student performance on the Minnesota Comprehensive Assessments in reading  
39.21 and mathematics;

39.22 ~~(3)~~ (4) high school graduation rates; ~~and~~

39.23 ~~(4)~~ (5) career and college readiness under section 120B.30, subdivision 1-, paragraph  
39.24 (p), as measured by student performance on the high school Minnesota Comprehensive  
39.25 Assessments in reading and mathematics, and successful completion of rigorous coursework  
39.26 that is part of a well-rounded education, including advanced placement, international  
39.27 baccalaureate, or concurrent enrollment coursework, or attainment of a certificate or  
39.28 industry-recognized credential; and

39.29 (6) performance measures consistent with the state plan not otherwise required by this  
39.30 subdivision.

40.1 Sec. 8. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 120B.11, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

40.2 Subd. 2. **Adopting plans and budgets.** A school board, at a public meeting, ~~shall~~ must  
40.3 adopt a comprehensive, long-term strategic plan to support and improve teaching and  
40.4 learning that is aligned with creating the world's best workforce and includes:

40.5 (1) clearly defined district and school site ~~goals and benchmarks for~~ toward meeting  
40.6 statewide goals for instruction and student achievement for all student subgroups identified  
40.7 in section 120B.35, subdivision 3, paragraph (b), clause (2);

40.8 (2) a process to assess and evaluate each student's progress toward meeting state and  
40.9 local academic standards, assess and identify students to participate in gifted and talented  
40.10 programs and accelerate their instruction, and adopt early-admission procedures consistent  
40.11 with section 120B.15, and identifying the strengths and weaknesses of instruction in pursuit  
40.12 of student and school success and curriculum affecting students' progress and growth toward  
40.13 career and college readiness and leading to the world's best workforce;

40.14 (3) a system to periodically review and evaluate the effectiveness of all instruction and  
40.15 curriculum, taking into account strategies and best practices, student outcomes, school  
40.16 principal evaluations under section 123B.147, subdivision 3, students' access to effective  
40.17 teachers who are members of populations underrepresented among the licensed teachers in  
40.18 the district or school and who reflect the diversity of enrolled students under section 120B.35,  
40.19 subdivision 3, paragraph (b), clause (2), and teacher evaluations under section 122A.40,  
40.20 subdivision 8, or 122A.41, subdivision 5;

40.21 (4) strategies for improving instruction, curriculum, and student achievement, including  
40.22 the English and, where practicable, the native language development and the academic  
40.23 achievement of English learners;

40.24 (5) a process to examine the equitable distribution of teachers and strategies to ensure  
40.25 low-income and minority children are not taught at higher rates than other children by  
40.26 inexperienced, ineffective, or out-of-field teachers;

40.27 (6) education effectiveness practices that integrate high-quality instruction, rigorous  
40.28 curriculum, technology, and a collaborative professional culture that develops and supports  
40.29 teacher quality, performance, and effectiveness; and

40.30 (7) an annual budget for continuing to implement the district plan.

41.1 Sec. 9. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 120B.11, subdivision 5, is amended to read:

41.2 Subd. 5. **Report.** ~~Consistent with requirements for school performance reports under~~  
41.3 ~~section 120B.36, subdivision 1, the school board shall publish a report in the local newspaper~~  
41.4 ~~with the largest circulation in the district, by mail, or by electronic means on the district~~  
41.5 ~~Web site.~~ (a) The school board ~~shall~~ must hold an annual public meeting to review, and  
41.6 revise where appropriate, student achievement goals, local assessment outcomes, plans,  
41.7 strategies, and practices for improving curriculum and instruction and cultural competency,  
41.8 and efforts to equitably distribute diverse, effective, experienced, and in-field teachers, and  
41.9 to review district success in realizing the previously adopted student achievement goals and  
41.10 related benchmarks and the improvement plans leading to the world's best workforce. The  
41.11 school board must transmit an electronic summary of its report to the commissioner in the  
41.12 form and manner the commissioner determines.

41.13 (b) The commissioner must annually include in the school performance reports required  
41.14 under section 120B.36, subdivision 1, student performance at each school district and school  
41.15 site using the performance measures in subdivision 1a and other information required under  
41.16 this subdivision. The school board must post a copy of the school performance report for  
41.17 the district and each school site on the district's Web site, or provide a link to the district  
41.18 and school site performance reports on the Department of Education's Web site.

41.19 Sec. 10. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 120B.11, subdivision 9, is amended to read:

41.20 Subd. 9. **Annual evaluation.** (a) The commissioner must identify effective strategies,  
41.21 practices, and use of resources by districts and school sites in striving for the world's best  
41.22 workforce. The commissioner must assist districts and sites throughout the state in  
41.23 implementing these effective strategies, practices, and use of resources.

41.24 (b) The commissioner must use the performance measures in the accountability system  
41.25 of the state plan, including academic achievement in math and reading, graduation rates,  
41.26 and a school quality indicator, to identify those districts in any consecutive three-year period  
41.27 and school sites not making sufficient progress in any consecutive three-year period toward  
41.28 improving teaching and learning for all students, including English learners with varied  
41.29 needs, consistent with section 124D.59, subdivisions 2 and 2a, and striving for the world's  
41.30 best workforce. meeting state goals. The commissioner must implement evaluation timelines  
41.31 and measures consistent with the state plan. The commissioner may identify districts or  
41.32 school sites that do not provide information required for evaluation as failing to make  
41.33 sufficient progress toward meeting state goals. The commissioner may evaluate, designate,

42.1 and report on school districts and charter schools separately, consistent with the evaluation  
 42.2 process under the state plan.

42.3 (c) The commissioner must review the curricula of a sample of three to five identified  
 42.4 school sites to ensure the curricula are aligned with statewide reading and math standards  
 42.5 for grades 3, 5, and 8. The sample of school sites must be of varied size and geographic  
 42.6 distribution.

42.7 (d) The commissioner, in collaboration with the identified district, may require the  
 42.8 district to use up to two percent of its basic general education revenue per fiscal year during  
 42.9 the proximate three school years to implement ~~commissioner-specified~~ evidence-based  
 42.10 strategies and best practices, consistent with paragraph (a), to improve and accelerate its  
 42.11 progress in realizing its goals under this section. In implementing this section, the  
 42.12 commissioner must consider districts' budget constraints and legal obligations.

42.13 ~~(e)~~ (e) The commissioner shall must report by January 25 of each year to the committees  
 42.14 of the legislature having jurisdiction over kindergarten through grade 12 education the list  
 42.15 of school districts that have not submitted their report to the commissioner under subdivision  
 42.16 5 and the list of school districts ~~not achieving their performance goals established in their~~  
 42.17 ~~plan under subdivision 2~~ identified as not making sufficient progress toward meeting world's  
 42.18 best workforce goals under paragraph (b).

42.19 Sec. 11. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 120B.12, as amended by Laws 2017, First  
 42.20 Special Session chapter 5, article 2, sections 5, 6, and 7, is amended to read:

42.21 **120B.12 READING PROFICIENTLY NO LATER THAN THE END OF GRADE**  
 42.22 **3.**

42.23 Subdivision 1. **Literacy goal.** The legislature seeks to have every child reading at or  
 42.24 above grade level no later than the end of grade 3, including English learners, and that  
 42.25 teachers provide comprehensive, scientifically based reading instruction consistent with  
 42.26 section 122A.06, subdivision 4. To the extent practicable, a school district must direct its  
 42.27 literacy incentive aid received under section 124D.98 toward this goal consistent with its  
 42.28 local literacy plan adopted under this section.

42.29 Subd. 2. **Identification; report.** (a) Each school district ~~shall~~ must identify before the  
 42.30 end of kindergarten, grade 1, and grade 2 students who are not reading at grade level before  
 42.31 the end of the current school year and ~~shall~~ must identify students in grade 3 or higher who  
 42.32 demonstrate a reading difficulty to a classroom teacher. A school district must screen for  
 42.33 dyslexia:

43.1 (1) all students in kindergarten, grade 1, and grade 2 who are not reading at grade level;  
 43.2 and

43.3 (2) any student in grade 3 or higher who demonstrates a reading difficulty.

43.4 (b) Reading assessments in English, and in the predominant languages of district students  
 43.5 where practicable, must identify and evaluate students' areas of academic need related to  
 43.6 literacy. The district also must monitor the progress and provide reading instruction  
 43.7 appropriate to the specific needs of English learners. The district must use a locally adopted,  
 43.8 developmentally appropriate, and culturally responsive assessment and annually report  
 43.9 summary assessment results to the commissioner by July 1.

43.10 (c) The district ~~also~~ must annually report to the commissioner by July 1 a summary of  
 43.11 the district's efforts to screen and identify students with:

43.12 (1) dyslexia, using screening tools such as those recommended by the department's  
 43.13 dyslexia and literacy specialist; or

43.14 (2) convergence insufficiency disorder.

43.15 ~~(b)~~ (d) A student identified under this subdivision must be provided with alternate  
 43.16 instruction under section 125A.56, subdivision 1.

43.17 Subd. 2a. **Parent notification and involvement.** Schools, at least annually, must give  
 43.18 the parent of each student who is not reading at or above grade level timely information  
 43.19 about:

43.20 (1) the student's reading proficiency as measured by a locally adopted assessment;

43.21 (2) reading-related services currently being provided to the student and the student's  
 43.22 progress; and

43.23 (3) strategies for parents to use at home in helping their student succeed in becoming  
 43.24 grade-level proficient in reading in English and in their native language.

43.25 A district may not use this section to deny a student's right to a special education  
 43.26 evaluation.

43.27 Subd. 3. **Intervention.** (a) For each student identified under subdivision 2, the district  
 43.28 ~~shall~~ must provide reading intervention to accelerate student growth and reach the goal of  
 43.29 reading at or above grade level by the end of the current grade and school year. If a student  
 43.30 does not read at or above grade level by the end of grade 3, the district must continue to  
 43.31 provide reading intervention until the student reads at grade level. District intervention  
 43.32 methods shall encourage family engagement and, where possible, collaboration with

44.1 appropriate school and community programs. Intervention methods may include, but are  
44.2 not limited to, requiring attendance in summer school, intensified reading instruction that  
44.3 may require that the student be removed from the regular classroom for part of the school  
44.4 day, extended-day programs, or programs that strengthen students' cultural connections.

44.5 (b) A school district or charter school is strongly encouraged to provide a personal  
44.6 learning plan for a student who is unable to demonstrate grade-level proficiency, as measured  
44.7 by the statewide reading assessment in grade 3. The district or charter school must determine  
44.8 the format of the personal learning plan in collaboration with the student's educators and  
44.9 other appropriate professionals. The school must develop the learning plan in consultation  
44.10 with the student's parent or guardian. The personal learning plan must address knowledge  
44.11 gaps and skill deficiencies through strategies such as specific exercises and practices during  
44.12 and outside of the regular school day, periodic assessments, and reasonable timelines. The  
44.13 personal learning plan may include grade retention, if it is in the student's best interest. A  
44.14 school must maintain and regularly update and modify the personal learning plan until the  
44.15 student reads at grade level. This paragraph does not apply to a student under an  
44.16 individualized education program.

44.17 Subd. 4. **Staff development.** (a) Each district ~~shall~~ must use the data under subdivision  
44.18 2 to identify the staff development needs so that:

44.19 (1) elementary teachers are able to implement comprehensive, scientifically based reading  
44.20 and oral language instruction in the five reading areas of phonemic awareness, phonics,  
44.21 fluency, vocabulary, and comprehension as defined in section 122A.06, subdivision 4, and  
44.22 other literacy-related areas including writing until the student achieves grade-level reading  
44.23 proficiency;

44.24 (2) elementary teachers have sufficient training to provide comprehensive, scientifically  
44.25 based reading and oral language instruction that meets students' developmental, linguistic,  
44.26 and literacy needs using the intervention methods or programs selected by the district for  
44.27 the identified students;

44.28 (3) licensed teachers employed by the district have regular opportunities to improve  
44.29 reading and writing instruction, including screenings, intervention strategies, and  
44.30 accommodations for students showing characteristics associated with dyslexia;

44.31 (4) licensed teachers recognize students' diverse needs in cross-cultural settings and are  
44.32 able to serve the oral language and linguistic needs of students who are English learners by  
44.33 maximizing strengths in their native languages in order to cultivate students' English language

45.1 development, including oral academic language development, and build academic literacy;  
45.2 and

45.3 (5) licensed teachers are well trained in culturally responsive pedagogy that enables  
45.4 students to master content, develop skills to access content, and build relationships.

45.5 (b) A school district may use its literacy incentive aid under section 124D.98 for the  
45.6 staff development purposes of this subdivision.

45.7 Subd. 4a. **Local literacy plan.** (a) Consistent with this section, a school district must  
45.8 adopt a local literacy plan to have every child reading at or above grade level no later than  
45.9 the end of grade 3, including English learners. The plan must be consistent with section  
45.10 122A.06, subdivision 4, and include the following:

45.11 (1) a process to assess students' level of reading proficiency and data to support the  
45.12 effectiveness of an assessment used to screen and identify a student's level of reading  
45.13 proficiency;

45.14 (2) a process to notify and involve parents;

45.15 (3) a description of how schools in the district will determine the proper reading  
45.16 intervention strategy for a student and the process for intensifying or modifying the reading  
45.17 strategy in order to obtain measurable reading progress;

45.18 (4) evidence-based intervention methods for students who are not reading at or above  
45.19 grade level and progress monitoring to provide information on the effectiveness of the  
45.20 intervention; and

45.21 (5) identification of staff development needs, including a program to meet those needs.

45.22 (b) The district must post its literacy plan on the official school district Web site.

45.23 Subd. 5. **Commissioner.** The commissioner ~~shall~~ must recommend to districts multiple  
45.24 assessment tools to assist districts and teachers with identifying students under subdivision  
45.25 2. The commissioner ~~shall~~ must also make available examples of nationally recognized and  
45.26 research-based instructional methods or programs to districts to provide comprehensive,  
45.27 scientifically based reading instruction and intervention under this section.

45.28 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** Subdivision 2 is effective July 1, 2019. Subdivisions 1 and 3 to  
45.29 5 are effective for revenue for fiscal year 2019 and later.

46.1 Sec. 12. Minnesota Statutes 2017 Supplement, section 120B.122, subdivision 1, is amended  
46.2 to read:

46.3 Subdivision 1. **Purpose Duties.** (a) The department must employ a dyslexia specialist  
46.4 to provide technical assistance for dyslexia and related disorders and to serve as the primary  
46.5 source of information and support for schools in addressing the needs of students with  
46.6 dyslexia and related disorders.

46.7 (b) The dyslexia specialist ~~shall also~~ must act to increase professional awareness and  
46.8 instructional competencies to meet the educational needs of students with dyslexia or  
46.9 identified with risk characteristics associated with dyslexia and ~~shall~~ must develop  
46.10 implementation guidance and make recommendations to the commissioner consistent with  
46.11 section 122A.06, subdivision 4, to be used to assist general education teachers and special  
46.12 education teachers to recognize educational needs and to improve literacy outcomes for  
46.13 students with dyslexia or identified with risk characteristics associated with dyslexia,  
46.14 including recommendations related to increasing the availability of online and asynchronous  
46.15 professional development programs and materials.

46.16 (c) The dyslexia specialist must provide guidance to school districts and charter schools  
46.17 on how to:

46.18 (1) access tools to screen and identify students showing characteristics associated with  
46.19 dyslexia in accordance with section 120B.12, subdivision 2, paragraph (a);

46.20 (2) implement screening for characteristics associated with dyslexia in accordance with  
46.21 section 120B.12, subdivision 2, paragraph (a), and in coordination with other early childhood  
46.22 screenings; and

46.23 (3) participate in professional development opportunities on intervention strategies and  
46.24 accommodations for students with dyslexia or characteristics associated with dyslexia.

46.25 Sec. 13. Minnesota Statutes 2017 Supplement, section 120B.125, is amended to read:

46.26 **120B.125 PLANNING FOR STUDENTS' SUCCESSFUL TRANSITION TO**  
46.27 **POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION AND EMPLOYMENT; PERSONAL LEARNING**  
46.28 **PLANS.**

46.29 (a) Consistent with sections 120B.13, 120B.131, 120B.132, 120B.14, 120B.15, 120B.30,  
46.30 subdivision 1, paragraph (c), 125A.08, and other related sections, school districts, beginning  
46.31 in the 2013-2014 school year, must assist all students by no later than grade 9 to explore  
46.32 their educational, college, and career interests, aptitudes, and aspirations and develop a plan

47.1 for a smooth and successful transition to postsecondary education or employment. All  
47.2 students' plans must:

47.3 (1) provide a comprehensive plan to prepare for and complete a career and college ready  
47.4 curriculum by meeting state and local academic standards and developing career and  
47.5 employment-related skills such as team work, collaboration, creativity, communication,  
47.6 critical thinking, and good work habits;

47.7 (2) emphasize academic rigor and high expectations and inform the student, and the  
47.8 student's parent or guardian if the student is a minor, of the student's achievement level  
47.9 score on the Minnesota Comprehensive Assessments that are administered during high  
47.10 school;

47.11 (3) help students identify interests, aptitudes, aspirations, and personal learning styles  
47.12 that may affect their career and college ready goals and postsecondary education and  
47.13 employment choices;

47.14 (4) set appropriate career and college ready goals with timelines that identify effective  
47.15 means for achieving those goals;

47.16 (5) help students access education and career options, including armed forces career  
47.17 options;

47.18 (6) integrate strong academic content into career-focused courses and applied and  
47.19 experiential learning opportunities and integrate relevant career-focused courses and applied  
47.20 and experiential learning opportunities into strong academic content;

47.21 (7) help identify and access appropriate counseling and other supports and assistance  
47.22 that enable students to complete required coursework, prepare for postsecondary education  
47.23 and careers, and obtain information about postsecondary education costs and eligibility for  
47.24 financial aid and scholarship;

47.25 (8) help identify collaborative partnerships among prekindergarten through grade 12  
47.26 schools, postsecondary institutions, economic development agencies, and local and regional  
47.27 employers that support students' transition to postsecondary education and employment and  
47.28 provide students with applied and experiential learning opportunities; and

47.29 (9) be reviewed and revised at least annually by the student, the student's parent or  
47.30 guardian, and the school or district to ensure that the student's course-taking schedule keeps  
47.31 the student making adequate progress to meet state and local academic standards and high  
47.32 school graduation requirements and with a reasonable chance to succeed with employment  
47.33 or postsecondary education without the need to first complete remedial course work.

48.1 (b) A school district may develop grade-level curricula or provide instruction that  
48.2 introduces students to various careers, but must not require any curriculum, instruction, or  
48.3 employment-related activity that obligates an elementary or secondary student to involuntarily  
48.4 select or pursue a career, career interest, employment goals, or related job training.

48.5 (c) Educators must possess the knowledge and skills to effectively teach all English  
48.6 learners in their classrooms. School districts must provide appropriate curriculum, targeted  
48.7 materials, professional development opportunities for educators, and sufficient resources  
48.8 to enable English learners to become career and college ready.

48.9 (d) When assisting students in developing a plan for a smooth and successful transition  
48.10 to postsecondary education and employment, districts must recognize the unique possibilities  
48.11 of each student and ensure that the contents of each student's plan reflect the student's unique  
48.12 talents, skills, and abilities as the student grows, develops, and learns.

48.13 (e) If a student with a disability has an individualized education program (IEP) or  
48.14 standardized written plan that meets the plan components of this section, the IEP satisfies  
48.15 the requirement and no additional transition plan is needed.

48.16 (f) Students who do not meet or exceed Minnesota academic standards, as measured by  
48.17 the Minnesota Comprehensive Assessments that are administered during high school, shall  
48.18 be informed that admission to a public school is free and available to any resident under 21  
48.19 years of age or who meets the requirements of section 120A.20, subdivision 1, paragraph

48.20 (c). A student's plan under this section shall continue while the student is enrolled.

48.21 (g) A school district must provide military recruiters and representatives of organizations  
48.22 promoting careers in the skilled trades and manufacturing the same access to secondary  
48.23 school students as the district provides to institutions of higher education or to prospective  
48.24 employers of students.

48.25 (h) School districts are encouraged to sponsor an armed forces career opportunity day  
48.26 each school year prior to the third Thursday of November. A school district that sponsors  
48.27 an armed forces career opportunity day must extend invitations to recruiters from each  
48.28 branch of the United States armed forces and allow the recruiters to make presentations to  
48.29 all interested secondary school students.

48.30 Sec. 14. [120B.215] SUBSTANCE MISUSE PREVENTION.

48.31 (a) This section may be cited as "Jake's Law."

48.32 (b) School districts and charter schools are encouraged to provide substance misuse  
48.33 prevention instruction for students in grades 5 through 12 integrated into existing programs,

49.1 curriculum, or the general school environment of a district or charter school. The  
 49.2 commissioner of education, in consultation with the director of the Alcohol and Other Drug  
 49.3 Abuse Section under section 254A.03 and substance misuse prevention and treatment  
 49.4 organizations, must, upon request, provide districts and charter schools with:

49.5 (1) information regarding substance misuse prevention services; and  
 49.6 (2) assistance in using Minnesota student survey results to inform prevention programs.

49.7 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 1, 2018.

49.8 Sec. 15. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 120B.299, subdivision 10, is amended to read:

49.9 Subd. 10. **Proficiency.** "Proficiency" for purposes of reporting growth on school  
 49.10 performance report cards under section 120B.36, subdivision 1, means those students who,  
 49.11 in the previous school year, scored at or above "meets standards" on the statewide  
 49.12 assessments under section 120B.30. ~~Each year, school performance report cards must~~  
 49.13 ~~separately display: (1) the numbers and percentages of students who achieved low growth,~~  
 49.14 ~~medium growth, and high growth and achieved proficiency in the previous school year; and~~  
 49.15 ~~(2) the numbers and percentages of students who achieved low growth, medium growth,~~  
 49.16 ~~and high growth and did not achieve proficiency in the previous school year.~~

49.17 Sec. 16. Minnesota Statutes 2017 Supplement, section 120B.30, subdivision 1, is amended  
 49.18 to read:

49.19 Subdivision 1. **Statewide testing.** (a) The commissioner, with advice from experts with  
 49.20 appropriate technical qualifications and experience and stakeholders, consistent with  
 49.21 subdivision 1a, ~~shall~~ must include in the comprehensive assessment system, for each grade  
 49.22 level to be tested, state-constructed tests developed as computer-adaptive reading and  
 49.23 mathematics assessments for students that are aligned with the state's required academic  
 49.24 standards under section 120B.021, include multiple choice questions, and are administered  
 49.25 annually to all students in grades 3 through 8. State-developed high school tests aligned  
 49.26 with the state's required academic standards under section 120B.021 and administered to  
 49.27 all high school students in a subject other than writing must include multiple choice questions.  
 49.28 The commissioner ~~shall~~ must establish ~~one or more months during which schools shall~~  
 49.29 ~~administer the tests to students~~ a testing period as late as possible each school year during  
 49.30 which schools must administer the Minnesota Comprehensive Assessments to students. The  
 49.31 commissioner must publish the testing schedule at least two years before the beginning of  
 49.32 the testing period except for a year in which revised standards are implemented.

50.1 ~~(1) Students enrolled in grade 8 through the 2009-2010 school year are eligible to be~~  
50.2 ~~assessed under (i) the graduation required assessment for diploma in reading, mathematics,~~  
50.3 ~~or writing under Minnesota Statutes 2012, section 120B.30, subdivision 1, paragraphs (e),~~  
50.4 ~~clauses (1) and (2), and (d), (ii) the WorkKeys job skills assessment, (iii) the Compass~~  
50.5 ~~college placement test, (iv) the ACT assessment for college admission, (v) a nationally~~  
50.6 ~~recognized armed services vocational aptitude test.~~

50.7 ~~(2) Students enrolled in grade 8 in the 2010-2011 or 2011-2012 school year are eligible~~  
50.8 ~~to be assessed under (i) the graduation required assessment for diploma in reading,~~  
50.9 ~~mathematics, or writing under Minnesota Statutes 2012, section 120B.30, subdivision 1,~~  
50.10 ~~paragraph (e), clauses (1) and (2), (ii) the WorkKeys job skills assessment, (iii) the Compass~~  
50.11 ~~college placement test, (iv) the ACT assessment for college admission, (v) a nationally~~  
50.12 ~~recognized armed services vocational aptitude test.~~

50.13 ~~(3) For students under clause (1) or (2), a school district may substitute a score from an~~  
50.14 ~~alternative, equivalent assessment to satisfy the requirements of this paragraph.~~

50.15 (b) The state assessment system must be aligned to the most recent revision of academic  
50.16 standards as described in section 120B.023 in the following manner:

50.17 (1) mathematics;

50.18 (i) grades 3 through 8 beginning in the 2010-2011 school year; and

50.19 (ii) high school level beginning in the 2013-2014 school year;

50.20 (2) science; grades 5 and 8 and at the high school level beginning in the 2011-2012  
50.21 school year; and

50.22 (3) language arts and reading; grades 3 through 8 and high school level beginning in the  
50.23 2012-2013 school year.

50.24 (c) For students enrolled in grade 8 in the 2012-2013 school year and later, students'  
50.25 state graduation requirements, based on a longitudinal, systematic approach to student  
50.26 education and career planning, assessment, instructional support, and evaluation, include  
50.27 the following:

50.28 (1) achievement and career and college readiness in mathematics, reading, and writing,  
50.29 consistent with paragraph (k) and to the extent available, to monitor students' continuous  
50.30 development of and growth in requisite knowledge and skills; analyze students' progress  
50.31 and performance levels, identifying students' academic strengths and diagnosing areas where  
50.32 students require curriculum or instructional adjustments, targeted interventions, or  
50.33 remediation; and, based on analysis of students' progress and performance data, determine

51.1 students' learning and instructional needs and the instructional tools and best practices that  
51.2 support academic rigor for the student; and

51.3 (2) consistent with this paragraph and section 120B.125, age-appropriate exploration  
51.4 and planning activities and career assessments to encourage students to identify personally  
51.5 relevant career interests and aptitudes and help students and their families develop a regularly  
51.6 reexamined transition plan for postsecondary education or employment without need for  
51.7 postsecondary remediation.

51.8 Based on appropriate state guidelines, students with an individualized education program  
51.9 may satisfy state graduation requirements by achieving an individual score on the  
51.10 state-identified alternative assessments.

51.11 (d) Expectations of schools, districts, and the state for career or college readiness under  
51.12 this subdivision must be comparable in rigor, clarity of purpose, and rates of student  
51.13 completion.

51.14 A student under paragraph (c), clause (1), must receive targeted, relevant, academically  
51.15 rigorous, and resourced instruction, which may include a targeted instruction and intervention  
51.16 plan focused on improving the student's knowledge and skills in core subjects so that the  
51.17 student has a reasonable chance to succeed in a career or college without need for  
51.18 postsecondary remediation. Consistent with sections 120B.13, 124D.09, 124D.091, 124D.49,  
51.19 and related sections, an enrolling school or district must actively encourage a student in  
51.20 grade 11 or 12 who is identified as academically ready for a career or college to participate  
51.21 in courses and programs awarding college credit to high school students. Students are not  
51.22 required to achieve a specified score or level of proficiency on an assessment under this  
51.23 subdivision to graduate from high school.

51.24 (e) Though not a high school graduation requirement, students are encouraged to  
51.25 participate in a nationally recognized college entrance exam. To the extent state funding  
51.26 for college entrance exam fees is available, a district must pay the cost, one time, for an  
51.27 interested student in grade 11 or 12 who is eligible for a free or reduced-price meal, to take  
51.28 a nationally recognized college entrance exam before graduating. A student must be able  
51.29 to take the exam under this paragraph at the student's high school during the school day and  
51.30 at any one of the multiple exam administrations available to students in the district. A district  
51.31 may administer the ACT or SAT or both the ACT and SAT to comply with this paragraph.  
51.32 If the district administers only one of these two tests and a free or reduced-price meal eligible  
51.33 student opts not to take that test and chooses instead to take the other of the two tests, the  
51.34 student may take the other test at a different time or location and remains eligible for the

52.1 examination fee reimbursement. Notwithstanding sections 123B.34 to 123B.39, a school  
52.2 district may require a student that is not eligible for a free or reduced-price meal to pay the  
52.3 cost of taking a nationally recognized college entrance exam. The district must waive the  
52.4 cost for a student unable to pay.

52.5 (f) The commissioner and the chancellor of the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities  
52.6 must collaborate in aligning instruction and assessments for adult basic education students  
52.7 and English learners to provide the students with diagnostic information about any targeted  
52.8 interventions, accommodations, modifications, and supports they need so that assessments  
52.9 and other performance measures are accessible to them and they may seek postsecondary  
52.10 education or employment without need for postsecondary remediation. When administering  
52.11 formative or summative assessments used to measure the academic progress, including the  
52.12 oral academic development, of English learners and inform their instruction, schools must  
52.13 ensure that the assessments are accessible to the students and students have the modifications  
52.14 and supports they need to sufficiently understand the assessments.

52.15 (g) Districts and schools, on an annual basis, must use career exploration elements to  
52.16 help students, beginning no later than grade 9, and their families explore and plan for  
52.17 postsecondary education or careers based on the students' interests, aptitudes, and aspirations.  
52.18 Districts and schools must use timely regional labor market information and partnerships,  
52.19 among other resources, to help students and their families successfully develop, pursue,  
52.20 review, and revise an individualized plan for postsecondary education or a career. This  
52.21 process must help increase students' engagement in and connection to school, improve  
52.22 students' knowledge and skills, and deepen students' understanding of career pathways as  
52.23 a sequence of academic and career courses that lead to an industry-recognized credential,  
52.24 an associate's degree, or a bachelor's degree and are available to all students, whatever their  
52.25 interests and career goals.

52.26 (h) A student who demonstrates attainment of required state academic standards, which  
52.27 include career and college readiness benchmarks, on high school assessments under  
52.28 subdivision 1a is academically ready for a career or college and is encouraged to participate  
52.29 in courses awarding college credit to high school students. Such courses and programs may  
52.30 include sequential courses of study within broad career areas and technical skill assessments  
52.31 that extend beyond course grades.

52.32 (i) As appropriate, students through grade 12 must continue to participate in targeted  
52.33 instruction, intervention, or remediation and be encouraged to participate in courses awarding  
52.34 college credit to high school students.

53.1 (j) In developing, supporting, and improving students' academic readiness for a career  
53.2 or college, schools, districts, and the state must have a continuum of empirically derived,  
53.3 clearly defined benchmarks focused on students' attainment of knowledge and skills so that  
53.4 students, their parents, and teachers know how well students must perform to have a  
53.5 reasonable chance to succeed in a career or college without need for postsecondary  
53.6 remediation. The commissioner, in consultation with local school officials and educators,  
53.7 and Minnesota's public postsecondary institutions must ensure that the foundational  
53.8 knowledge and skills for students' successful performance in postsecondary employment  
53.9 or education and an articulated series of possible targeted interventions are clearly identified  
53.10 and satisfy Minnesota's postsecondary admissions requirements.

53.11 (k) For students in grade 8 in the 2012-2013 school year and later, a school, district, or  
53.12 charter school must record on the high school transcript a student's progress toward career  
53.13 and college readiness, and for other students as soon as practicable.

53.14 (l) The school board granting students their diplomas may formally decide to include a  
53.15 notation of high achievement on the high school diplomas of those graduating seniors who,  
53.16 according to established school board criteria, demonstrate exemplary academic achievement  
53.17 during high school.

53.18 (m) The 3rd through 8th grade computer-adaptive assessment results and high school  
53.19 test results shall be available to districts for diagnostic purposes affecting student learning  
53.20 and district instruction and curriculum, and for establishing educational accountability. ~~The~~  
53.21 ~~commissioner must establish empirically derived benchmarks on adaptive assessments in~~  
53.22 ~~grades 3 through 8.~~ The commissioner, in consultation with the chancellor of the Minnesota  
53.23 State Colleges and Universities, must establish empirically derived benchmarks on the high  
53.24 school tests that reveal a trajectory toward career and college readiness consistent with  
53.25 section 136F.302, subdivision 1a. The commissioner must disseminate to the public the  
53.26 computer-adaptive assessments and high school test results upon receiving those results.

53.27 (n) The grades 3 through 8 computer-adaptive assessments and high school tests must  
53.28 be aligned with state academic standards. The commissioner ~~shall~~ must determine the testing  
53.29 process and the order of administration. The statewide results ~~shall~~ must be aggregated at  
53.30 the site and district level, consistent with subdivision 1a.

53.31 (o) The commissioner ~~shall~~ must include the following components in the statewide  
53.32 public reporting system:

54.1 (1) uniform statewide computer-adaptive assessments of all students in grades 3 through  
54.2 8 and testing at the high school levels that provides appropriate, technically sound  
54.3 accommodations or alternate assessments;

54.4 (2) educational indicators that can be aggregated and compared across school districts  
54.5 and across time on a statewide basis, including average daily attendance, high school  
54.6 graduation rates, and high school drop-out rates by age and grade level;

54.7 (3) state results on the American College Test; and

54.8 (4) state results from participation in the National Assessment of Educational Progress  
54.9 so that the state can benchmark its performance against the nation and other states, and,  
54.10 where possible, against other countries, and contribute to the national effort to monitor  
54.11 achievement.

54.12 (p) For purposes of statewide accountability, "career and college ready" means a high  
54.13 school graduate has the knowledge, skills, and competencies to successfully pursue a career  
54.14 pathway, including postsecondary credit leading to a degree, diploma, certificate, or  
54.15 industry-recognized credential and employment. Students who are career and college ready  
54.16 are able to successfully complete credit-bearing coursework at a two- or four-year college  
54.17 or university or other credit-bearing postsecondary program without need for remediation.

54.18 (q) For purposes of statewide accountability, "cultural competence," "cultural  
54.19 competency," or "culturally competent" means the ability of families and educators to  
54.20 interact effectively with people of different cultures, native languages, and socioeconomic  
54.21 backgrounds.

54.22 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective for testing calendars in the 2020-2021  
54.23 school year and later.

54.24 Sec. 17. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 120B.30, subdivision 1a, is amended to read:

54.25 Subd. 1a. **Statewide and local assessments; results.** ~~(a) For purposes of this section,~~  
54.26 ~~the following definitions have the meanings given them.~~

54.27 ~~(1) "Computer-adaptive assessments" means fully adaptive assessments.~~

54.28 ~~(2) "Fully adaptive assessments" include test items that are on-grade level and items that~~  
54.29 ~~may be above or below a student's grade level.~~

54.30 ~~(3) "On-grade level" test items contain subject area content that is aligned to state~~  
54.31 ~~academic standards for the grade level of the student taking the assessment.~~

55.1 ~~(4) "Above-grade level" test items contain subject area content that is above the grade~~  
55.2 ~~level of the student taking the assessment and is considered aligned with state academic~~  
55.3 ~~standards to the extent it is aligned with content represented in state academic standards~~  
55.4 ~~above the grade level of the student taking the assessment. Notwithstanding the student's~~  
55.5 ~~grade level, administering above-grade level test items to a student does not violate the~~  
55.6 ~~requirement that state assessments must be aligned with state standards.~~

55.7 ~~(5) "Below-grade level" test items contain subject area content that is below the grade~~  
55.8 ~~level of the student taking the test and is considered aligned with state academic standards~~  
55.9 ~~to the extent it is aligned with content represented in state academic standards below the~~  
55.10 ~~student's current grade level. Notwithstanding the student's grade level, administering~~  
55.11 ~~below-grade level test items to a student does not violate the requirement that state~~  
55.12 ~~assessments must be aligned with state standards.~~

55.13 ~~(b) The commissioner must use fully adaptive mathematics and reading assessments for~~  
55.14 ~~grades 3 through 8.~~

55.15 ~~(e)~~ (a) For purposes of conforming with existing federal educational accountability  
55.16 requirements, the commissioner must develop and implement computer-adaptive reading  
55.17 and mathematics assessments for grades 3 through 8, state-developed high school reading  
55.18 and mathematics tests aligned with state academic standards, a high school writing test  
55.19 aligned with state standards when it becomes available, and science assessments under  
55.20 clause (2) that districts and sites must use to monitor student growth toward achieving those  
55.21 standards. The commissioner must not develop statewide assessments for academic standards  
55.22 in social studies, health and physical education, and the arts. The commissioner must require:

55.23 (1) annual computer-adaptive reading and mathematics assessments in grades 3 through  
55.24 8, and high school reading, writing, and mathematics tests; and

55.25 (2) annual science assessments in one grade in the grades 3 through 5 span, the grades  
55.26 6 through 8 span, and a life sciences assessment in the grades 9 through 12 span, and the  
55.27 commissioner must not require students to achieve a passing score on high school science  
55.28 assessments as a condition of receiving a high school diploma.

55.29 ~~(d)~~ (b) The commissioner must ensure that for annual computer-adaptive assessments:

55.30 (1) individual student performance data and achievement reports are available to school  
55.31 districts and teachers within three school days of when students take an assessment except  
55.32 in a year when an assessment reflects new performance standards;

56.1 (2) growth information is available for each student from the student's first assessment  
56.2 to each proximate assessment using a constant measurement scale;

56.3 (3) parents, teachers, and school administrators are able to use elementary and middle  
56.4 school student performance data to project students' secondary and postsecondary  
56.5 achievement; and

56.6 (4) useful diagnostic information about areas of students' academic strengths and  
56.7 weaknesses is available to teachers and school administrators for improving student  
56.8 instruction and indicating the specific skills and concepts that should be introduced and  
56.9 developed for students at given performance levels, organized by strands within subject  
56.10 areas, and aligned to state academic standards.

56.11 ~~(e)~~ (c) The commissioner must ensure that all state tests administered to elementary and  
56.12 secondary students measure students' academic knowledge and skills and not students'  
56.13 values, attitudes, and beliefs.

56.14 ~~(f)~~ (d) Reporting of state assessment results must:

56.15 (1) provide timely, useful, and understandable information on the performance of  
56.16 individual students, schools, school districts, and the state;

56.17 (2) include a growth indicator of student achievement; and

56.18 (3) determine whether students have met the state's academic standards.

56.19 ~~(g)~~ (e) Consistent with applicable federal law, the commissioner must include appropriate,  
56.20 technically sound accommodations or alternative assessments for the very few students with  
56.21 disabilities for whom statewide assessments are inappropriate and for English learners.

56.22 ~~(h)~~ (f) A school, school district, and charter school must administer statewide assessments  
56.23 under this section, as the assessments become available, to evaluate student progress toward  
56.24 career and college readiness in the context of the state's academic standards. A school,  
56.25 school district, or charter school may use a student's performance on a statewide assessment  
56.26 as one of multiple criteria to determine grade promotion or retention. A school, school  
56.27 district, or charter school may use a high school student's performance on a statewide  
56.28 assessment as a percentage of the student's final grade in a course, or place a student's  
56.29 assessment score on the student's transcript.

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

57.1 Sec. 18. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 120B.30, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

57.2 Subd. 3. **Reporting.** (a) The commissioner ~~shall~~ must report test results publicly and to  
57.3 stakeholders, including the performance achievement levels developed from students'  
57.4 unweighted test scores in each tested subject and a listing of demographic factors that  
57.5 strongly correlate with student performance, including student homelessness, as data are  
57.6 available, among other factors. The test results must not include personally identifiable  
57.7 information as defined in Code of Federal Regulations, title 34, section 99.3. The  
57.8 commissioner ~~shall~~ must also report data that compares performance results among school  
57.9 sites, school districts, Minnesota and other states, and Minnesota and other nations.

57.10 (b) The commissioner ~~shall~~ must disseminate to schools and school districts a more  
57.11 comprehensive report containing testing information that meets local needs for evaluating  
57.12 instruction and curriculum. The commissioner ~~shall~~ must disseminate to charter school  
57.13 authorizers a more comprehensive report containing testing information that contains  
57.14 anonymized data where cell count data are sufficient to protect student identity and that  
57.15 meets the authorizer's needs in fulfilling its obligations under chapter 124E.

57.16 (c) A school district must disseminate the individual student performance data and  
57.17 achievement report required under section 120B.30, subdivision 1a, paragraph (d), clause  
57.18 (1), to the parent and teacher of each student no more than 30 days after the district has  
57.19 administered the test to a student. The district must notify the parent and teacher that the  
57.20 data and report are preliminary and subject to validation.

57.21 (d) A school district must disseminate a testing report to the teacher and to the parent  
57.22 of each student before the beginning of the following school year. The testing report must:

57.23 (1) identify the student's achievement level in each content area; and

57.24 (2) track the student's performance history.

57.25 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** Paragraphs (a), (b), and (c) are effective for the 2018-2019 school  
57.26 year and later. Paragraph (d) is effective for the 2019-2020 school year and later.

57.27 Sec. 19. Minnesota Statutes 2017 Supplement, section 120B.35, subdivision 3, is amended  
57.28 to read:

57.29 Subd. 3. **State growth target; other state measures.** (a)(1) The state's educational  
57.30 assessment system measuring individual students' educational growth is based on indicators  
57.31 of achievement growth that show an individual student's prior achievement. Indicators of  
57.32 achievement and prior achievement must be based on highly reliable statewide ~~or districtwide~~  
57.33 assessments.

58.1 (2) For purposes of paragraphs (b), (c), and (d), the commissioner must analyze and  
58.2 report separate categories of information using the student categories identified under the  
58.3 federal Elementary and Secondary Education Act, as most recently reauthorized, and, in  
58.4 addition to "other" for each race and ethnicity, and the Karen community, seven of the most  
58.5 populous Asian and Pacific Islander groups, three of the most populous Native groups,  
58.6 seven of the most populous Hispanic/Latino groups, and five of the most populous Black  
58.7 and African Heritage groups as determined by the total Minnesota population based on the  
58.8 most recent American Community Survey; English learners under section 124D.59; home  
58.9 language; free or reduced-price lunch; and all students enrolled in a Minnesota public school  
58.10 who are currently or were previously in foster care, except that such disaggregation and  
58.11 cross tabulation is not required if the number of students in a category is insufficient to yield  
58.12 statistically reliable information or the results would reveal personally identifiable information  
58.13 about an individual student.

58.14 (b) ~~The commissioner, in consultation with a stakeholder group that includes assessment~~  
58.15 ~~and evaluation directors, district staff, experts in culturally responsive teaching, and~~  
58.16 ~~researchers, must implement a model that uses a value-added growth indicator and includes~~  
58.17 ~~criteria for identifying schools and school districts that demonstrate medium and high growth~~  
58.18 ~~under section 120B.299, subdivisions 8 and 9, and may recommend other value-added~~  
58.19 ~~measures under section 120B.299, subdivision 3. The model may be used to advance~~  
58.20 ~~educators' professional development and replicate programs that succeed in meeting students'~~  
58.21 ~~diverse learning needs. Data on individual teachers generated under the model are personnel~~  
58.22 ~~data under section 13.43. The model must allow users to:~~

58.23 (1) report student the academic growth consistent with this paragraph rates, as defined  
58.24 in the state plan; and

58.25 (2) for all student categories, report and compare aggregated and disaggregated state  
58.26 student growth and, under section 120B.11, subdivision 2, clause (2), student learning and  
58.27 outcome data using the student categories identified under the federal Elementary and  
58.28 Secondary Education Act, as most recently reauthorized, and other student categories under  
58.29 paragraph (a), clause (2).

58.30 The commissioner must report measures of student growth and, under section 120B.11,  
58.31 subdivision 2, clause (2), student learning and outcome data, consistent with this paragraph,  
58.32 including the English language development, academic progress, and oral academic  
58.33 development of English learners and their native language development if the native language  
58.34 is used as a language of instruction, and include data on all pupils enrolled in a Minnesota

59.1 public school course or program who are currently or were previously counted as an English  
59.2 learner under section 124D.59.

59.3 (c) When reporting student performance under section 120B.36, subdivision 1, the  
59.4 commissioner annually, beginning July 1, 2011, must report two core measures indicating  
59.5 the extent to which current high school graduates are being prepared for postsecondary  
59.6 academic and career opportunities:

59.7 (1) a preparation measure indicating the number and percentage of high school graduates  
59.8 in the most recent school year who completed course work important to preparing them for  
59.9 postsecondary academic and career opportunities, consistent with the core academic subjects  
59.10 required for admission to Minnesota's public colleges and universities as determined by the  
59.11 Office of Higher Education under chapter 136A; and

59.12 (2) a rigorous coursework measure indicating the number and percentage of high school  
59.13 graduates in the most recent school year who successfully completed one or more  
59.14 college-level advanced placement, international baccalaureate, postsecondary enrollment  
59.15 options including concurrent enrollment, other rigorous courses of study under section  
59.16 120B.021, subdivision 1a, or industry certification courses or programs.

59.17 When reporting the core measures under clauses (1) and (2), the commissioner must also  
59.18 analyze and report separate categories of information using the student categories identified  
59.19 under the federal Elementary and Secondary Education Act, as most recently reauthorized,  
59.20 and other student categories under paragraph (a), clause (2).

59.21 (d) When reporting student performance under section 120B.36, subdivision 1, the  
59.22 commissioner annually, beginning July 1, 2014, must report summary data on school safety  
59.23 and students' engagement and connection at school, consistent with the student categories  
59.24 identified under paragraph (a), clause (2). The summary data under this paragraph are  
59.25 separate from and must not be used for any purpose related to measuring or evaluating the  
59.26 performance of classroom teachers. The commissioner, in consultation with qualified experts  
59.27 on student engagement and connection and classroom teachers, must identify highly reliable  
59.28 variables that generate summary data under this paragraph. The summary data may be used  
59.29 at school, district, and state levels only. Any data on individuals received, collected, or  
59.30 created that are used to generate the summary data under this paragraph are nonpublic data  
59.31 under section 13.02, subdivision 9.

59.32 (e) For purposes of statewide educational accountability, the commissioner must identify  
59.33 and report measures that demonstrate the success of learning year program providers under  
59.34 sections 123A.05 and 124D.68, among other such providers, in improving students'

60.1 graduation outcomes. The commissioner, beginning July 1, 2015, must annually report  
60.2 summary data on:

60.3 (1) the four- and six-year graduation rates of students under this paragraph;

60.4 (2) the percent of students under this paragraph whose progress and performance levels  
60.5 are meeting career and college readiness benchmarks under section 120B.30, subdivision  
60.6 1; and

60.7 (3) the success that learning year program providers experience in:

60.8 (i) identifying at-risk and off-track student populations by grade;

60.9 (ii) providing successful prevention and intervention strategies for at-risk students;

60.10 (iii) providing successful recuperative and recovery or reenrollment strategies for off-track  
60.11 students; and

60.12 (iv) improving the graduation outcomes of at-risk and off-track students.

60.13 The commissioner may include in the annual report summary data on other education  
60.14 providers serving a majority of students eligible to participate in a learning year program.

60.15 (f) The commissioner, in consultation with recognized experts with knowledge and  
60.16 experience in assessing the language proficiency and academic performance of all English  
60.17 learners enrolled in a Minnesota public school course or program who are currently or were  
60.18 previously counted as an English learner under section 124D.59, must identify and report  
60.19 appropriate and effective measures to improve current categories of language difficulty and  
60.20 assessments, and monitor and report data on students' English proficiency levels, program  
60.21 placement, and academic language development, including oral academic language.

60.22 (g) When reporting ~~four- and six-year~~ graduation rates, the commissioner or school  
60.23 district must disaggregate the data by student categories according to paragraph (a), clause  
60.24 (2).

60.25 (h) A school district must inform parents and guardians that volunteering information  
60.26 on student categories not required by the most recent reauthorization of the Elementary and  
60.27 Secondary Education Act is optional and will not violate the privacy of students or their  
60.28 families, parents, or guardians. The notice must state the purpose for collecting the student  
60.29 data.

61.1 Sec. 20. [120B.355] ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT RATING SYSTEM.

61.2 Subdivision 1. Rating system. (a) The commissioner of education must develop an  
 61.3 academic achievement rating system consistent with this section to provide parents and  
 61.4 students with a brief overview of student performance and growth in districts, school sites,  
 61.5 and charter schools across the state.

61.6 (b) Each district, school site, and charter school must be assigned a summative rating  
 61.7 based on a score on a scale of zero to 100.

61.8 (c) The summative rating must be based on the accountability indicators used in the state  
 61.9 plan to identify schools for support and improvement. "State plan" as used in this section  
 61.10 means the plan submitted by the commissioner in accordance with the Elementary and  
 61.11 Secondary Education Act, as most recently authorized, and approved by the United States  
 61.12 Department of Education, including state goals.

61.13 (d) The summative rating and score of each district, school site, and charter school must  
 61.14 be reported on the Department of Education's Web site as part of the commissioner's school  
 61.15 performance reports pursuant to section 120B.36 by September 1, 2020, and annually  
 61.16 thereafter.

61.17 (e) The commissioner must examine how revisions to statewide assessments under  
 61.18 section 120B.30 impact school and district ratings under this section. The commissioner  
 61.19 may adjust district, school site, and charter school ratings accordingly to maintain consistency  
 61.20 in reporting.

61.21 Subd. 2. Report. The commissioner must report on progress toward developing the  
 61.22 rating system required under subdivision 1 to the chairs and ranking minority members of  
 61.23 the legislative committees with jurisdiction over kindergarten through grade 12 education  
 61.24 in accordance with section 3.195 no later than February 1, 2020.

61.25 Sec. 21. Minnesota Statutes 2017 Supplement, section 120B.36, subdivision 1, is amended  
 61.26 to read:

61.27 Subdivision 1. **School performance reports and public reporting.** (a) The commissioner  
 61.28 ~~shall~~ must report:

61.29 (1) student academic performance data under section 120B.35, subdivisions 2 and 3;

61.30 (2) district, school site, and charter school ratings under section 120B.355;

61.31 (3) the percentages of students showing low, medium, and high academic growth rates  
 61.32 under section 120B.35, subdivision 3, paragraph (b) the state plan;

- 62.1 (4) school safety and student engagement and connection under section 120B.35,  
62.2 subdivision 3, paragraph (d);
- 62.3 (5) rigorous coursework under section 120B.35, subdivision 3, paragraph (c);
- 62.4 (6) the percentage of students under section 120B.35, subdivision 3, paragraph (b), clause  
62.5 (2), whose progress and performance levels are meeting career and college readiness  
62.6 benchmarks under sections 120B.30, subdivision 1, and 120B.35, subdivision 3, paragraph  
62.7 (e);
- 62.8 (7) longitudinal data on the progress of eligible districts in reducing disparities in students'  
62.9 academic achievement and realizing racial and economic integration under section 124D.861;
- 62.10 (8) the acquisition of English, and where practicable, native language academic literacy,  
62.11 including oral academic language, and the academic progress of all English learners enrolled  
62.12 in a Minnesota public school course or program who are currently or were previously counted  
62.13 as English learners under section 124D.59;
- 62.14 (9) the percentage of students who graduated in the previous school year and correctly  
62.15 answered at least 30 of 50 civics test questions in accordance with section 120B.02,  
62.16 subdivision 3;
- 62.17 (10) two separate student-to-teacher ratios that clearly indicate the definition of teacher  
62.18 consistent with sections 122A.06 and 122A.15 for purposes of determining these ratios;
- 62.19 (11) staff characteristics excluding salaries;
- 62.20 (12) student enrollment demographics;
- 62.21 (13) foster care status, including all students enrolled in a Minnesota public school course  
62.22 or program who are currently or were previously in foster care, student homelessness, and  
62.23 district mobility; and
- 62.24 (14) extracurricular activities.
- 62.25 (b) The school performance report for a ~~school site and a school~~ district, school site, or  
62.26 charter school must include:
- 62.27 (1) school performance reporting information ~~and calculate proficiency,~~ including a  
62.28 prominent display of both the district's, school site's, or charter school's summative rating  
62.29 and score assigned by the commissioner under section 120B.355;
- 62.30 (2) academic achievement rates as required by the ~~most recently reauthorized Elementary~~  
62.31 and Secondary Education Act. state plan as defined under section 120B.355; and

63.1 (3) progress toward statewide goals under the state plan as defined under section  
 63.2 120B.355.

63.3 (c) The commissioner ~~shall~~ must develop, annually update, and post on the department  
 63.4 Web site school performance reports consistent with paragraph (a) and section 120B.11.

63.5 (d) The commissioner must make available performance reports by the beginning of  
 63.6 each school year.

63.7 (e) A school or district may appeal its results in a form and manner determined by the  
 63.8 commissioner and consistent with federal law. The commissioner's decision to uphold or  
 63.9 deny an appeal is final.

63.10 (f) School performance data are nonpublic data under section 13.02, subdivision 9, until  
 63.11 the commissioner publicly releases the data. The commissioner ~~shall~~ must annually post  
 63.12 school performance reports to the department's public Web site no later than September 1,  
 63.13 except that in years when the reports reflect new performance standards, the commissioner  
 63.14 ~~shall~~ must post the school performance reports no later than October 1.

63.15 Sec. 22. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 120B.36, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

63.16 Subd. 2. **Student progress and other data.** (a) All data the department receives, collects,  
 63.17 or creates under section 120B.11, governing the world's best workforce, or uses to determine  
 63.18 ~~federal and set goals for~~ expectations under the most recently reauthorized Elementary and  
 63.19 Secondary Education Act, ~~set state growth targets,~~ and to determine student academic  
 63.20 growth, learning, and outcomes under section 120B.35 are nonpublic data under section  
 63.21 13.02, subdivision 9, until the commissioner publicly releases the data.

63.22 (b) Districts must provide parents sufficiently detailed summary data to permit parents  
 63.23 to appeal under the most recently reauthorized federal Elementary and Secondary Education  
 63.24 Act. The commissioner ~~shall~~ must annually post ~~federal expectations~~ state goals and state  
 63.25 student growth, learning, and outcome data to the department's public Web site no later than  
 63.26 September 1, except that in years when data or ~~federal expectations~~ state goals reflect new  
 63.27 performance standards, the commissioner ~~shall~~ must post data on ~~federal expectations~~ state  
 63.28 goals and state student growth data no later than October 1.

63.29 Sec. 23. Minnesota Statutes 2017 Supplement, section 122A.09, is amended by adding a  
 63.30 subdivision to read:

63.31 Subd. 4b. **Essential data.** The Professional Educator Licensing and Standards Board  
 63.32 must maintain a list of essential data elements which must be recorded and stored about

64.1 each licensed and nonlicensed staff member. Each school district must provide the essential  
 64.2 data to the board in the form and manner prescribed by the board.

64.3 Sec. 24. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 123B.14, subdivision 7, is amended to read:

64.4 Subd. 7. **Clerk records.** The clerk ~~shall~~ must keep a record of all meetings of the district  
 64.5 and the board in books provided by the district for that purpose. The clerk ~~shall~~ must, within  
 64.6 three days after an election, notify all persons elected of their election. By September 15 of  
 64.7 each year the clerk ~~shall~~ must file with the board a report of the revenues, expenditures and  
 64.8 balances in each fund for the preceding fiscal year. The report together with vouchers and  
 64.9 supporting documents ~~shall~~ must subsequently be examined by a public accountant or the  
 64.10 state auditor, either of whom ~~shall~~ must be paid by the district, as provided in section  
 64.11 123B.77, subdivision 3. The board ~~shall~~ must by resolution approve the report or require a  
 64.12 further or amended report. ~~By September 15 of each year, the clerk shall make and transmit~~  
 64.13 ~~to the commissioner certified reports, showing:~~

64.14 ~~(1) the revenues and expenditures in detail, and such other financial information required~~  
 64.15 ~~by law, rule, or as may be called for by the commissioner;~~

64.16 ~~(2) the length of school term and the enrollment and attendance by grades; and~~

64.17 ~~(3) such other items of information as may be called for by the commissioner.~~

64.18 The clerk ~~shall~~ must enter in the clerk's record book copies of all reports and of the  
 64.19 teachers' term reports, as they appear in the registers, and of the proceedings of any meeting  
 64.20 as furnished by the clerk pro tem, and keep an itemized account of all the expenses of the  
 64.21 district. The clerk ~~shall~~ must furnish to the auditor of the proper county, by September 30  
 64.22 of each year, an attested copy of the clerk's record, showing the amount of proposed property  
 64.23 tax voted by the district or the board for school purposes; draw and sign all orders upon the  
 64.24 treasurer for the payment of money for bills allowed by the board for salaries of officers  
 64.25 and for teachers' wages and all claims, to be countersigned by the chair. Such orders must  
 64.26 state the consideration, payee, and the fund and the clerk shall take a receipt therefor.  
 64.27 Teachers' wages shall have preference in the order in which they become due, and no money  
 64.28 applicable for teachers' wages shall be used for any other purpose, nor shall teachers' wages  
 64.29 be paid from any fund except that raised or apportioned for that purpose.

64.30 Sec. 25. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 124D.78, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

64.31 Subd. 2. **Resolution of concurrence.** Prior to March 1, the school board or American  
 64.32 Indian school must submit to the department a copy of a resolution adopted by the American

65.1 Indian education parent advisory committee. The copy must be signed by the chair of the  
65.2 committee and must state whether the committee concurs with the educational programs  
65.3 for American Indian students offered by the school board or American Indian school. If the  
65.4 committee does not concur with the educational programs, the reasons for nonconcurrence  
65.5 and recommendations ~~shall~~ must be submitted directly to the school board with the resolution.  
65.6 By resolution, the board must respond in writing within 60 days, in cases of nonconcurrence,  
65.7 to each recommendation made by the committee and state its reasons for not implementing  
65.8 the recommendations.

65.9 Sec. 26. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 124D.98, is amended to read:

65.10 **124D.98 LITERACY INCENTIVE AID.**

65.11 Subdivision 1. **Literacy incentive aid.** A district's literacy incentive aid equals the sum  
65.12 of the proficiency aid under subdivision 2, and the growth aid under subdivision 3.

65.13 Subd. 2. **Proficiency aid.** The proficiency aid for each school in a district that has  
65.14 submitted to the commissioner its local literacy plan under section 120B.12, subdivision  
65.15 4a, is equal to the product of the school's proficiency allowance times the number of third  
65.16 grade pupils at the school on October 1 of the previous fiscal year. A school's proficiency  
65.17 allowance is equal to the percentage of students in each building that meet or exceed  
65.18 proficiency on the third grade reading Minnesota Comprehensive Assessment, averaged  
65.19 across the previous three test administrations, times \$530.

65.20 Subd. 3. **Growth aid.** The growth aid for each school in a district that has submitted to  
65.21 the commissioner its local literacy plan under section 120B.12, subdivision 4a, is equal to  
65.22 the product of the school's growth allowance times the number of fourth grade pupils enrolled  
65.23 at the school on October 1 of the previous fiscal year. A school's growth allowance is equal  
65.24 to the percentage of students at that school ~~making medium or high growth, under section~~  
65.25 ~~120B.299,~~ scoring at least one-half standard deviation below the state expected scores on  
65.26 the fourth grade reading Minnesota Comprehensive Assessment, averaged across the previous  
65.27 three test administrations, times \$530. The state expected scores are based on the average  
65.28 assessment scores for students with similar third grade assessment scores on the Minnesota  
65.29 Comprehensive Assessment.

65.30 Subd. 4. **Revenue uses.** (a) A school district or charter school's year-to-year change in  
65.31 its proficiency rate equals its three-year average third grade proficiency rate for the most  
65.32 recent period to the three-year third grade proficiency rate for the previous period, as  
65.33 calculated under subdivision 2.

66.1 (b) A school district or charter school must reserve its literacy incentive aid under this  
 66.2 section and spend its literacy incentive aid only for the purposes of section 120B.12 if its  
 66.3 year-to-year change in its proficiency rate is less than one.

66.4 (c) A school district or charter school with a year-to-year change in its proficiency rate  
 66.5 of one or greater may direct its literacy incentive aid received under this section toward the  
 66.6 goals of its local literacy plan.

66.7 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective for revenue for fiscal years 2019 and  
 66.8 later.

66.9 Sec. 27. Minnesota Statutes 2017 Supplement, section 124E.11, is amended to read:

66.10 **124E.11 ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS AND ENROLLMENT.**

66.11 Subdivision 1. **Limits on enrollment.** ~~(a)~~ A charter school, including its preschool or  
 66.12 prekindergarten program established under section 124E.06, subdivision 3, paragraph (b),  
 66.13 may limit admission to:

66.14 (1) pupils within an age group or grade level;

66.15 (2) pupils who are eligible to participate in the graduation incentives program under  
 66.16 section 124D.68; or

66.17 (3) residents of a specific geographic area in which the school is located when the  
 66.18 majority of students served by the school are members of underserved populations.

66.19 Subd. 2. **Timely application; lottery; enrollment preference.** ~~(b)~~ A charter school,  
 66.20 including its preschool or prekindergarten program established under section 124E.06,  
 66.21 subdivision 3, paragraph (b), ~~shall~~ must enroll an eligible pupil who submits a timely  
 66.22 application, unless the number of applications exceeds the capacity of a program, class,  
 66.23 grade level, or building. In this case, pupils must be accepted by lot. The charter school  
 66.24 must develop and publish, including on its Web site, a lottery policy and process that it must  
 66.25 use when accepting pupils by lot.

66.26 Subd. 3. **Lottery exceptions.** ~~(e)~~ (a) A charter school ~~shall~~ must give enrollment  
 66.27 preference to a sibling of an enrolled pupil and to a foster child of that pupil's parents and  
 66.28 may give preference for enrolling children of the school's staff before accepting other pupils  
 66.29 by lot.

66.30 (b) A charter school may give enrollment preference to children currently enrolled in  
 66.31 the school's free preschool or prekindergarten program under section 124E.06, subdivision  
 66.32 3, paragraph (b), who are eligible to enroll in kindergarten in the next school year.

67.1 (c) A charter school that is located in Duluth township in St. Louis County or in the city  
67.2 of Nerstrand in Rice County, and admits students in kindergarten through grade 6 must give  
67.3 enrollment preference to students residing within a five-mile radius of the school and to the  
67.4 siblings of enrolled children.

67.5 ~~A charter school may give enrollment preference to children currently enrolled in the~~  
67.6 ~~school's free preschool or prekindergarten program under section 124E.06, subdivision 3,~~  
67.7 ~~paragraph (a), who are eligible to enroll in kindergarten in the next school year.~~

67.8 (d) A charter school that is located in Castle Rock Township in Dakota County must  
67.9 give enrollment preference to students residing within a two-mile radius of the school and  
67.10 to the siblings of enrolled children.

67.11 Subd. 4. **Age of enrollment.** (d) A person shall must not be admitted to a charter school  
67.12 (1) as a kindergarten pupil, unless the pupil is at least five years of age on September 1 of  
67.13 the calendar year in which the school year for which the pupil seeks admission commences;  
67.14 or (2) as a first grade student, unless the pupil is at least six years of age on September 1 of  
67.15 the calendar year in which the school year for which the pupil seeks admission commences  
67.16 or has completed kindergarten; except that a charter school may establish and publish on  
67.17 its Web site a policy for admission of selected pupils at an earlier age, consistent with the  
67.18 enrollment process in ~~paragraphs (b) and (c)~~ subdivisions 2 and 3.

67.19 Subd. 5. **Admission limits not allowed.** (e) Except as permitted in ~~paragraph (d)~~  
67.20 subdivision 4, a charter school, including its preschool or prekindergarten program established  
67.21 under section 124E.06, subdivision 3, paragraph (b), may not limit admission to pupils on  
67.22 the basis of intellectual ability, measures of achievement or aptitude, or athletic ability and  
67.23 may not establish any criteria or requirements for admission that are inconsistent with this  
67.24 section.

67.25 Subd. 6. **Enrollment incentives prohibited.** (f) The charter school shall not distribute  
67.26 any services or goods of value to students, parents, or guardians as an inducement, term, or  
67.27 condition of enrolling a student in a charter school.

67.28 Subd. 7. **Enrollment continues.** (g) Once a student is enrolled in the school, the student  
67.29 is considered enrolled in the school until the student formally withdraws or is expelled under  
67.30 the Pupil Fair Dismissal Act in sections 121A.40 to 121A.56.

67.31 Subd. 8. **Prekindergarten pupils.** (h) A charter school with at least 90 percent of enrolled  
67.32 students who are eligible for special education services and have a primary disability of  
67.33 deaf or hard-of-hearing may enroll prekindergarten pupils with a disability under section  
67.34 126C.05, subdivision 1, paragraph (a), and must comply with the federal Individuals with

68.1 Disabilities Education Act under Code of Federal Regulations, title 34, section 300.324,  
68.2 subsection (2), clause (iv).

68.3 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective for enrollment decisions made on or  
68.4 after July 1, 2018.

68.5 Sec. 28. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 125B.07, subdivision 6, is amended to read:

68.6 Subd. 6. **Essential data.** The department ~~shall~~ must maintain a list of essential data  
68.7 elements which must be recorded and stored about each pupil, ~~licensed and nonlicensed~~  
68.8 ~~staff member,~~ and educational program. Each school district must provide the essential data  
68.9 to the department in the form and format prescribed by the department.

68.10 Sec. 29. Laws 2016, chapter 189, article 25, section 61, is amended to read:

68.11 Sec. 61. **CERTIFICATION INCENTIVE REVENUE.**

68.12 Subdivision 1. **Qualifying certificates.** As soon as practicable, the commissioner of  
68.13 education, in consultation with the Governor's Workforce Development Council established  
68.14 under Minnesota Statutes, section 116L.665, and the P-20 education partnership operating  
68.15 under Minnesota Statutes, section 127A.70, must establish the list of qualifying career and  
68.16 technical certificates and post the names of those certificates on the Department of  
68.17 Education's Web site. The certificates must be in fields where occupational opportunities  
68.18 exist.

68.19 Subd. 2. **School district participation.** (a) A school board may adopt a policy authorizing  
68.20 its students in grades 9 through 12, including its students enrolled in postsecondary enrollment  
68.21 options courses under Minnesota Statutes, section 124D.09, the opportunity to complete a  
68.22 qualifying certificate. The certificate may be completed as part of a regularly scheduled  
68.23 course.

68.24 (b) A school district may register a student for any assessment necessary to complete a  
68.25 qualifying certificate and pay any associated registration fees for its students.

68.26 Subd. 3. **Incentive funding.** (a) A school district's career and technical certification aid  
68.27 equals \$500 times the district's number of students enrolled during the current fiscal year  
68.28 who have obtained one or more qualifying certificates during the current fiscal year.

68.29 (b) The statewide total certificate revenue must not exceed ~~\$1,000,000~~ \$400,000 for the  
68.30 2016-2017, 2017-2018, and 2018-2019 school years. The commissioner must proportionately  
68.31 reduce the initial aid provided under this subdivision so that the statewide aid cap is not  
68.32 exceeded.

69.1 Subd. 4. **Reports to the legislature.** (a) The commissioner of education must report to  
 69.2 the committees of the legislature with jurisdiction over kindergarten through grade 12  
 69.3 education and higher education by February 1, 2017, on the number and types of certificates  
 69.4 authorized for the 2016-2017 school year. The commissioner must also recommend whether  
 69.5 the pilot program should be continued.

69.6 (b) By February 1, of 2018, 2019, and 2020, the commissioner of education must report  
 69.7 to the committees of the legislature with jurisdiction over kindergarten through grade 12  
 69.8 education and higher education about the number and types of certificates earned by  
 69.9 Minnesota's students during the 2016-2017 prior school year.

69.10 Sec. 30. Laws 2016, chapter 189, article 25, section 62, subdivision 15, is amended to  
 69.11 read:

69.12 Subd. 15. **Certificate incentive funding.** (a) For the certificate incentive program:

69.13                   ~~1,000,000~~  
 69.14           \$           400,000       ..... 2017

69.15           (b) \$600,000 of the \$1,000,000 appropriation in Laws 2016, chapter 189, article 25,  
 69.16 section 62, subdivision 15, is canceled to the general fund. This is a onetime appropriation.  
 69.17 This appropriation is available until June 30, 2019.

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

69.19 Sec. 31. Laws 2017, First Special Session chapter 5, article 2, section 57, subdivision 12,  
 69.20 is amended to read:

69.21 Subd. 12. **Museums and education centers.** For grants to museums and education  
 69.22 centers:

69.23           \$           460,000       ..... 2018

69.24                   ~~460,000~~  
 69.25           \$           510,000       ..... 2019

69.26           (a) \$319,000 each year is for the Minnesota Children's Museum. Of the amount in this  
 69.27 paragraph, \$50,000 in each year is for the Minnesota Children's Museum, Rochester.

69.28           (b) \$50,000 each year is for the Duluth Children's Museum.

69.29           (c) \$41,000 each year is for the Minnesota Academy of Science.

69.30           (d) \$50,000 each year is for the Headwaters Science Center.

69.31           (e) \$50,000 in fiscal year 2019 is for the Grand Rapids Children's Museum.

70.1 (f) Any balance in the first year does not cancel but is available in the second year.

70.2 (g) The base for fiscal year 2020 and later is \$460,000.

70.3 Sec. 32. Laws 2017, First Special Session chapter 5, article 2, section 57, subdivision 14,  
70.4 is amended to read:

70.5 Subd. 14. **Singing-based pilot program to improve student reading.** (a) For a grant  
70.6 to pilot a research-supported, computer-based educational program that uses singing to  
70.7 improve the reading ability of students in grades 2 through 5:

70.8	\$	500,000	.....	2018
70.9	\$	0	.....	2019

70.10 (b) The commissioner of education shall award a grant to the Rock 'n' Read Project to  
70.11 implement a research-supported, computer-based educational program that uses singing to  
70.12 improve the reading ability of students in grades 2 through 5. The grantee shall be responsible  
70.13 for selecting participating school sites; providing any required hardware and software,  
70.14 including software licenses, for the duration of the grant period; providing technical support,  
70.15 training, and staff to install required project hardware and software; providing on-site  
70.16 professional development and instructional monitoring and support for school staff and  
70.17 students; administering preintervention and postintervention reading assessments; evaluating  
70.18 the impact of the intervention; and other project management services as required. To the  
70.19 extent practicable, the grantee must select participating schools in urban, suburban, and  
70.20 greater Minnesota, and give priority to schools in which a high proportion of students do  
70.21 not read proficiently at grade level and are eligible for free or reduced-price lunch.

70.22 (c) By February 15, 2019, the grantee must submit a report detailing expenditures and  
70.23 outcomes of the grant to the commissioner of education and the chairs and ranking minority  
70.24 members of the legislative committees with primary jurisdiction over kindergarten through  
70.25 grade 12 education policy and finance.

70.26 (d) This is a onetime appropriation.

70.27 (e) Any balance in the first year does not cancel but is available in the second year.

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

70.29 Sec. 33. Laws 2017, First Special Session chapter 5, article 2, section 57, subdivision 23,  
70.30 is amended to read:

70.31 Subd. 23. **Paraprofessional pathway to teacher licensure.** (a) For grants to school  
70.32 districts for Grow Your Own new teacher programs:

71.1           \$       1,500,000   ..... 2018  
 71.2           \$       1,500,000   ..... 2019

71.3           (b) The grants are for school districts and charter schools with more than 30 percent  
 71.4 minority students for a ~~Board of Teaching-approved~~ Professional Educator Licensing and  
 71.5 Standards Board-approved nonconventional teacher residency pilot program. The program  
 71.6 must provide tuition scholarships or stipends to enable school district and charter school  
 71.7 employees or community members affiliated with a school district or charter school who  
 71.8 seek an education license to participate in a nonconventional teacher preparation program.  
 71.9 School districts and charter schools that receive funds under this subdivision are strongly  
 71.10 encouraged to recruit candidates of color and American Indian candidates to participate in  
 71.11 the Grow Your Own new teacher programs. Districts or schools providing financial support  
 71.12 may require a commitment as determined by the district to teach in the district or school  
 71.13 for a reasonable amount of time that does not exceed five years.

71.14          (c) School districts and charter schools may also apply for grants to develop innovative  
 71.15 expanded Grow Your Own programs that encourage secondary school students to pursue  
 71.16 teaching, including developing and offering dual-credit postsecondary course options in  
 71.17 schools for "Introduction to Teaching" or "Introduction to Education" courses consistent  
 71.18 with Minnesota Statutes, section 124D.09, subdivision 10.

71.19          (d) Programs must annually report to the commissioner by the date determined by the  
 71.20 commissioner on their activities under this section, including the number of participants,  
 71.21 the percentage of participants who are of color or who are American Indian, and an  
 71.22 assessment of program effectiveness, including participant feedback, areas for improvement,  
 71.23 the percentage of participants continuing to pursue teacher licensure, and the number of  
 71.24 participants hired in the school or district as teachers after completing preparation programs.

71.25          (e) The department may retain up to three percent of the appropriation amount to monitor  
 71.26 and administer the grant program.

71.27          (f) Any balance in the first year does not cancel but is available in the second year.

71.28          Sec. 34. Laws 2017, First Special Session chapter 5, article 2, section 57, subdivision 24,  
 71.29 is amended to read:

71.30          Subd. 24. **Statewide testing and reporting system.** (a) For the statewide testing and  
 71.31 reporting system under Minnesota Statutes, section 120B.30:

71.32           \$       10,892,000   ..... 2018  
 71.33           \$       10,892,000   ..... 2019

72.1 (b) Any balance in the first year does not cancel but is available in the second year.

72.2 (c) For fiscal years 2020 and 2021, the base budget for this program must be adjusted  
 72.3 by multiplying the fiscal year 2019 appropriation by the ratio of the estimated total number  
 72.4 of Minnesota Comprehensive Assessments taken by students in the current fiscal year to  
 72.5 the total number of Minnesota Comprehensive Assessments taken by students in fiscal year  
 72.6 2017. This is estimated to reduce the base appropriation by \$245,000 in fiscal year 2020  
 72.7 and fiscal year 2021.

72.8 **Sec. 35. APPROPRIATIONS.**

72.9 Subdivision 1. **Commissioner of education.** The sums indicated in this section are  
 72.10 appropriated from the general fund to the commissioner of education in the fiscal year  
 72.11 designated.

72.12 Subd. 2. **Mounds View early college aid.** (a) For Independent School District No. 621,  
 72.13 Mounds View:

72.14     \$        250,000    .....    2019

72.15 (b) The amount awarded under this subdivision must be used to provide scholarships  
 72.16 for teachers who teach secondary school courses for postsecondary credit through the  
 72.17 district's early college program to enroll in up to 18 graduate credits in an applicable subject  
 72.18 area. The district and the State Partnership are encouraged to collaborate to avoid duplication  
 72.19 of service and, to the extent practicable, provide district teachers access to the State  
 72.20 Partnership's continuing education program established in accordance with Laws 2017, First  
 72.21 Special Session chapter 5, article 2, section 48.

72.22 (c) This is a onetime appropriation.

72.23 (d) Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes, section 16A.28, the fiscal year 2019  
 72.24 appropriation is available until June 30, 2022. Any remaining balance is canceled to the  
 72.25 general fund.

72.26 Subd. 3. **Vocational enrichment revenue.** (a) For vocational enrichment grants to school  
 72.27 districts, including Independent School District No. 2752, Fairmont, for career and technical  
 72.28 education in extended week and summer school programs:

72.29     \$        250,000    .....    2019

72.30 (b) A school district must apply for a grant in the form and manner specified by the  
 72.31 commissioner. The maximum amount of a vocational enrichment grant equals the product  
 72.32 of:

73.1 (1) \$5,117;

73.2 (2) 1.2;

73.3 (3) the number of students participating in the program; and

73.4 (4) the ratio of the actual hours of service provided to each student to 1,020.

73.5 (c) If applications for funding exceed the amount appropriated for the program, the

73.6 commissioner must prioritize grants to programs in the following pathways: welding;

73.7 construction trades; automotive technology; household electrical skills; heating, ventilation,

73.8 and air conditioning; plumbing; culinary arts; and agriculture.

73.9 (d) This is a onetime appropriation.

73.10 (e) Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes, section 16A.28, the fiscal year 2019

73.11 appropriation is available until June 30, 2021.

73.12 Subd. 4. **Vocational postsecondary enrollment options.** (a) For a grant to Independent

73.13 School District No. 110, Waconia, to establish a career and technical education dual credit

73.14 pilot program in partnership with Hennepin County Technical College and Ridgewater

73.15 College offering courses in manufacturing and construction:

73.16     \$        150,000      .....  2019

73.17 (b) A dual credit course offered under the pilot program must be taught by a qualified

73.18 school district teacher or college faculty member. A student that completes a course offered

73.19 by the career and technical education dual credit pilot program must receive both a secondary

73.20 credit and postsecondary credit. A student may also receive an industry-recognized certificate,

73.21 if appropriate.

73.22 (c) A dual credit course offered under the pilot program is not subject to the requirements

73.23 of Minnesota Statutes, section 124D.09. A student enrolled in a dual credit course is included

73.24 in the school district's average daily membership in accordance with Minnesota Statutes,

73.25 section 126C.05, during the hours of participation in the course.

73.26 (d) Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes, section 16A.28, the fiscal year 2019

73.27 appropriation is available until June 30, 2021.

73.28 (e) This is a onetime appropriation.

73.29 Subd. 5. **Mind Foundry Learning Foundation.** (a) For a grant to the Mind Foundry

73.30 Learning Foundation to run after-school STEM programming to inspire and educate

73.31 underserved youth in St. Paul about the value of STEM fields in 21st century work and

73.32 learning:

74.1           \$           200,000   ..... 2019

74.2           (b) Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes, section 16A.28, the fiscal year 2019  
 74.3 appropriation is available until June 30, 2021.

74.4           (c) This is a onetime appropriation.

74.5           **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 1, 2018.

74.6           Sec. 36. **REVISOR'S INSTRUCTION.**

74.7           (a) The revisor of statutes shall renumber the provisions of Minnesota Statutes listed in  
 74.8 column A to the references listed in column B.

<u>Column A</u>	<u>Column B</u>
74.10 <u>136D.01</u>	<u>123C.01</u>
74.11 <u>136D.21</u>	<u>123C.21</u>
74.12 <u>136D.22</u>	<u>123C.22</u>
74.13 <u>136D.23</u>	<u>123C.23</u>
74.14 <u>136D.24</u>	<u>123C.24</u>
74.15 <u>136D.25</u>	<u>123C.25</u>
74.16 <u>136D.26</u>	<u>123C.26</u>
74.17 <u>136D.281</u>	<u>123C.27</u>
74.18 <u>136D.29</u>	<u>123C.28</u>
74.19 <u>136D.31</u>	<u>123C.29</u>
74.20 <u>136D.41</u>	<u>123C.41</u>
74.21 <u>136D.42</u>	<u>123C.42</u>
74.22 <u>136D.43</u>	<u>123C.43</u>
74.23 <u>136D.44</u>	<u>123C.44</u>
74.24 <u>136D.45</u>	<u>123C.45</u>
74.25 <u>136D.46</u>	<u>123C.46</u>
74.26 <u>136D.47</u>	<u>123C.47</u>
74.27 <u>136D.48</u>	<u>123C.48</u>
74.28 <u>136D.49</u>	<u>123C.49</u>
74.29 <u>136D.71</u>	<u>123C.71</u>
74.30 <u>136D.72</u>	<u>123C.72</u>
74.31 <u>136D.73</u>	<u>123C.73</u>
74.32 <u>136D.74</u>	<u>123C.74</u>
74.33 <u>136D.741</u>	<u>123C.75</u>
74.34 <u>136D.76</u>	<u>123C.76</u>
74.35 <u>136D.81</u>	<u>123C.81</u>

75.1	<u>136D.82</u>	<u>123C.82</u>
75.2	<u>136D.83</u>	<u>123C.83</u>
75.3	<u>136D.84</u>	<u>123C.84</u>
75.4	<u>136D.85</u>	<u>123C.85</u>
75.5	<u>136D.86</u>	<u>123C.86</u>
75.6	<u>136D.88</u>	<u>123C.87</u>
75.7	<u>136D.90</u>	<u>123C.88</u>
75.8	<u>136D.92</u>	<u>123C.89</u>
75.9	<u>136D.93</u>	<u>123C.90</u>
75.10	<u>136D.94</u>	<u>123C.91</u>

75.11 (b) The revisor of statutes shall make necessary cross-reference changes in Minnesota  
 75.12 Statutes and Minnesota Rules consistent with renumbering of Minnesota Statutes, chapter  
 75.13 136D in this act, and if Minnesota Statutes, chapter 136D, is further amended in the 2018  
 75.14 legislative session, shall codify the amendments in a manner consistent with this act. The  
 75.15 revisor may make necessary changes to sentence structure to preserve the meaning of the  
 75.16 text.

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

75.18 Sec. 37. **REPEALER.**

75.19 Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 120B.299, subdivisions 7, 8, 9, and 11, are repealed.

75.20 **ARTICLE 4**

75.21 **TEACHERS**

75.22 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 121A.39, is amended to read:

75.23 **121A.39 SCHOOL COUNSELORS.**

75.24 (a) A school district is strongly encouraged to have an adequate student-to-counselor  
 75.25 ratio for its students beginning in the 2015-2016 school year and later.

75.26 (b) A school counselor ~~shall~~ must assist a student in meeting the requirements for high  
 75.27 school graduation, college and career exploration, and selection, college affordability  
 75.28 planning, and successful transitions into postsecondary education or training. As part of  
 75.29 college and career exploration, a counselor is encouraged to present and explain the career  
 75.30 opportunities and benefits offered by the United States armed forces and share information  
 75.31 provided to the counselor by armed forces recruiters. In discussing military service with a  
 75.32 student or a student's parent or guardian, a school counselor is encouraged to provide the

76.1 student, parent, or guardian information concerning the military enlistment test. A counselor  
76.2 may consult with the Department of Labor and Industry to identify resources for students  
76.3 interested in exploring career opportunities in high-wage, high-demand occupations in the  
76.4 skilled trades and manufacturing.

76.5 (c) A school counselor must not discourage or otherwise interfere with a student's  
76.6 enlistment, or intention to enlist, in the armed forces.

76.7 **Sec. 2. [122A.051] CODE OF ETHICS.**

76.8 Subdivision 1. **Scope.** Each teacher, upon entering the teaching profession, assumes a  
76.9 number of obligations, one of which is to adhere to a set of principles that defines professional  
76.10 conduct. These principles are reflected in the code of ethics, which sets forth to the education  
76.11 profession and the public it serves standards of professional conduct. This code applies to  
76.12 all persons licensed according to rules established by the Professional Educator Licensing  
76.13 and Standards Board.

76.14 Subd. 2. **Standards of professional conduct.** (a) A teacher must provide professional  
76.15 education services in a nondiscriminatory manner.

76.16 (b) A teacher must make reasonable effort to protect students from conditions harmful  
76.17 to health and safety.

76.18 (c) In accordance with state and federal laws, a teacher must disclose confidential  
76.19 information about individuals only when a compelling professional purpose is served or  
76.20 when required by law.

76.21 (d) A teacher must take reasonable disciplinary action in exercising the authority to  
76.22 provide an atmosphere conducive to learning.

76.23 (e) A teacher must not use professional relationships with students, parents, and  
76.24 colleagues to personal advantage.

76.25 (f) A teacher must delegate authority for teaching responsibilities only to licensed  
76.26 personnel or as otherwise provided by law.

76.27 (g) A teacher must not deliberately suppress or distort subject matter.

76.28 (h) A teacher must not knowingly falsify or misrepresent records or facts relating to that  
76.29 teacher's own qualifications or to other teachers' qualifications.

76.30 (i) A teacher must not knowingly make false or malicious statements about students or  
76.31 colleagues.

77.1 (j) A teacher must accept a contract for a teaching position that requires licensing only  
77.2 if properly or provisionally licensed for that position.

77.3 (k) A teacher must not engage in any sexual contact with a student.

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

77.5 Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 2017 Supplement, section 122A.09, subdivision 2, is amended  
77.6 to read:

77.7 Subd. 2. **Advise members of profession.** The Professional Educator Licensing and  
77.8 Standards Board must act in an advisory capacity to members of the profession in matters  
77.9 of interpretation of the code of ethics in section 122A.051.

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

77.11 Sec. 4. Minnesota Statutes 2017 Supplement, section 122A.18, subdivision 8, is amended  
77.12 to read:

77.13 Subd. 8. **Background checks.** (a) The Professional Educator Licensing and Standards  
77.14 Board and the Board of School Administrators must request a criminal history background  
77.15 check from the superintendent of the Bureau of Criminal Apprehension on all first-time  
77.16 teaching applicants for licenses under their jurisdiction. Applicants must include with their  
77.17 licensure applications:

77.18 (1) an executed criminal history consent form, including fingerprints; and

77.19 (2) a money order or cashier's check payable to the Bureau of Criminal Apprehension  
77.20 for the fee for conducting the criminal history background check.

77.21 (b) The superintendent of the Bureau of Criminal Apprehension ~~shall~~ must perform the  
77.22 background check required under paragraph (a) by retrieving criminal history data as defined  
77.23 in section 13.87 and shall also conduct a search of the national criminal records repository.  
77.24 The superintendent is authorized to exchange fingerprints with the Federal Bureau of  
77.25 Investigation for purposes of the criminal history check. The superintendent ~~shall~~ must  
77.26 recover the cost to the bureau of a background check through the fee charged to the applicant  
77.27 under paragraph (a).

77.28 ~~(e) The Professional Educator Licensing and Standards Board or the Board of School~~  
77.29 ~~Administrators may issue a license pending completion of a background check under this~~  
77.30 ~~subdivision, but must notify the individual and the school district or charter school employing~~

78.1 ~~the individual that the individual's license may be revoked based on the result of the~~  
78.2 ~~background check.~~

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

78.4 Sec. 5. Minnesota Statutes 2017 Supplement, section 122A.187, subdivision 3, is amended  
78.5 to read:

78.6 Subd. 3. **Professional growth.** (a) Applicants for license renewal for a Tier 3 or Tier 4  
78.7 license under sections 122A.183 and 122A.184, respectively, who have been employed as  
78.8 a teacher during the renewal period of the expiring license, as a condition of license renewal,  
78.9 must present to their local continuing education and relicensure committee or other local  
78.10 relicensure committee evidence of work that demonstrates professional reflection and growth  
78.11 in best teaching practices, including among other things, cultural competence in accordance  
78.12 with section 120B.30, subdivision 1, paragraph (q), and practices in meeting the varied  
78.13 needs of English learners, from young children to adults under section 124D.59, subdivisions  
78.14 2 and 2a. A teacher may satisfy the requirements of this paragraph by submitting the teacher's  
78.15 most recent summative evaluation or improvement plan under section 122A.40, subdivision  
78.16 8, or 122A.41, subdivision 5. Counselors, school social workers, and teachers who do not  
78.17 provide direct instruction but who provide academic, college, and career planning and  
78.18 support to students may submit proof of training on armed forces career options or careers  
78.19 in the skilled trades and manufacturing as additional evidence of professional growth.

78.20 (b) The Professional Educator Licensing and Standards Board must ensure that its teacher  
78.21 relicensing requirements include paragraph (a).

78.22 Sec. 6. Minnesota Statutes 2017 Supplement, section 122A.187, is amended by adding a  
78.23 subdivision to read:

78.24 Subd. 7. **Background check.** The Professional Educator Licensing and Standards Board  
78.25 and the Board of School Administrators must request a criminal history background check  
78.26 on a licensed teacher applying for a renewal license who has not had a background check  
78.27 within the preceding five years.

78.28 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 1, 2018.

78.29 Sec. 7. Minnesota Statutes 2017 Supplement, section 122A.20, subdivision 1, is amended  
78.30 to read:

78.31 Subdivision 1. **Grounds for revocation, suspension, or denial.** (a) The Professional  
78.32 Educator Licensing and Standards Board or Board of School Administrators, whichever

79.1 has jurisdiction over a teacher's licensure, may, on the written complaint of the school board  
79.2 employing a teacher, a teacher organization, or any other interested person, refuse to issue,  
79.3 refuse to renew, suspend, or revoke a teacher's license to teach for any of the following  
79.4 causes:

79.5 (1) immoral character or conduct;

79.6 (2) failure, without justifiable cause, to teach for the term of the teacher's contract;

79.7 (3) gross inefficiency or willful neglect of duty;

79.8 (4) failure to meet licensure requirements; or

79.9 (5) fraud or misrepresentation in obtaining a license.

79.10 The written complaint must specify the nature and character of the charges.

79.11 (b) The Professional Educator Licensing and Standards Board or Board of School  
79.12 Administrators, whichever has jurisdiction over a teacher's licensure, ~~shall~~ must refuse to  
79.13 issue, refuse to renew, or automatically revoke a teacher's license to teach without the right  
79.14 to a hearing upon receiving a certified copy of a conviction showing that the teacher has  
79.15 been convicted of:

79.16 (1) a qualified domestic violence-related offense, as defined in section 609.02, subdivision  
79.17 16;

79.18 (2) child abuse, as defined in section 609.185;

79.19 (3) domestic assault under section 609.2242;

79.20 (4) sex trafficking in the first degree under section 609.322, subdivision 1;

79.21 (5) sex trafficking in the second degree under section 609.322, subdivision 1a;

79.22 (6) engaging in hiring, or agreeing to hire a minor to engage in prostitution under section  
79.23 609.324, subdivision subdivisions 1, sexual-abuse 1a, and 2;

79.24 (7) criminal sexual conduct under section 609.342, 609.343, 609.344, 609.345, 609.3451,  
79.25 subdivision 3, or 617.23, subdivision 3;

79.26 (8) solicitation of children to engage in sexual conduct or communication of sexually  
79.27 explicit materials to children under section 609.352;

79.28 (9) embezzlement of public funds under section 609.54, clause (2);

79.29 (10) interference with privacy under section 609.746 or stalking under section 609.749  
79.30 and the victim was a minor;

80.1 (11) using minors in a sexual performance under section 617.246<sub>2</sub>;

80.2 (12) possessing pornographic works involving a minor under section 617.247<sub>2</sub>; or

80.3 (13) any other offense not listed in this paragraph that requires the person to register as  
80.4 a predatory offender under section 243.166, or a crime under a similar law of another state  
80.5 or the United States.

80.6 In addition, the board must refuse to issue, refuse to renew, or automatically revoke a  
80.7 teacher's license to teach without the right to a hearing upon receiving a certified copy of a  
80.8 stay of adjudication for an offense that, if convicted of, would require predatory offender  
80.9 registration under section 243.166. The board may refuse to issue, refuse to renew, or revoke  
80.10 a teacher's license to teach upon receiving a certified copy of a stay of adjudication for any  
80.11 other offense described in this paragraph.

80.12 The board ~~shall~~ must send notice of this licensing action to the district in which the teacher  
80.13 is currently employed.

80.14 (c) A person whose license to teach has been revoked, not issued, or not renewed under  
80.15 paragraph (b), may petition the board to reconsider the licensing action if the person's  
80.16 conviction for child abuse or sexual abuse is reversed by a final decision of the Court of  
80.17 Appeals or the Supreme Court or if the person has received a pardon for the offense. The  
80.18 petitioner ~~shall~~ must attach a certified copy of the appellate court's final decision or the  
80.19 pardon to the petition. Upon receiving the petition and its attachment, the board ~~shall~~ must  
80.20 schedule and hold a disciplinary hearing on the matter under section 214.10, subdivision 2,  
80.21 unless the petitioner waives the right to a hearing. If the board finds that, notwithstanding  
80.22 the reversal of the petitioner's criminal conviction or the issuance of a pardon, the petitioner  
80.23 is disqualified from teaching under paragraph (a), clause (1), the board ~~shall~~ must affirm  
80.24 its previous licensing action. If the board finds that the petitioner is not disqualified from  
80.25 teaching under paragraph (a), clause (1), it ~~shall~~ must reverse its previous licensing action.

80.26 (d) The Professional Educator Licensing and Standards Board or Board of School  
80.27 Administrators, whichever has jurisdiction over a teacher's licensure, must refuse to issue,  
80.28 refuse to renew, or revoke a teacher's license to teach if the teacher has been convicted of:

80.29 (1) a felony; or

80.30 (2) a gross misdemeanor involving a minor.

80.31 A person whose license to teach has been revoked, not issued, or not renewed under this  
80.32 paragraph may petition the board to reconsider for good cause shown, in accordance with  
80.33 procedures adopted by the board.

81.1 (e) The Professional Educator Licensing and Standards Board or Board of School  
 81.2 Administrators, whichever has jurisdiction over a teacher's licensure, must refuse to issue,  
 81.3 refuse to renew, or revoke a teacher's license to teach if the teacher has engaged in sexual  
 81.4 penetration as defined in section 609.321, subdivision 11, with a student enrolled in a school  
 81.5 where the teacher works or volunteers.

81.6 (f) A decision by the Professional Educator Licensing and Standards Board to refuse to  
 81.7 issue, refuse to renew, suspend, or revoke a license under this subdivision is not subject to  
 81.8 review under section 122A.188.

81.9 (g) The Professional Educator Licensing and Standards Board or Board of School  
 81.10 Administrators, whichever has jurisdiction over a teacher's licensure, may suspend a teacher's  
 81.11 license pending an investigation into a report of conduct that would be grounds for revocation  
 81.12 under paragraph (b), (d), or (e).

81.13 ~~(d)~~ (h) For purposes of this subdivision, the Professional Educator Licensing and  
 81.14 Standards Board is delegated the authority to suspend or revoke coaching licenses.

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

81.16 Sec. 8. Minnesota Statutes 2017 Supplement, section 122A.20, subdivision 2, is amended  
 81.17 to read:

81.18 Subd. 2. **Mandatory reporting.** (a) A school board must report to the Professional  
 81.19 Educator Licensing and Standards Board, the Board of School Administrators, or the Board  
 81.20 of Trustees of the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities, whichever has jurisdiction  
 81.21 over the teacher's or administrator's license, when its teacher or administrator is discharged  
 81.22 or resigns from employment after a charge is filed with the school board under section  
 81.23 122A.41, subdivisions 6, clauses (1), (2), and (3), and 7, or after charges are filed that are  
 81.24 grounds for discharge under section 122A.40, subdivision 13, paragraph (a), clauses (1) to  
 81.25 (5), or when a teacher or administrator is suspended or resigns while an investigation is  
 81.26 pending under section 122A.40, subdivision 13, paragraph (a), clauses (1) to (5); 122A.41,  
 81.27 subdivisions 6, clauses (1), (2), and (3), and 7; or 626.556, or when a teacher or administrator  
 81.28 is suspended without an investigation under section 122A.41, subdivisions 6, paragraph (a),  
 81.29 clauses (1), (2), and (3), and 7; or 626.556. The report must be made to the appropriate  
 81.30 licensing board within ten days after the discharge, suspension, or resignation has occurred.  
 81.31 The licensing board to which the report is made must investigate the report for violation of  
 81.32 subdivision 1 and the reporting board must cooperate in the investigation. Notwithstanding  
 81.33 any provision in chapter 13 or any law to the contrary, upon written request from the licensing  
 81.34 board having jurisdiction over the license, a board or school superintendent ~~shall~~ must

82.1 provide the licensing board with information about the teacher or administrator from the  
82.2 district's files, any termination or disciplinary proceeding, any settlement or compromise,  
82.3 or any investigative file. Upon written request from the appropriate licensing board, a board  
82.4 or school superintendent may, at the discretion of the board or school superintendent, solicit  
82.5 the written consent of a student and the student's parent to provide the licensing board with  
82.6 information that may aid the licensing board in its investigation and license proceedings.  
82.7 The licensing board's request need not identify a student or parent by name. The consent  
82.8 of the student and the student's parent must meet the requirements of chapter 13 and Code  
82.9 of Federal Regulations, title 34, section 99.30. The licensing board may provide a consent  
82.10 form to the district. Any data transmitted to any board under this section is private data  
82.11 under section 13.02, subdivision 12, notwithstanding any other classification of the data  
82.12 when it was in the possession of any other agency.

82.13 (b) The licensing board to which a report is made must transmit to the Attorney General's  
82.14 Office any record or data it receives under this subdivision for the sole purpose of having  
82.15 the Attorney General's Office assist that board in its investigation. When the Attorney  
82.16 General's Office has informed an employee of the appropriate licensing board in writing  
82.17 that grounds exist to suspend or revoke a teacher's license to teach, that licensing board  
82.18 must consider suspending or revoking or decline to suspend or revoke the teacher's or  
82.19 administrator's license within 45 days of receiving a stipulation executed by the teacher or  
82.20 administrator under investigation or a recommendation from an administrative law judge  
82.21 that disciplinary action be taken.

82.22 (c) The Professional Educator Licensing and Standards Board and Board of School  
82.23 Administrators must report to the appropriate law enforcement authorities a revocation,  
82.24 suspension, or agreement involving a loss of license, relating to a teacher or administrator's  
82.25 inappropriate sexual conduct with a minor. For purposes of this section, "law enforcement  
82.26 authority" means a police department, county sheriff, or tribal police department. A report  
82.27 by the Professional Educator Licensing and Standards Board or the Board of School  
82.28 Administrators to appropriate law enforcement authorities does not diminish, modify, or  
82.29 otherwise affect the responsibilities of a licensing board, school board, or any person  
82.30 mandated to report abuse under section 626.556.

82.31 (d) The Professional Educator Licensing and Standards Board and Board of School  
82.32 Administrators must, immediately upon receiving information that gives the board reason  
82.33 to believe a child has at any time been neglected or physically or sexually abused, as defined  
82.34 in section 626.556, subdivision 2, report the information to:

83.1 (1) the local welfare agency, agency responsible for assessing or investigating the report,  
83.2 or tribal social services agency; and

83.3 (2) the police department, county sheriff, or tribal police department.

83.4 A report under this paragraph does not diminish, modify, or otherwise affect the  
83.5 responsibilities of a licensing board under section 626.556.

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

83.7 Sec. 9. Minnesota Statutes 2017 Supplement, section 122A.40, subdivision 13, is amended  
83.8 to read:

83.9 Subd. 13. **Immediate discharge.** (a) Except as otherwise provided in paragraph (b), a  
83.10 board may discharge a continuing-contract teacher, effective immediately, upon any of the  
83.11 following grounds:

83.12 (1) immoral conduct, insubordination, or conviction of a felony;

83.13 (2) conduct unbecoming a teacher which requires the immediate removal of the teacher  
83.14 from classroom or other duties;

83.15 (3) failure without justifiable cause to teach without first securing the written release of  
83.16 the school board;

83.17 (4) gross inefficiency which the teacher has failed to correct after reasonable written  
83.18 notice;

83.19 (5) willful neglect of duty; or

83.20 (6) continuing physical or mental disability subsequent to a 12 months leave of absence  
83.21 and inability to qualify for reinstatement in accordance with subdivision 12.

83.22 For purposes of this paragraph, conduct unbecoming a teacher includes an unfair  
83.23 discriminatory practice described in section 363A.13.

83.24 Prior to discharging a teacher under this paragraph, the board must notify the teacher in  
83.25 writing and state its ground for the proposed discharge in reasonable detail. Within ten days  
83.26 after receipt of this notification the teacher may make a written request for a hearing before  
83.27 the board and it ~~shall~~ must be granted before final action is taken. The board may suspend  
83.28 a teacher with pay pending the conclusion of the hearing and determination of the issues  
83.29 raised in the hearing after charges have been filed which constitute ground for discharge.  
83.30 If a teacher has been charged with a felony and the underlying conduct that is the subject  
83.31 of the felony charge is a ground for a proposed immediate discharge, the suspension pending

84.1 the conclusion of the hearing and determination of the issues may be without pay. If a  
84.2 hearing under this paragraph is held, the board must reimburse the teacher for any salary  
84.3 or compensation withheld if the final decision of the board or the arbitrator does not result  
84.4 in a penalty to or suspension, termination, or discharge of the teacher.

84.5 (b) A board must discharge a continuing-contract teacher, effective immediately, upon  
84.6 receipt of notice under section 122A.20, subdivision 1, paragraph (b), that the teacher's  
84.7 license has been revoked due to a conviction for:

84.8 (1) child abuse, as defined in section 609.185;

84.9 (2) sex trafficking in the first degree under section 609.322, subdivision 1;

84.10 (3) sex trafficking in the second degree under section 609.322, subdivision 1a;

84.11 (4) engaging in hiring or agreeing to hire a minor to engage in prostitution under section  
84.12 609.324, subdivision 1;

84.13 (5) sexual abuse under section 609.342, 609.343, 609.344, 609.345, 609.3451, subdivision  
84.14 3, or 617.23, subdivision 3;

84.15 (6) solicitation of children to engage in sexual conduct or communication of sexually  
84.16 explicit materials to children under section 609.352;

84.17 (7) interference with privacy under section 609.746 or stalking under section 609.749  
84.18 and the victim was a minor;

84.19 (8) using minors in a sexual performance under section 617.246;

84.20 (9) possessing pornographic works involving a minor under section 617.247; ~~or~~

84.21 (10) any other offense not listed in this paragraph that requires the person to register as  
84.22 a predatory offender under section 243.166, or a crime under a similar law of another state  
84.23 or the United States; or

84.24 (11) any other offense not listed in this paragraph that requires notice of a licensing  
84.25 action to the district in accordance with section 122A.20, subdivision 1, paragraph (b).

84.26 In addition, a board must discharge a continuing-contract teacher, effective immediately,  
84.27 upon receipt of notice under section 122A.20, subdivision 1, paragraph (b), that the teacher's  
84.28 license has been revoked due to a stay of adjudication for an offense that, if convicted of,  
84.29 would require predatory offender registration under section 243.166.

84.30 (c) When a teacher is discharged under paragraph (b) or when the commissioner makes  
84.31 a final determination of child maltreatment involving a teacher under section 626.556,

85.1 subdivision 11, the school principal or other person having administrative control of the  
85.2 school must include in the teacher's employment record the information contained in the  
85.3 record of the disciplinary action or the final maltreatment determination, consistent with  
85.4 the definition of public data under section 13.41, subdivision 5, and must provide the  
85.5 Professional Educator Licensing and Standards Board ~~and the licensing division at the~~  
85.6 ~~department~~ with the necessary and relevant information to enable the Professional Educator  
85.7 Licensing and Standards Board ~~and the department's licensing division~~ to fulfill ~~their~~ its  
85.8 statutory and administrative duties related to issuing, renewing, suspending, or revoking a  
85.9 teacher's license. Information received by the Professional Educator Licensing and Standards  
85.10 Board ~~or the licensing division at the department~~ under this paragraph is governed by section  
85.11 13.41 or other applicable law governing data of the receiving entity. In addition to the  
85.12 background check required under section 123B.03, a school board or other school hiring  
85.13 authority must contact the Professional Educator Licensing and Standards Board ~~and the~~  
85.14 ~~department~~ to determine whether the teacher's license has been suspended or revoked,  
85.15 consistent with the discharge and final maltreatment determinations identified in this  
85.16 paragraph. Unless restricted by federal or state data practices law or by the terms of a  
85.17 collective bargaining agreement, the responsible authority for a school district must  
85.18 disseminate to another school district private personnel data on a current or former teacher  
85.19 employee or contractor of the district, including the results of background investigations,  
85.20 if the requesting school district seeks the information because the subject of the data has  
85.21 applied for employment with the requesting school district.

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

85.23 Sec. 10. Minnesota Statutes 2017 Supplement, section 122A.41, subdivision 6, is amended  
85.24 to read:

85.25 Subd. 6. **Grounds for discharge or demotion.** (a) Except as otherwise provided in  
85.26 paragraph (b), causes for the discharge or demotion of a teacher either during or after the  
85.27 probationary period must be:

85.28 (1) immoral character, conduct unbecoming a teacher, or insubordination;

85.29 (2) failure without justifiable cause to teach without first securing the written release of  
85.30 the school board having the care, management, or control of the school in which the teacher  
85.31 is employed;

85.32 (3) inefficiency in teaching or in the management of a school, consistent with subdivision  
85.33 5, paragraph (b);

86.1 (4) affliction with a communicable disease must be considered as cause for removal or  
86.2 suspension while the teacher is suffering from such disability; or

86.3 (5) discontinuance of position or lack of pupils.

86.4 For purposes of this paragraph, conduct unbecoming a teacher includes an unfair  
86.5 discriminatory practice described in section 363A.13.

86.6 (b) A probationary or continuing-contract teacher must be discharged immediately upon  
86.7 receipt of notice under section 122A.20, subdivision 1, paragraph (b), that the teacher's  
86.8 license has been revoked due to a conviction for:

86.9 (1) child abuse, as defined in section 609.185;

86.10 (2) sex trafficking in the first degree under section 609.322, subdivision 1;

86.11 (3) sex trafficking in the second degree under section 609.322, subdivision 1a;

86.12 (4) engaging in hiring or agreeing to hire a minor to engage in prostitution under section  
86.13 609.324, subdivision 1;

86.14 (5) sexual abuse under section 609.342, 609.343, 609.344, 609.345, 609.3451, subdivision  
86.15 3, or 617.23, subdivision 3;

86.16 (6) solicitation of children to engage in sexual conduct or communication of sexually  
86.17 explicit materials to children under section 609.352;

86.18 (7) interference with privacy under section 609.746 or stalking under section 609.749  
86.19 and the victim was a minor;

86.20 (8) using minors in a sexual performance under section 617.246;

86.21 (9) possessing pornographic works involving a minor under section 617.247; or

86.22 (10) any other offense not listed in this paragraph that requires the person to register as  
86.23 a predatory offender under section 243.166, or a crime under a similar law of another state  
86.24 or the United States; or

86.25 (11) any other offense not listed in this paragraph that requires notice of a licensing  
86.26 action to the district in accordance with section 122A.20, subdivision 1, paragraph (b).

86.27 In addition, a probationary or continuing-contract teacher must be discharged immediately  
86.28 upon receipt of notice under section 122A.20, subdivision 1, paragraph (b), that the teacher's  
86.29 license has been revoked due to a stay of adjudication for an offense that, if convicted of,  
86.30 would require predatory offender registration under section 243.166.

87.1 (c) When a teacher is discharged under paragraph (b) or when the commissioner makes  
87.2 a final determination of child maltreatment involving a teacher under section 626.556,  
87.3 subdivision 11, the school principal or other person having administrative control of the  
87.4 school must include in the teacher's employment record the information contained in the  
87.5 record of the disciplinary action or the final maltreatment determination, consistent with  
87.6 the definition of public data under section 13.41, subdivision 5, and must provide the  
87.7 Professional Educator Licensing and Standards Board ~~and the licensing division at the~~  
87.8 ~~department~~ with the necessary and relevant information to enable the Professional Educator  
87.9 Licensing and Standards Board ~~and the department's licensing division~~ to fulfill ~~their~~ its  
87.10 statutory and administrative duties related to issuing, renewing, suspending, or revoking a  
87.11 teacher's license. Information received by the Professional Educator Licensing and Standards  
87.12 Board ~~or the licensing division at the department~~ under this paragraph is governed by section  
87.13 13.41 or other applicable law governing data of the receiving entity. In addition to the  
87.14 background check required under section 123B.03, a school board or other school hiring  
87.15 authority must contact the Professional Educator Licensing and Standards Board ~~and the~~  
87.16 ~~department~~ to determine whether the teacher's license has been suspended or revoked,  
87.17 consistent with the discharge and final maltreatment determinations identified in this  
87.18 paragraph. Unless restricted by federal or state data practices law or by the terms of a  
87.19 collective bargaining agreement, the responsible authority for a school district must  
87.20 disseminate to another school district private personnel data on a current or former teacher  
87.21 employee or contractor of the district, including the results of background investigations,  
87.22 if the requesting school district seeks the information because the subject of the data has  
87.23 applied for employment with the requesting school district.

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

87.25 Sec. 11. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 122A.42, is amended to read:

87.26 **122A.42 GENERAL CONTROL OF SCHOOLS.**

87.27 (a) The teacher of record shall have the general control and government of the school  
87.28 and classroom. When more than one teacher is employed in any district, one of the teachers  
87.29 may be designated by the board as principal and shall have the general control and  
87.30 supervision of the schools of the district, subject to the general supervisory control of the  
87.31 board and other officers.

87.32 (b) Consistent with paragraph (a), the teacher may remove students from class under  
87.33 section 121A.61, subdivision 2, for violent or disruptive conduct. A school district must

88.1 include notice of a teacher's authority under this paragraph in a teacher handbook, school  
88.2 policy guide, or other similar communication.

88.3 Sec. 12. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 122A.71, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

88.4 Subd. 2. **Responsibility.** ~~By July 1, 1989, The Board of Teaching~~ Professional Educator  
88.5 Licensing and Standards Board must ~~begin to~~ evaluate the effectiveness of prebaccalaureate,  
88.6 postbaccalaureate, and other alternative program structures for preparing candidates for  
88.7 entrance into the teaching profession. The evaluation ~~shall~~ must be conducted by independent  
88.8 research centers or evaluators who are not associated with a Minnesota teacher education  
88.9 institution and ~~shall~~ must be longitudinal in nature.

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

88.11 Sec. 13. Minnesota Statutes 2017 Supplement, section 123B.03, subdivision 1, is amended  
88.12 to read:

88.13 Subdivision 1. **Background check required.** (a) A school hiring authority ~~shall~~ must  
88.14 request a criminal history background check from the superintendent of the Bureau of  
88.15 Criminal Apprehension on all individuals who are offered employment in a school and on  
88.16 all individuals, except enrolled student volunteers, who are offered the opportunity to provide  
88.17 athletic coaching services or other extracurricular academic coaching services to a school,  
88.18 regardless of whether any compensation is paid. In order for an individual to be eligible for  
88.19 employment or to provide the services, the individual must provide an executed criminal  
88.20 history consent form and a money order or check payable to either the Bureau of Criminal  
88.21 Apprehension or the school hiring authority, at the discretion of the school hiring authority,  
88.22 in an amount equal to the actual cost to the Bureau of Criminal Apprehension and the school  
88.23 district of conducting the criminal history background check. A school hiring authority  
88.24 deciding to receive payment may, at its discretion, accept payment in the form of a negotiable  
88.25 instrument other than a money order or check and shall pay the superintendent of the Bureau  
88.26 of Criminal Apprehension directly to conduct the background check. The superintendent  
88.27 of the Bureau of Criminal Apprehension shall conduct the background check by retrieving  
88.28 criminal history data as defined in section 13.87. A school hiring authority, at its discretion,  
88.29 may decide not to request a criminal history background check on an individual who holds  
88.30 an initial entrance license issued by the Professional Educator Licensing and Standards  
88.31 Board or the commissioner of education within the 12 months preceding an offer of  
88.32 employment.

89.1 (b) A school hiring authority may use the results of a criminal background check  
89.2 conducted at the request of another school hiring authority if:

89.3 (1) the results of the criminal background check are on file with the other school hiring  
89.4 authority or otherwise accessible;

89.5 (2) the other school hiring authority conducted a criminal background check within the  
89.6 previous 12 months;

89.7 (3) the individual who is the subject of the criminal background check executes a written  
89.8 consent form giving a school hiring authority access to the results of the check; and

89.9 (4) there is no reason to believe that the individual has committed an act subsequent to  
89.10 the check that would disqualify the individual for employment.

89.11 (c) A school hiring authority may, at its discretion, request a criminal history background  
89.12 check from the superintendent of the Bureau of Criminal Apprehension on any individual  
89.13 who seeks to enter a school or its grounds for the purpose of serving as a school volunteer  
89.14 or working as an independent contractor or student employee. In order for an individual to  
89.15 enter a school or its grounds under this paragraph when the school hiring authority decides  
89.16 to request a criminal history background check on the individual, the individual first must  
89.17 provide an executed criminal history consent form and a money order, check, or other  
89.18 negotiable instrument payable to the school district in an amount equal to the actual cost to  
89.19 the Bureau of Criminal Apprehension and the school district of conducting the criminal  
89.20 history background check. Notwithstanding section 299C.62, subdivision 1, the cost of the  
89.21 criminal history background check under this paragraph is the responsibility of the individual  
89.22 unless a school hiring authority decides to pay the costs of conducting a background check  
89.23 under this paragraph. If the school hiring authority pays the costs, the individual who is the  
89.24 subject of the background check need not pay for it.

89.25 (d) In addition to the initial background check required for all individuals offered  
89.26 employment in accordance with paragraph (a), a school hiring authority must request a new  
89.27 criminal history background check from the superintendent of the Bureau of Criminal  
89.28 Apprehension on all employees every five years. Notwithstanding any law to the contrary,  
89.29 in order for an individual to be eligible for continued employment, an individual must  
89.30 provide an executed criminal history consent form and a money order or check payable to  
89.31 either the Bureau of Criminal Apprehension or the school hiring authority, at the discretion  
89.32 of the school hiring authority, in an amount equal to the actual cost to the Bureau of Criminal  
89.33 Apprehension and the school district of conducting the criminal history background check.  
89.34 A school hiring authority deciding to receive payment may, at its discretion, accept payment

90.1 in the form of a negotiable instrument other than a money order or check and shall pay the  
 90.2 superintendent of the Bureau of Criminal Apprehension directly to conduct the background  
 90.3 check. A school hiring authority, at its discretion, may decide not to request a criminal  
 90.4 history background check on an employee who provides the hiring authority with a copy  
 90.5 of the results of a criminal history background check conducted within the previous 60  
 90.6 months. A school hiring authority may, at its discretion, decide to pay the costs of conducting  
 90.7 a background check under this paragraph.

90.8 ~~(d)~~ (e) For all nonstate residents who are offered employment in a school, a school hiring  
 90.9 authority shall request a criminal history background check on such individuals from the  
 90.10 superintendent of the Bureau of Criminal Apprehension and from the government agency  
 90.11 performing the same function in the resident state or, if no government entity performs the  
 90.12 same function in the resident state, from the Federal Bureau of Investigation. Such individuals  
 90.13 must provide an executed criminal history consent form and a money order, check, or other  
 90.14 negotiable instrument payable to the school hiring authority in an amount equal to the actual  
 90.15 cost to the government agencies and the school district of conducting the criminal history  
 90.16 background check. Notwithstanding section 299C.62, subdivision 1, the cost of the criminal  
 90.17 history background check under this paragraph is the responsibility of the individual.

90.18 ~~(e)~~ (f) At the beginning of each school year or when a student enrolls, a school hiring  
 90.19 authority must notify parents and guardians about the school hiring authority's policy  
 90.20 requiring a criminal history background check on employees and other individuals who  
 90.21 provide services to the school, and identify those positions subject to a background check  
 90.22 and the extent of the hiring authority's discretion in requiring a background check. The  
 90.23 school hiring authority may include the notice in the student handbook, a school policy  
 90.24 guide, or other similar communication. Nothing in this paragraph affects a school hiring  
 90.25 authority's ability to request a criminal history background check on an individual under  
 90.26 paragraph (c).

90.27 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective for the 2019-2020 school year and later.

90.28 Sec. 14. Minnesota Statutes 2017 Supplement, section 123B.03, subdivision 2, is amended  
 90.29 to read:

90.30 **Subd. 2. Effect of background check or Professional Educator Licensing and**  
 90.31 **Standards Board action.** ~~(a) A school hiring authority may hire or otherwise allow an~~  
 90.32 ~~individual to provide a service to a school pending completion of a background check under~~  
 90.33 ~~subdivision 1 or obtaining notice of a Professional Educator Licensing and Standards Board~~  
 90.34 ~~action under subdivision 1a but shall notify the individual that the individual's employment~~

91.1 ~~or other service may be terminated based on the result of the background check or~~  
91.2 ~~Professional Educator Licensing and Standards Board action.~~ A school hiring authority is  
91.3 not liable for failing to hire or for terminating an individual's employment or other service  
91.4 based on the result of a background check or Professional Educator Licensing and Standards  
91.5 Board action under this section.

91.6 (b) For purposes of this paragraph, a school hiring authority must inform an individual  
91.7 if the individual's application to be an employee or volunteer in the district has been denied  
91.8 as a result of a background check conducted under this section. The school hiring authority  
91.9 must also inform an individual who is a current employee or volunteer if the individual's  
91.10 employment or volunteer status in the district is being terminated as a result of a background  
91.11 check conducted under subdivision 4.

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

91.13 Sec. 15. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 171.02, subdivision 2a, is amended to read:

91.14 Subd. 2a. **Exception for certain school bus drivers.** Notwithstanding subdivision 2,  
91.15 paragraph (b), the holder of a class D driver's license, without a school bus endorsement,  
91.16 may operate a type A school bus or a multifunction school activity bus under the following  
91.17 conditions:

91.18 (a) The operator is an employee of the entity that owns, leases, or contracts for the school  
91.19 bus and is not solely hired to provide transportation services under this subdivision.

91.20 (b) The operator drives the school bus only from points of origin to points of destination,  
91.21 not including home-to-school trips to pick up or drop off students.

91.22 (c) The operator is prohibited from using the eight-light system. Violation of this  
91.23 paragraph is a misdemeanor.

91.24 (d) The operator's employer has adopted and implemented a policy that provides for  
91.25 annual training and certification of the operator in:

91.26 (1) safe operation of the type of school bus the operator will be driving;

91.27 (2) understanding student behavior, including issues relating to students with disabilities;

91.28 (3) encouraging orderly conduct of students on the bus and handling incidents of  
91.29 misconduct appropriately;

91.30 (4) knowing and understanding relevant laws, rules of the road, and local school bus  
91.31 safety policies;

92.1 (5) handling emergency situations; and

92.2 (6) safe loading and unloading of students.

92.3 (e) A background check or background investigation of the operator has been conducted  
92.4 that meets the requirements under section 122A.18, subdivision 8, or 123B.03 for teachers;  
92.5 section 144.057 or chapter 245C for day care employees; or section 171.321, subdivision  
92.6 3, for all other persons operating a school bus under this subdivision.

92.7 (f) Operators shall submit to a physical examination as required by section 171.321,  
92.8 subdivision 2.

92.9 (g) The operator's driver's license is verified annually by the entity that owns, leases, or  
92.10 contracts for the school bus.

92.11 (h) A person who sustains a conviction, as defined under section 609.02, of violating  
92.12 section 169A.25, 169A.26, 169A.27, 169A.31, 169A.51, or 169A.52, or a similar statute  
92.13 or ordinance of another state is precluded from operating a school bus for five years from  
92.14 the date of conviction.

92.15 (i) A person who has ever been convicted of a disqualifying offense as defined in section  
92.16 171.3215, subdivision 1, paragraph (c), or received a stay of adjudication for an offense  
92.17 that, if convicted of, would require predatory offender registration under section 243.166,  
92.18 may not operate a school bus under this subdivision.

92.19 (j) A person who sustains a conviction, as defined under section 609.02, of a fourth  
92.20 moving offense in violation of chapter 169 is precluded from operating a school bus for one  
92.21 year from the date of the last conviction.

92.22 (k) Students riding the school bus must have training required under section 123B.90,  
92.23 subdivision 2.

92.24 (l) An operator must be trained in the proper use of child safety restraints as set forth in  
92.25 the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration's "Guideline for the Safe Transportation  
92.26 of Pre-school Age Children in School Buses," if child safety restraints are used by the  
92.27 passengers.

92.28 (m) Annual certification of the requirements listed in this subdivision must be maintained  
92.29 under separate file at the business location for each operator licensed under this subdivision  
92.30 and subdivision 2, paragraph (b), clause (5). The business manager, school board, governing  
92.31 body of a nonpublic school, or any other entity that owns, leases, or contracts for the school  
92.32 bus operating under this subdivision is responsible for maintaining these files for inspection.

93.1 (n) The school bus must bear a current certificate of inspection issued under section  
93.2 169.451.

93.3 (o) If the word "School" appears on the front and rear of the bus, the word "School"  
93.4 must be covered by a sign that reads "Activities" when the bus is being operated under  
93.5 authority of this subdivision.

93.6 (p) The type A-I school bus or multifunction school activity bus is designed to transport  
93.7 15 or fewer passengers, including the driver.

93.8 (q) The school bus or multifunction school activity bus has a gross vehicle weight rating  
93.9 of 14,500 pounds or less.

93.10 Sec. 16. Minnesota Statutes 2017 Supplement, section 171.02, subdivision 2b, is amended  
93.11 to read:

93.12 Subd. 2b. **Exception for type III vehicle drivers.** (a) Notwithstanding subdivision 2,  
93.13 the holder of a class A, B, C, or D driver's license, without a school bus endorsement, may  
93.14 operate a type III vehicle described in section 169.011, subdivision 71, paragraph (h), under  
93.15 the conditions in this subdivision.

93.16 (b) The operator is an employee of the entity that owns, leases, or contracts for the school  
93.17 bus.

93.18 (c) The operator's employer has adopted and implemented a policy that provides for  
93.19 annual training and certification of the operator in:

93.20 (1) safe operation of a type III vehicle;

93.21 (2) understanding student behavior, including issues relating to students with disabilities;

93.22 (3) encouraging orderly conduct of students on the bus and handling incidents of  
93.23 misconduct appropriately;

93.24 (4) knowing and understanding relevant laws, rules of the road, and local school bus  
93.25 safety policies;

93.26 (5) handling emergency situations;

93.27 (6) proper use of seat belts and child safety restraints;

93.28 (7) performance of pretrip vehicle inspections;

93.29 (8) safe loading and unloading of students, including, but not limited to:

94.1 (i) utilizing a safe location for loading and unloading students at the curb, on the nontraffic  
94.2 side of the roadway, or at off-street loading areas, driveways, yards, and other areas to  
94.3 enable the student to avoid hazardous conditions;

94.4 (ii) refraining from loading and unloading students in a vehicular traffic lane, on the  
94.5 shoulder, in a designated turn lane, or a lane adjacent to a designated turn lane;

94.6 (iii) avoiding a loading or unloading location that would require a pupil to cross a road,  
94.7 or ensuring that the driver or an aide personally escort the pupil across the road if it is not  
94.8 reasonably feasible to avoid such a location;

94.9 (iv) placing the type III vehicle in "park" during loading and unloading; and

94.10 (v) escorting a pupil across the road under item (iii) only after the motor is stopped, the  
94.11 ignition key is removed, the brakes are set, and the vehicle is otherwise rendered immobile;  
94.12 and

94.13 (9) compliance with paragraph (k), concerning reporting certain convictions to the  
94.14 employer within ten days of the date of conviction.

94.15 (d) A background check or background investigation of the operator has been conducted  
94.16 that meets the requirements under section 122A.18, subdivision 8, or 123B.03 for school  
94.17 district employees; section 144.057 or chapter 245C for day care employees; or section  
94.18 171.321, subdivision 3, for all other persons operating a type III vehicle under this  
94.19 subdivision.

94.20 (e) Operators shall submit to a physical examination as required by section 171.321,  
94.21 subdivision 2.

94.22 (f) The operator's employer requires preemployment drug testing of applicants for  
94.23 operator positions. Current operators must comply with the employer's policy under section  
94.24 181.951, subdivisions 2, 4, and 5. Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, the operator's  
94.25 employer may use a Breathalyzer or similar device to fulfill random alcohol testing  
94.26 requirements.

94.27 (g) The operator's driver's license is verified annually by the entity that owns, leases, or  
94.28 contracts for the type III vehicle as required under section 171.321, subdivision 5.

94.29 (h) A person who sustains a conviction, as defined under section 609.02, of violating  
94.30 section 169A.25, 169A.26, 169A.27, or 169A.31, or whose driver's license is revoked under  
94.31 sections 169A.50 to 169A.53 of the implied consent law or section 171.177, or who is  
94.32 convicted of violating or whose driver's license is revoked under a similar statute or ordinance

95.1 of another state, is precluded from operating a type III vehicle for five years from the date  
95.2 of conviction.

95.3 (i) A person who has ever been convicted of a disqualifying offense as defined in section  
95.4 171.3215, subdivision 1, paragraph (c), or received a stay of adjudication for an offense  
95.5 that, if convicted of, would require predatory offender registration under section 243.166,  
95.6 may not operate a type III vehicle under this subdivision.

95.7 (j) A person who sustains a conviction, as defined under section 609.02, of a moving  
95.8 offense in violation of chapter 169 within three years of the first of three other moving  
95.9 offenses is precluded from operating a type III vehicle for one year from the date of the last  
95.10 conviction.

95.11 (k) An operator who sustains a conviction as described in paragraph (h), ~~(i)~~, or (j) while  
95.12 employed by the entity that owns, leases, or contracts for the school bus, shall report the  
95.13 conviction to the employer within ten days of the date of the conviction. An operator who  
95.14 sustains a conviction or receives a stay of adjudication as described in paragraph (i) while  
95.15 employed by an entity that owns, leases, or contracts for the school bus shall report the  
95.16 conviction or stay of adjudication to the employer within ten days of the date of the conviction  
95.17 or stay of adjudication.

95.18 (l) An operator of a type III vehicle whose driver's license is suspended, revoked,  
95.19 canceled, or disqualified by Minnesota, another state, or another jurisdiction must notify  
95.20 the operator's employer in writing of the suspension, revocation, cancellation, lost privilege,  
95.21 or disqualification. The operator must notify the operator's employer before the end of the  
95.22 business day immediately following the day the operator received notice of the suspension,  
95.23 revocation, cancellation, lost privilege, or disqualification.

95.24 (m) Students riding the type III vehicle must have training required under section  
95.25 123B.90, subdivision 2.

95.26 (n) Documentation of meeting the requirements listed in this subdivision must be  
95.27 maintained under separate file at the business location for each type III vehicle operator.  
95.28 The business manager, school board, governing body of a nonpublic school, or any other  
95.29 entity that owns, leases, or contracts for the type III vehicle operating under this subdivision  
95.30 is responsible for maintaining these files for inspection.

95.31 (o) The type III vehicle must bear a current certificate of inspection issued under section  
95.32 169.451.

96.1 (p) An employee of a school or of a school district, who is not employed for the sole  
96.2 purpose of operating a type III vehicle, is exempt from paragraphs (e) and (f).

96.3 Sec. 17. Minnesota Statutes 2017 Supplement, section 171.3215, subdivision 2, is amended  
96.4 to read:

96.5 Subd. 2. **Cancellation for disqualifying and other offenses.** Within ten days of receiving  
96.6 notice under section 631.40, subdivision 1a, or otherwise receiving notice for a nonresident  
96.7 driver, that a school bus driver has been convicted of a disqualifying offense or received a  
96.8 stay of adjudication for an offense that, if convicted of, would require predatory offender  
96.9 registration under section 243.166, the commissioner shall permanently cancel the school  
96.10 bus driver's endorsement on the offender's driver's license and in the case of a nonresident,  
96.11 the driver's privilege to operate a school bus in Minnesota. A school bus driver whose  
96.12 endorsement or privilege to operate a school bus in Minnesota has been permanently canceled  
96.13 may not apply for reinstatement. Within ten days of receiving notice under section 631.40,  
96.14 subdivision 1a, or otherwise receiving notice for a nonresident driver, that a school bus  
96.15 driver has been convicted of a violation of section 169A.20, or a similar statute or ordinance  
96.16 from another state, and within ten days of revoking a school bus driver's license under  
96.17 section 169A.52 or 171.177, the commissioner shall cancel the school bus driver's  
96.18 endorsement on the offender's driver's license or the nonresident's privilege to operate a  
96.19 school bus in Minnesota for five years. After five years, a school bus driver may apply to  
96.20 the commissioner for reinstatement. Even after five years, cancellation of a school bus  
96.21 driver's endorsement or a nonresident's privilege to operate a school bus in Minnesota for  
96.22 a violation under section 169A.20, sections 169A.50 to 169A.53, section 171.177, or a  
96.23 similar statute or ordinance from another state, shall remain in effect until the driver provides  
96.24 proof of successful completion of an alcohol or controlled substance treatment program.  
96.25 For a first offense, proof of completion is required only if treatment was ordered as part of  
96.26 a chemical use assessment. Within ten days of receiving notice under section 631.40,  
96.27 subdivision 1a, or otherwise receiving notice for a nonresident driver, that a school bus  
96.28 driver has been convicted of a fourth moving violation in the last three years, the  
96.29 commissioner shall cancel the school bus driver's endorsement on the offender's driver's  
96.30 license or the nonresident's privilege to operate a school bus in Minnesota until one year  
96.31 has elapsed since the last conviction. A school bus driver who has no new convictions after  
96.32 one year may apply for reinstatement. Upon canceling the offender's school bus driver's  
96.33 endorsement, the commissioner shall immediately notify the licensed offender of the  
96.34 cancellation in writing, by depositing in the United States post office a notice addressed to

97.1 the licensed offender at the licensed offender's last known address, with postage prepaid  
97.2 thereon.

97.3 Sec. 18. Minnesota Statutes 2017 Supplement, section 171.3215, subdivision 3, is amended  
97.4 to read:

97.5 Subd. 3. **Background check.** Before issuing or renewing a driver's license with a school  
97.6 bus driver's endorsement, the commissioner shall conduct an investigation to determine if  
97.7 the applicant has been convicted of committing a disqualifying offense, four moving  
97.8 violations in the previous three years, a violation of section 169A.20 or a similar statute or  
97.9 ordinance from another state, a gross misdemeanor, or if the applicant's driver's license has  
97.10 been revoked under section 169A.52 or 171.177 or if the applicant received a stay of  
97.11 adjudication for an offense that, if convicted of, would require predatory offender registration  
97.12 under section 243.166. The commissioner shall not issue a new bus driver's endorsement  
97.13 and shall not renew an existing bus driver's endorsement if the applicant has been convicted  
97.14 of committing a disqualifying offense or if the applicant received a stay of adjudication for  
97.15 an offense that, if convicted of, would require predatory offender registration under section  
97.16 243.166. The commissioner shall not issue a new bus driver's endorsement and shall not  
97.17 renew an existing bus driver's endorsement if, within the previous five years, the applicant  
97.18 has been convicted of committing a violation of section 169A.20, or a similar statute or  
97.19 ordinance from another state, a gross misdemeanor, or if the applicant's driver's license has  
97.20 been revoked under section 169A.52 or 171.177, or if, within the previous three years, the  
97.21 applicant has been convicted of four moving violations. An applicant who has been convicted  
97.22 of violating section 169A.20, or a similar statute or ordinance from another state, or who  
97.23 has had a license revocation under section 169A.52 or 171.177 within the previous ten years  
97.24 must show proof of successful completion of an alcohol or controlled substance treatment  
97.25 program in order to receive a bus driver's endorsement. For a first offense, proof of  
97.26 completion is required only if treatment was ordered as part of a chemical use assessment.  
97.27 A school district or contractor that employs a nonresident school bus driver must conduct  
97.28 a background check of the employee's driving record and criminal history in both Minnesota  
97.29 and the driver's state of residence. Convictions for disqualifying offenses, gross  
97.30 misdemeanors, a fourth moving violation within the previous three years, or violations of  
97.31 section 169A.20, or a similar statute or ordinance in another state, must be reported to the  
97.32 Department of Public Safety.

97.33 Sec. 19. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 299C.17, is amended to read:

97.34 **299C.17 REPORT BY COURT ADMINISTRATOR.**

98.1 The superintendent shall require the court administrator of every court which (1) sentences  
98.2 a defendant for a felony, gross misdemeanor, or targeted misdemeanor, or (2) grants a stay  
98.3 of adjudication pursuant to section 609.095, paragraph (b), clause (2), to electronically  
98.4 transmit within 24 hours of the disposition of the case a report, in a form prescribed by the  
98.5 superintendent providing information required by the superintendent with regard to the  
98.6 prosecution and disposition of criminal cases. A copy of the report shall be kept on file in  
98.7 the office of the court administrator.

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

98.9 **Sec. 20. [299C.77] BACKGROUND CHECKS; ADDITIONAL DISCLOSURE.**

98.10 The superintendent shall disclose to each applicant for a background check or background  
98.11 study required or authorized under section 122A.18, subdivision 8; 123B.03; 171.02,  
98.12 subdivision 2a or 2b; or 171.3215, subdivision 3, all records of stays of adjudication granted  
98.13 to the subject of the background check or background study that the superintendent receives  
98.14 pursuant to section 299C.17, clause (2). The data required to be disclosed under this section  
98.15 is in addition to other data on the subject of the background check or background study that  
98.16 the superintendent is mandated to disclose.

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

98.18 Sec. 21. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 609.095, is amended to read:

98.19 **609.095 LIMITS OF SENTENCES.**

98.20 (a) The legislature has the exclusive authority to define crimes and offenses and the  
98.21 range of the sentences or punishments for their violation. No other or different sentence or  
98.22 punishment shall be imposed for the commission of a crime than is authorized by this chapter  
98.23 or other applicable law.

98.24 (b) Except as provided in:

98.25 (1) section 152.18 or 609.375<sub>2</sub>; or

98.26 (2) upon agreement of the parties, a court may not refuse to adjudicate the guilt of a  
98.27 defendant who tenders a guilty plea in accordance with Minnesota Rules of Criminal  
98.28 Procedure, rule 15, or who has been found guilty by a court or jury following a trial.

98.29 A stay of adjudication granted under clause (2) must be reported to the superintendent of  
98.30 the Bureau of Criminal Apprehension pursuant to section 299C.17.

98.31 (c) Paragraph (b) does not supersede Minnesota Rules of Criminal Procedure, rule 26.04.

99.1 Sec. 22. Minnesota Statutes 2017 Supplement, section 609A.03, subdivision 7a, is amended  
99.2 to read:

99.3 Subd. 7a. **Limitations of order effective January 1, 2015, and later.** (a) Upon issuance  
99.4 of an expungement order related to a charge supported by probable cause, the DNA samples  
99.5 and DNA records held by the Bureau of Criminal Apprehension and collected under authority  
99.6 other than section 299C.105 shall not be sealed, returned to the subject of the record, or  
99.7 destroyed.

99.8 (b) Notwithstanding the issuance of an expungement order:

99.9 (1) except as provided in clause (2), an expunged record may be opened, used, or  
99.10 exchanged between criminal justice agencies without a court order for the purposes of  
99.11 initiating, furthering, or completing a criminal investigation or prosecution or for sentencing  
99.12 purposes or providing probation or other correctional services;

99.13 (2) when a criminal justice agency seeks access to a record that was sealed under section  
99.14 609A.02, subdivision 3, paragraph (a), clause (1), after an acquittal or a court order dismissing  
99.15 for lack of probable cause, for purposes of a criminal investigation, prosecution, or  
99.16 sentencing, the requesting agency must obtain an ex parte court order after stating a  
99.17 good-faith basis to believe that opening the record may lead to relevant information;

99.18 (3) an expunged record of a conviction may be opened for purposes of evaluating a  
99.19 prospective employee in a criminal justice agency without a court order;

99.20 (4) an expunged record of a conviction may be opened for purposes of a background  
99.21 study under section 245C.08 unless the commissioner had been properly served with notice  
99.22 of the petition for expungement and the court order for expungement is directed specifically  
99.23 to the commissioner of human services;

99.24 (5) an expunged record of a conviction may be opened for purposes of a background  
99.25 check required under section 122A.18, subdivision 8, unless the court order for expungement  
99.26 is directed specifically to the Professional Educator Licensing and Standards Board or the  
99.27 licensing division of the Department of Education; and

99.28 (6) the court may order an expunged record opened upon request by the victim of the  
99.29 underlying offense if the court determines that the record is substantially related to a matter  
99.30 for which the victim is before the court.

99.31 (c) An agency or jurisdiction subject to an expungement order shall maintain the record  
99.32 in a manner that provides access to the record by a criminal justice agency under paragraph  
99.33 (b), clause (1) or (2), but notifies the recipient that the record has been sealed. The Bureau

100.1 of Criminal Apprehension shall notify the commissioner of human services, and the  
100.2 Professional Educator Licensing and Standards Board, ~~or the licensing division of the~~  
100.3 ~~Department of Education~~ of the existence of a sealed record and of the right to obtain access  
100.4 under paragraph (b), clause (4) or (5). Upon request, the agency or jurisdiction subject to  
100.5 the expungement order shall provide access to the record to the commissioner of human  
100.6 services, the Professional Educator Licensing and Standards Board, or the licensing division  
100.7 of the Department of Education under paragraph (b), clause (4) or (5).

100.8 (d) An expunged record that is opened or exchanged under this subdivision remains  
100.9 subject to the expungement order in the hands of the person receiving the record.

100.10 (e) A criminal justice agency that receives an expunged record under paragraph (b),  
100.11 clause (1) or (2), must maintain and store the record in a manner that restricts the use of the  
100.12 record to the investigation, prosecution, or sentencing for which it was obtained.

100.13 (f) For purposes of this section, a "criminal justice agency" means a court or government  
100.14 agency that performs the administration of criminal justice under statutory authority.

100.15 (g) This subdivision applies to expungement orders subject to its limitations and effective  
100.16 on or after January 1, 2015.

100.17 Sec. 23. Minnesota Statutes 2017 Supplement, section 626.556, subdivision 2, is amended  
100.18 to read:

100.19 Subd. 2. **Definitions.** As used in this section, the following terms have the meanings  
100.20 given them unless the specific content indicates otherwise:

100.21 (a) "Accidental" means a sudden, not reasonably foreseeable, and unexpected occurrence  
100.22 or event which:

100.23 (1) is not likely to occur and could not have been prevented by exercise of due care; and

100.24 (2) if occurring while a child is receiving services from a facility, happens when the  
100.25 facility and the employee or person providing services in the facility are in compliance with  
100.26 the laws and rules relevant to the occurrence or event.

100.27 (b) "Commissioner" means the commissioner of human services.

100.28 (c) "Facility" means:

100.29 (1) a licensed or unlicensed day care facility, certified license-exempt child care center,  
100.30 residential facility, agency, hospital, sanitarium, or other facility or institution required to  
100.31 be licensed under sections 144.50 to 144.58, 241.021, or 245A.01 to 245A.16, or chapter  
100.32 144H, 245D, or 245H;

101.1 (2) a school as defined in section 120A.05, subdivisions 9, 11, and 13; and chapter 124E;  
101.2 or

101.3 (3) a nonlicensed personal care provider organization as defined in section 256B.0625,  
101.4 subdivision 19a.

101.5 (d) "Family assessment" means a comprehensive assessment of child safety, risk of  
101.6 subsequent child maltreatment, and family strengths and needs that is applied to a child  
101.7 maltreatment report that does not allege sexual abuse or substantial child endangerment.  
101.8 Family assessment does not include a determination as to whether child maltreatment  
101.9 occurred but does determine the need for services to address the safety of family members  
101.10 and the risk of subsequent maltreatment.

101.11 (e) "Investigation" means fact gathering related to the current safety of a child and the  
101.12 risk of subsequent maltreatment that determines whether child maltreatment occurred and  
101.13 whether child protective services are needed. An investigation must be used when reports  
101.14 involve sexual abuse or substantial child endangerment, and for reports of maltreatment in  
101.15 facilities required to be licensed or certified under chapter 245A, 245D, or 245H; under  
101.16 sections 144.50 to 144.58 and 241.021; in a school as defined in section 120A.05,  
101.17 subdivisions 9, 11, and 13, and chapter 124E; or in a nonlicensed personal care provider  
101.18 association as defined in section 256B.0625, subdivision 19a.

101.19 (f) "Mental injury" means an injury to the psychological capacity or emotional stability  
101.20 of a child as evidenced by an observable or substantial impairment in the child's ability to  
101.21 function within a normal range of performance and behavior with due regard to the child's  
101.22 culture.

101.23 (g) "Neglect" means the commission or omission of any of the acts specified under  
101.24 clauses (1) to (9), other than by accidental means:

101.25 (1) failure by a person responsible for a child's care to supply a child with necessary  
101.26 food, clothing, shelter, health, medical, or other care required for the child's physical or  
101.27 mental health when reasonably able to do so;

101.28 (2) failure to protect a child from conditions or actions that seriously endanger the child's  
101.29 physical or mental health when reasonably able to do so, including a growth delay, which  
101.30 may be referred to as a failure to thrive, that has been diagnosed by a physician and is due  
101.31 to parental neglect;

101.32 (3) failure to provide for necessary supervision or child care arrangements appropriate  
101.33 for a child after considering factors as the child's age, mental ability, physical condition,

102.1 length of absence, or environment, when the child is unable to care for the child's own basic  
102.2 needs or safety, or the basic needs or safety of another child in their care;

102.3 (4) failure to ensure that the child is educated as defined in sections 120A.22 and  
102.4 260C.163, subdivision 11, which does not include a parent's refusal to provide the parent's  
102.5 child with sympathomimetic medications, consistent with section 125A.091, subdivision  
102.6 5;

102.7 (5) nothing in this section shall be construed to mean that a child is neglected solely  
102.8 because the child's parent, guardian, or other person responsible for the child's care in good  
102.9 faith selects and depends upon spiritual means or prayer for treatment or care of disease or  
102.10 remedial care of the child in lieu of medical care; except that a parent, guardian, or caretaker,  
102.11 or a person mandated to report pursuant to subdivision 3, has a duty to report if a lack of  
102.12 medical care may cause serious danger to the child's health. This section does not impose  
102.13 upon persons, not otherwise legally responsible for providing a child with necessary food,  
102.14 clothing, shelter, education, or medical care, a duty to provide that care;

102.15 (6) prenatal exposure to a controlled substance, as defined in section 253B.02, subdivision  
102.16 2, used by the mother for a nonmedical purpose, as evidenced by withdrawal symptoms in  
102.17 the child at birth, results of a toxicology test performed on the mother at delivery or the  
102.18 child at birth, medical effects or developmental delays during the child's first year of life  
102.19 that medically indicate prenatal exposure to a controlled substance, or the presence of a  
102.20 fetal alcohol spectrum disorder;

102.21 (7) "medical neglect" as defined in section 260C.007, subdivision 6, clause (5);

102.22 (8) chronic and severe use of alcohol or a controlled substance by a parent or person  
102.23 responsible for the care of the child that adversely affects the child's basic needs and safety;  
102.24 or

102.25 (9) emotional harm from a pattern of behavior which contributes to impaired emotional  
102.26 functioning of the child which may be demonstrated by a substantial and observable effect  
102.27 in the child's behavior, emotional response, or cognition that is not within the normal range  
102.28 for the child's age and stage of development, with due regard to the child's culture.

102.29 (h) "Nonmaltreatment mistake" means:

102.30 (1) at the time of the incident, the individual was performing duties identified in the  
102.31 center's child care program plan required under Minnesota Rules, part 9503.0045;

102.32 (2) the individual has not been determined responsible for a similar incident that resulted  
102.33 in a finding of maltreatment for at least seven years;

103.1 (3) the individual has not been determined to have committed a similar nonmaltreatment  
103.2 mistake under this paragraph for at least four years;

103.3 (4) any injury to a child resulting from the incident, if treated, is treated only with  
103.4 remedies that are available over the counter, whether ordered by a medical professional or  
103.5 not; and

103.6 (5) except for the period when the incident occurred, the facility and the individual  
103.7 providing services were both in compliance with all licensing requirements relevant to the  
103.8 incident.

103.9 This definition only applies to child care centers licensed under Minnesota Rules, chapter  
103.10 9503. If clauses (1) to (5) apply, rather than making a determination of substantiated  
103.11 maltreatment by the individual, the commissioner of human services shall determine that a  
103.12 nonmaltreatment mistake was made by the individual.

103.13 (i) "Operator" means an operator or agency as defined in section 245A.02.

103.14 (j) "Person responsible for the child's care" means (1) an individual functioning within  
103.15 the family unit and having responsibilities for the care of the child such as a parent, guardian,  
103.16 or other person having similar care responsibilities, or (2) an individual functioning outside  
103.17 the family unit and having responsibilities for the care of the child such as a teacher, school  
103.18 administrator, other school employees or agents, or other lawful custodian of a child having  
103.19 either full-time or short-term care responsibilities including, but not limited to, day care,  
103.20 babysitting whether paid or unpaid, counseling, teaching, and coaching.

103.21 (k) "Physical abuse" means any physical injury, mental injury, or threatened injury,  
103.22 inflicted by a person responsible for the child's care on a child other than by accidental  
103.23 means, or any physical or mental injury that cannot reasonably be explained by the child's  
103.24 history of injuries, or any aversive or deprivation procedures, or regulated interventions,  
103.25 that have not been authorized under section 125A.0942 or 245.825.

103.26 Abuse does not include reasonable and moderate physical discipline of a child  
103.27 administered by a parent or legal guardian which does not result in an injury. Abuse does  
103.28 not include the use of reasonable force by a teacher, principal, or school employee as allowed  
103.29 by section 121A.582. Actions which are not reasonable and moderate include, but are not  
103.30 limited to, any of the following:

103.31 (1) throwing, kicking, burning, biting, or cutting a child;

103.32 (2) striking a child with a closed fist;

103.33 (3) shaking a child under age three;

104.1 (4) striking or other actions which result in any nonaccidental injury to a child under 18  
104.2 months of age;

104.3 (5) unreasonable interference with a child's breathing;

104.4 (6) threatening a child with a weapon, as defined in section 609.02, subdivision 6;

104.5 (7) striking a child under age one on the face or head;

104.6 (8) striking a child who is at least age one but under age four on the face or head, which  
104.7 results in an injury;

104.8 (9) purposely giving a child poison, alcohol, or dangerous, harmful, or controlled  
104.9 substances which were not prescribed for the child by a practitioner, in order to control or  
104.10 punish the child; or other substances that substantially affect the child's behavior, motor  
104.11 coordination, or judgment or that results in sickness or internal injury, or subjects the child  
104.12 to medical procedures that would be unnecessary if the child were not exposed to the  
104.13 substances;

104.14 (10) unreasonable physical confinement or restraint not permitted under section 609.379,  
104.15 including but not limited to tying, caging, or chaining; or

104.16 (11) in a school facility or school zone, an act by a person responsible for the child's  
104.17 care that is a violation under section 121A.58.

104.18 (l) "Practice of social services," for the purposes of subdivision 3, includes but is not  
104.19 limited to employee assistance counseling and the provision of guardian ad litem and  
104.20 parenting time expeditor services.

104.21 (m) "Report" means any communication received by the local welfare agency, police  
104.22 department, county sheriff, or agency responsible for child protection pursuant to this section  
104.23 that describes neglect or physical or sexual abuse of a child and contains sufficient content  
104.24 to identify the child and any person believed to be responsible for the neglect or abuse, if  
104.25 known.

104.26 (n) "Sexual abuse" means the subjection of a child by a person responsible for the child's  
104.27 care, by a person who has a significant relationship to the child, as defined in section 609.341,  
104.28 or by a person in a position of authority, as defined in section 609.341, subdivision 10, to  
104.29 any act which constitutes a violation of section 609.342 (criminal sexual conduct in the first  
104.30 degree), 609.343 (criminal sexual conduct in the second degree), 609.344 (criminal sexual  
104.31 conduct in the third degree), 609.345 (criminal sexual conduct in the fourth degree), ~~or~~  
104.32 609.3451 (criminal sexual conduct in the fifth degree), or 609.352 (solicitation of children  
104.33 to engage in sexual conduct; communication of sexually explicit materials to children).

105.1 Sexual abuse also includes any act which involves a minor which constitutes a violation of  
105.2 prostitution offenses under sections 609.321 to 609.324 or 617.246. Effective May 29, 2017,  
105.3 sexual abuse includes all reports of known or suspected child sex trafficking involving a  
105.4 child who is identified as a victim of sex trafficking. Sexual abuse includes child sex  
105.5 trafficking as defined in section 609.321, subdivisions 7a and 7b. Sexual abuse includes  
105.6 threatened sexual abuse which includes the status of a parent or household member who  
105.7 has committed a violation which requires registration as an offender under section 243.166,  
105.8 subdivision 1b, paragraph (a) or (b), or required registration under section 243.166,  
105.9 subdivision 1b, paragraph (a) or (b).

105.10 (o) "Substantial child endangerment" means a person responsible for a child's care, by  
105.11 act or omission, commits or attempts to commit an act against a child under their care that  
105.12 constitutes any of the following:

105.13 (1) egregious harm as defined in section 260C.007, subdivision 14;

105.14 (2) abandonment under section 260C.301, subdivision 2;

105.15 (3) neglect as defined in paragraph (g), clause (2), that substantially endangers the child's  
105.16 physical or mental health, including a growth delay, which may be referred to as failure to  
105.17 thrive, that has been diagnosed by a physician and is due to parental neglect;

105.18 (4) murder in the first, second, or third degree under section 609.185, 609.19, or 609.195;

105.19 (5) manslaughter in the first or second degree under section 609.20 or 609.205;

105.20 (6) assault in the first, second, or third degree under section 609.221, 609.222, or 609.223;

105.21 (7) solicitation, inducement, and promotion of prostitution under section 609.322;

105.22 (8) criminal sexual conduct under sections 609.342 to 609.3451;

105.23 (9) solicitation of children to engage in sexual conduct under section 609.352;

105.24 (10) malicious punishment or neglect or endangerment of a child under section 609.377  
105.25 or 609.378;

105.26 (11) use of a minor in sexual performance under section 617.246; or

105.27 (12) parental behavior, status, or condition which mandates that the county attorney file  
105.28 a termination of parental rights petition under section 260C.503, subdivision 2.

105.29 (p) "Threatened injury" means a statement, overt act, condition, or status that represents  
105.30 a substantial risk of physical or sexual abuse or mental injury. Threatened injury includes,

106.1 but is not limited to, exposing a child to a person responsible for the child's care, as defined  
106.2 in paragraph (j), clause (1), who has:

106.3 (1) subjected a child to, or failed to protect a child from, an overt act or condition that  
106.4 constitutes egregious harm, as defined in section 260C.007, subdivision 14, or a similar law  
106.5 of another jurisdiction;

106.6 (2) been found to be palpably unfit under section 260C.301, subdivision 1, paragraph  
106.7 (b), clause (4), or a similar law of another jurisdiction;

106.8 (3) committed an act that has resulted in an involuntary termination of parental rights  
106.9 under section 260C.301, or a similar law of another jurisdiction; or

106.10 (4) committed an act that has resulted in the involuntary transfer of permanent legal and  
106.11 physical custody of a child to a relative under Minnesota Statutes 2010, section 260C.201,  
106.12 subdivision 11, paragraph (d), clause (1), section 260C.515, subdivision 4, or a similar law  
106.13 of another jurisdiction.

106.14 A child is the subject of a report of threatened injury when the responsible social services  
106.15 agency receives birth match data under paragraph (q) from the Department of Human  
106.16 Services.

106.17 (q) Upon receiving data under section 144.225, subdivision 2b, contained in a birth  
106.18 record or recognition of parentage identifying a child who is subject to threatened injury  
106.19 under paragraph (p), the Department of Human Services shall send the data to the responsible  
106.20 social services agency. The data is known as "birth match" data. Unless the responsible  
106.21 social services agency has already begun an investigation or assessment of the report due  
106.22 to the birth of the child or execution of the recognition of parentage and the parent's previous  
106.23 history with child protection, the agency shall accept the birth match data as a report under  
106.24 this section. The agency may use either a family assessment or investigation to determine  
106.25 whether the child is safe. All of the provisions of this section apply. If the child is determined  
106.26 to be safe, the agency shall consult with the county attorney to determine the appropriateness  
106.27 of filing a petition alleging the child is in need of protection or services under section  
106.28 260C.007, subdivision 6, clause (16), in order to deliver needed services. If the child is  
106.29 determined not to be safe, the agency and the county attorney shall take appropriate action  
106.30 as required under section 260C.503, subdivision 2.

106.31 (r) Persons who conduct assessments or investigations under this section shall take into  
106.32 account accepted child-rearing practices of the culture in which a child participates and  
106.33 accepted teacher discipline practices, which are not injurious to the child's health, welfare,  
106.34 and safety.

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

107.2 Sec. 24. Minnesota Statutes 2017 Supplement, section 626.556, subdivision 3, is amended  
107.3 to read:

107.4 Subd. 3. **Persons mandated to report; persons voluntarily reporting.** (a) A person  
107.5 who knows or has reason to believe a child is being neglected or physically or sexually  
107.6 abused, as defined in subdivision 2, or has been neglected or physically or sexually abused  
107.7 within the preceding three years, shall immediately report the information to the local welfare  
107.8 agency, agency responsible for assessing or investigating the report, police department,  
107.9 county sheriff, tribal social services agency, or tribal police department if the person is:

107.10 (1) a professional or professional's delegate who is engaged in the practice of the healing  
107.11 arts, social services, hospital administration, psychological or psychiatric treatment, child  
107.12 care, education, correctional supervision, probation and correctional services, or law  
107.13 enforcement; ~~or~~

107.14 (2) employed as a member of the clergy and received the information while engaged in  
107.15 ministerial duties, provided that a member of the clergy is not required by this subdivision  
107.16 to report information that is otherwise privileged under section 595.02, subdivision 1,  
107.17 paragraph (c); or

107.18 (3) a member of a board or other entity whose licensees perform work within a school  
107.19 facility.

107.20 (b) Any person may voluntarily report to the local welfare agency, agency responsible  
107.21 for assessing or investigating the report, police department, county sheriff, tribal social  
107.22 services agency, or tribal police department if the person knows, has reason to believe, or  
107.23 suspects a child is being or has been neglected or subjected to physical or sexual abuse.

107.24 (c) A person mandated to report physical or sexual child abuse or neglect occurring  
107.25 within a licensed facility shall report the information to the agency responsible for licensing  
107.26 or certifying the facility under sections 144.50 to 144.58; 241.021; 245A.01 to 245A.16;  
107.27 or chapter 144H, 245D, or 245H; or a nonlicensed personal care provider organization as  
107.28 defined in section 256B.0625, subdivision 19a. A health or corrections agency receiving a  
107.29 report may request the local welfare agency to provide assistance pursuant to subdivisions  
107.30 10, 10a, and 10b. A board or other entity whose licensees perform work within a school  
107.31 facility, upon receiving a complaint of alleged maltreatment, shall provide information about  
107.32 the circumstances of the alleged maltreatment to the commissioner of education. Section

108.1 13.03, subdivision 4, applies to data received by the commissioner of education from a  
108.2 licensing entity.

108.3 (d) Notification requirements under subdivision 10 apply to all reports received under  
108.4 this section.

108.5 (e) For purposes of this section, "immediately" means as soon as possible but in no event  
108.6 longer than 24 hours.

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

108.8 Sec. 25. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 626.556, subdivision 10, is amended to read:

108.9 Subd. 10. **Duties of local welfare agency and local law enforcement agency upon**  
108.10 **receipt of report; mandatory notification between police or sheriff and agency.** (a) The  
108.11 police department or the county sheriff shall immediately notify the local welfare agency  
108.12 or agency responsible for child protection reports under this section orally and in writing  
108.13 when a report is received. The local welfare agency or agency responsible for child protection  
108.14 reports shall immediately notify the local police department or the county sheriff orally and  
108.15 in writing when a report is received. The county sheriff and the head of every local welfare  
108.16 agency, agency responsible for child protection reports, and police department shall each  
108.17 designate a person within their agency, department, or office who is responsible for ensuring  
108.18 that the notification duties of this paragraph are carried out. When the alleged maltreatment  
108.19 occurred on tribal land, the local welfare agency or agency responsible for child protection  
108.20 reports and the local police department or the county sheriff shall immediately notify the  
108.21 tribe's social services agency and tribal law enforcement orally and in writing when a report  
108.22 is received. When a police department or county sheriff receives a report or otherwise has  
108.23 information indicating that a child has been the subject of physical abuse, sexual abuse, or  
108.24 neglect by a person licensed by the Professional Educator Licensing and Standards Board  
108.25 or Board of School Administrators, it shall, in addition to its other duties under this section,  
108.26 immediately inform the licensing board.

108.27 (b) Upon receipt of a report, the local welfare agency shall determine whether to conduct  
108.28 a family assessment or an investigation as appropriate to prevent or provide a remedy for  
108.29 child maltreatment. The local welfare agency:

108.30 (1) shall conduct an investigation on reports involving sexual abuse or substantial child  
108.31 endangerment;

109.1 (2) shall begin an immediate investigation if, at any time when it is using a family  
109.2 assessment response, it determines that there is reason to believe that sexual abuse or  
109.3 substantial child endangerment or a serious threat to the child's safety exists;

109.4 (3) may conduct a family assessment for reports that do not allege sexual abuse or  
109.5 substantial child endangerment. In determining that a family assessment is appropriate, the  
109.6 local welfare agency may consider issues of child safety, parental cooperation, and the need  
109.7 for an immediate response;

109.8 (4) may conduct a family assessment on a report that was initially screened and assigned  
109.9 for an investigation. In determining that a complete investigation is not required, the local  
109.10 welfare agency must document the reason for terminating the investigation and notify the  
109.11 local law enforcement agency if the local law enforcement agency is conducting a joint  
109.12 investigation; and

109.13 (5) shall provide immediate notice, according to section 260.761, subdivision 2, to an  
109.14 Indian child's tribe when the agency has reason to believe the family assessment or  
109.15 investigation may involve an Indian child. For purposes of this clause, "immediate notice"  
109.16 means notice provided within 24 hours.

109.17 If the report alleges neglect, physical abuse, or sexual abuse by a parent, guardian, or  
109.18 individual functioning within the family unit as a person responsible for the child's care, or  
109.19 sexual abuse by a person with a significant relationship to the child when that person resides  
109.20 in the child's household or by a sibling, the local welfare agency shall immediately conduct  
109.21 a family assessment or investigation as identified in clauses (1) to (4). In conducting a family  
109.22 assessment or investigation, the local welfare agency shall gather information on the existence  
109.23 of substance abuse and domestic violence and offer services for purposes of preventing  
109.24 future child maltreatment, safeguarding and enhancing the welfare of the abused or neglected  
109.25 minor, and supporting and preserving family life whenever possible. If the report alleges a  
109.26 violation of a criminal statute involving sexual abuse, physical abuse, or neglect or  
109.27 endangerment, under section 609.378, the local law enforcement agency and local welfare  
109.28 agency shall coordinate the planning and execution of their respective investigation and  
109.29 assessment efforts to avoid a duplication of fact-finding efforts and multiple interviews.  
109.30 Each agency shall prepare a separate report of the results of its investigation or assessment.  
109.31 In cases of alleged child maltreatment resulting in death, the local agency may rely on the  
109.32 fact-finding efforts of a law enforcement investigation to make a determination of whether  
109.33 or not maltreatment occurred. When necessary the local welfare agency shall seek authority  
109.34 to remove the child from the custody of a parent, guardian, or adult with whom the child is

110.1 living. In performing any of these duties, the local welfare agency shall maintain appropriate  
110.2 records.

110.3 If the family assessment or investigation indicates there is a potential for abuse of alcohol  
110.4 or other drugs by the parent, guardian, or person responsible for the child's care, the local  
110.5 welfare agency shall conduct a chemical use assessment pursuant to Minnesota Rules, part  
110.6 9530.6615.

110.7 (c) When a local agency receives a report or otherwise has information indicating that  
110.8 a child who is a client, as defined in section 245.91, has been the subject of physical abuse,  
110.9 sexual abuse, or neglect at an agency, facility, or program as defined in section 245.91, it  
110.10 shall, in addition to its other duties under this section, immediately inform the ombudsman  
110.11 established under sections 245.91 to 245.97. The commissioner of education shall inform  
110.12 the ombudsman established under sections 245.91 to 245.97 of reports regarding a child  
110.13 defined as a client in section 245.91 that maltreatment occurred at a school as defined in  
110.14 section 120A.05, subdivisions 9, 11, and 13, and chapter 124E.

110.15 (d) Authority of the local welfare agency responsible for assessing or investigating the  
110.16 child abuse or neglect report, the agency responsible for assessing or investigating the report,  
110.17 and of the local law enforcement agency for investigating the alleged abuse or neglect  
110.18 includes, but is not limited to, authority to interview, without parental consent, the alleged  
110.19 victim and any other minors who currently reside with or who have resided with the alleged  
110.20 offender. The interview may take place at school or at any facility or other place where the  
110.21 alleged victim or other minors might be found or the child may be transported to, and the  
110.22 interview conducted at, a place appropriate for the interview of a child designated by the  
110.23 local welfare agency or law enforcement agency. The interview may take place outside the  
110.24 presence of the alleged offender or parent, legal custodian, guardian, or school official. For  
110.25 family assessments, it is the preferred practice to request a parent or guardian's permission  
110.26 to interview the child prior to conducting the child interview, unless doing so would  
110.27 compromise the safety assessment. Except as provided in this paragraph, the parent, legal  
110.28 custodian, or guardian shall be notified by the responsible local welfare or law enforcement  
110.29 agency no later than the conclusion of the investigation or assessment that this interview  
110.30 has occurred. Notwithstanding rule 32 of the Minnesota Rules of Procedure for Juvenile  
110.31 Courts, the juvenile court may, after hearing on an ex parte motion by the local welfare  
110.32 agency, order that, where reasonable cause exists, the agency withhold notification of this  
110.33 interview from the parent, legal custodian, or guardian. If the interview took place or is to  
110.34 take place on school property, the order shall specify that school officials may not disclose  
110.35 to the parent, legal custodian, or guardian the contents of the notification of intent to interview

111.1 the child on school property, as provided under this paragraph, and any other related  
111.2 information regarding the interview that may be a part of the child's school record. A copy  
111.3 of the order shall be sent by the local welfare or law enforcement agency to the appropriate  
111.4 school official.

111.5 (e) When the local welfare, local law enforcement agency, or the agency responsible  
111.6 for assessing or investigating a report of maltreatment determines that an interview should  
111.7 take place on school property, written notification of intent to interview the child on school  
111.8 property must be received by school officials prior to the interview. The notification shall  
111.9 include the name of the child to be interviewed, the purpose of the interview, and a reference  
111.10 to the statutory authority to conduct an interview on school property. For interviews  
111.11 conducted by the local welfare agency, the notification shall be signed by the chair of the  
111.12 local social services agency or the chair's designee. The notification shall be private data  
111.13 on individuals subject to the provisions of this paragraph. School officials may not disclose  
111.14 to the parent, legal custodian, or guardian the contents of the notification or any other related  
111.15 information regarding the interview until notified in writing by the local welfare or law  
111.16 enforcement agency that the investigation or assessment has been concluded, unless a school  
111.17 employee or agent is alleged to have maltreated the child. Until that time, the local welfare  
111.18 or law enforcement agency or the agency responsible for assessing or investigating a report  
111.19 of maltreatment shall be solely responsible for any disclosures regarding the nature of the  
111.20 assessment or investigation.

111.21 Except where the alleged offender is believed to be a school official or employee, the  
111.22 time and place, and manner of the interview on school premises shall be within the discretion  
111.23 of school officials, but the local welfare or law enforcement agency shall have the exclusive  
111.24 authority to determine who may attend the interview. The conditions as to time, place, and  
111.25 manner of the interview set by the school officials shall be reasonable and the interview  
111.26 shall be conducted not more than 24 hours after the receipt of the notification unless another  
111.27 time is considered necessary by agreement between the school officials and the local welfare  
111.28 or law enforcement agency. Where the school fails to comply with the provisions of this  
111.29 paragraph, the juvenile court may order the school to comply. Every effort must be made  
111.30 to reduce the disruption of the educational program of the child, other students, or school  
111.31 staff when an interview is conducted on school premises.

111.32 (f) Where the alleged offender or a person responsible for the care of the alleged victim  
111.33 or other minor prevents access to the victim or other minor by the local welfare agency, the  
111.34 juvenile court may order the parents, legal custodian, or guardian to produce the alleged  
111.35 victim or other minor for questioning by the local welfare agency or the local law

112.1 enforcement agency outside the presence of the alleged offender or any person responsible  
112.2 for the child's care at reasonable places and times as specified by court order.

112.3 (g) Before making an order under paragraph (f), the court shall issue an order to show  
112.4 cause, either upon its own motion or upon a verified petition, specifying the basis for the  
112.5 requested interviews and fixing the time and place of the hearing. The order to show cause  
112.6 shall be served personally and shall be heard in the same manner as provided in other cases  
112.7 in the juvenile court. The court shall consider the need for appointment of a guardian ad  
112.8 litem to protect the best interests of the child. If appointed, the guardian ad litem shall be  
112.9 present at the hearing on the order to show cause.

112.10 (h) The commissioner of human services, the ombudsman for mental health and  
112.11 developmental disabilities, the local welfare agencies responsible for investigating reports,  
112.12 the commissioner of education, and the local law enforcement agencies have the right to  
112.13 enter facilities as defined in subdivision 2 and to inspect and copy the facility's records,  
112.14 including medical records, as part of the investigation. Notwithstanding the provisions of  
112.15 chapter 13, they also have the right to inform the facility under investigation that they are  
112.16 conducting an investigation, to disclose to the facility the names of the individuals under  
112.17 investigation for abusing or neglecting a child, and to provide the facility with a copy of  
112.18 the report and the investigative findings.

112.19 (i) The local welfare agency responsible for conducting a family assessment or  
112.20 investigation shall collect available and relevant information to determine child safety, risk  
112.21 of subsequent child maltreatment, and family strengths and needs and share not public  
112.22 information with an Indian's tribal social services agency without violating any law of the  
112.23 state that may otherwise impose duties of confidentiality on the local welfare agency in  
112.24 order to implement the tribal state agreement. The local welfare agency or the agency  
112.25 responsible for investigating the report shall collect available and relevant information to  
112.26 ascertain whether maltreatment occurred and whether protective services are needed.  
112.27 Information collected includes, when relevant, information with regard to the person reporting  
112.28 the alleged maltreatment, including the nature of the reporter's relationship to the child and  
112.29 to the alleged offender, and the basis of the reporter's knowledge for the report; the child  
112.30 allegedly being maltreated; the alleged offender; the child's caretaker; and other collateral  
112.31 sources having relevant information related to the alleged maltreatment. The local welfare  
112.32 agency or the agency responsible for investigating the report may make a determination of  
112.33 no maltreatment early in an investigation, and close the case and retain immunity, if the  
112.34 collected information shows no basis for a full investigation.

113.1 Information relevant to the assessment or investigation must be asked for, and may  
113.2 include:

113.3 (1) the child's sex and age; prior reports of maltreatment, including any maltreatment  
113.4 reports that were screened out and not accepted for assessment or investigation; information  
113.5 relating to developmental functioning; credibility of the child's statement; and whether the  
113.6 information provided under this clause is consistent with other information collected during  
113.7 the course of the assessment or investigation;

113.8 (2) the alleged offender's age, a record check for prior reports of maltreatment, and  
113.9 criminal charges and convictions. The local welfare agency or the agency responsible for  
113.10 assessing or investigating the report must provide the alleged offender with an opportunity  
113.11 to make a statement. The alleged offender may submit supporting documentation relevant  
113.12 to the assessment or investigation;

113.13 (3) collateral source information regarding the alleged maltreatment and care of the  
113.14 child. Collateral information includes, when relevant: (i) a medical examination of the child;  
113.15 (ii) prior medical records relating to the alleged maltreatment or the care of the child  
113.16 maintained by any facility, clinic, or health care professional and an interview with the  
113.17 treating professionals; and (iii) interviews with the child's caretakers, including the child's  
113.18 parent, guardian, foster parent, child care provider, teachers, counselors, family members,  
113.19 relatives, and other persons who may have knowledge regarding the alleged maltreatment  
113.20 and the care of the child; and

113.21 (4) information on the existence of domestic abuse and violence in the home of the child,  
113.22 and substance abuse.

113.23 Nothing in this paragraph precludes the local welfare agency, the local law enforcement  
113.24 agency, or the agency responsible for assessing or investigating the report from collecting  
113.25 other relevant information necessary to conduct the assessment or investigation.

113.26 Notwithstanding sections 13.384 or 144.291 to 144.298, the local welfare agency has access  
113.27 to medical data and records for purposes of clause (3). Notwithstanding the data's  
113.28 classification in the possession of any other agency, data acquired by the local welfare  
113.29 agency or the agency responsible for assessing or investigating the report during the course  
113.30 of the assessment or investigation are private data on individuals and must be maintained  
113.31 in accordance with subdivision 11. Data of the commissioner of education collected or  
113.32 maintained during and for the purpose of an investigation of alleged maltreatment in a school  
113.33 are governed by this section, notwithstanding the data's classification as educational,  
113.34 licensing, or personnel data under chapter 13.

114.1 In conducting an assessment or investigation involving a school facility as defined in  
114.2 subdivision 2, paragraph (c), the commissioner of education shall collect investigative  
114.3 reports and data that are relevant to a report of maltreatment and are from local law  
114.4 enforcement and the school facility.

114.5 (j) Upon receipt of a report, the local welfare agency shall conduct a face-to-face contact  
114.6 with the child reported to be maltreated and with the child's primary caregiver sufficient to  
114.7 complete a safety assessment and ensure the immediate safety of the child. The face-to-face  
114.8 contact with the child and primary caregiver shall occur immediately if sexual abuse or  
114.9 substantial child endangerment is alleged and within five calendar days for all other reports.  
114.10 If the alleged offender was not already interviewed as the primary caregiver, the local welfare  
114.11 agency shall also conduct a face-to-face interview with the alleged offender in the early  
114.12 stages of the assessment or investigation. At the initial contact, the local child welfare agency  
114.13 or the agency responsible for assessing or investigating the report must inform the alleged  
114.14 offender of the complaints or allegations made against the individual in a manner consistent  
114.15 with laws protecting the rights of the person who made the report. The interview with the  
114.16 alleged offender may be postponed if it would jeopardize an active law enforcement  
114.17 investigation.

114.18 (k) When conducting an investigation, the local welfare agency shall use a question and  
114.19 answer interviewing format with questioning as nondirective as possible to elicit spontaneous  
114.20 responses. For investigations only, the following interviewing methods and procedures must  
114.21 be used whenever possible when collecting information:

114.22 (1) audio recordings of all interviews with witnesses and collateral sources; and

114.23 (2) in cases of alleged sexual abuse, audio-video recordings of each interview with the  
114.24 alleged victim and child witnesses.

114.25 (l) In conducting an assessment or investigation involving a school facility as defined  
114.26 in subdivision 2, paragraph (c), the commissioner of education shall collect available and  
114.27 relevant information and use the procedures in paragraphs (j) and (k), and subdivision 3d,  
114.28 except that the requirement for face-to-face observation of the child and face-to-face interview  
114.29 of the alleged offender is to occur in the initial stages of the assessment or investigation  
114.30 provided that the commissioner may also base the assessment or investigation on investigative  
114.31 reports and data received from the school facility and local law enforcement, to the extent  
114.32 those investigations satisfy the requirements of paragraphs (j) and (k), and subdivision 3d.

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

115.1 Sec. 26. Minnesota Statutes 2017 Supplement, section 626.556, subdivision 10e, is amended  
115.2 to read:

115.3 Subd. 10e. **Determinations.** (a) The local welfare agency shall conclude the family  
115.4 assessment or the investigation within 45 days of the receipt of a report. The conclusion of  
115.5 the assessment or investigation may be extended to permit the completion of a criminal  
115.6 investigation or the receipt of expert information requested within 45 days of the receipt of  
115.7 the report.

115.8 (b) After conducting a family assessment, the local welfare agency shall determine  
115.9 whether services are needed to address the safety of the child and other family members  
115.10 and the risk of subsequent maltreatment.

115.11 (c) After conducting an investigation, the local welfare agency shall make two  
115.12 determinations: first, whether maltreatment has occurred; and second, whether child  
115.13 protective services are needed. No determination of maltreatment shall be made when the  
115.14 alleged perpetrator is a child under the age of ten.

115.15 (d) If the commissioner of education conducts an assessment or investigation, the  
115.16 commissioner shall determine whether maltreatment occurred and what corrective or  
115.17 protective action was taken by the school facility. If a determination is made that  
115.18 maltreatment has occurred, the commissioner shall report to the employer, the school board,  
115.19 and any appropriate licensing entity the determination that maltreatment occurred and what  
115.20 corrective or protective action was taken by the school facility. In all other cases, the  
115.21 commissioner shall inform the school board or employer and any appropriate licensing  
115.22 entity that a report was received, the subject of the report, the date of the initial report, the  
115.23 category of maltreatment alleged as defined in paragraph (f), the fact that maltreatment was  
115.24 not determined, and a summary of the specific reasons for the determination.

115.25 (e) When maltreatment is determined in an investigation involving a facility, the  
115.26 investigating agency shall also determine whether the facility or individual was responsible,  
115.27 or whether both the facility and the individual were responsible for the maltreatment using  
115.28 the mitigating factors in paragraph (i). Determinations under this subdivision must be made  
115.29 based on a preponderance of the evidence and are private data on individuals or nonpublic  
115.30 data as maintained by the commissioner of education.

115.31 (f) For the purposes of this subdivision, "maltreatment" means any of the following acts  
115.32 or omissions:

115.33 (1) physical abuse as defined in subdivision 2, paragraph (k);

116.1 (2) neglect as defined in subdivision 2, paragraph (g);

116.2 (3) sexual abuse as defined in subdivision 2, paragraph (n);

116.3 (4) mental injury as defined in subdivision 2, paragraph (f); or

116.4 (5) maltreatment of a child in a facility as defined in subdivision 2, paragraph (c).

116.5 (g) For the purposes of this subdivision, a determination that child protective services  
116.6 are needed means that the local welfare agency has documented conditions during the  
116.7 assessment or investigation sufficient to cause a child protection worker, as defined in  
116.8 section 626.559, subdivision 1, to conclude that a child is at significant risk of maltreatment  
116.9 if protective intervention is not provided and that the individuals responsible for the child's  
116.10 care have not taken or are not likely to take actions to protect the child from maltreatment  
116.11 or risk of maltreatment.

116.12 (h) This subdivision does not mean that maltreatment has occurred solely because the  
116.13 child's parent, guardian, or other person responsible for the child's care in good faith selects  
116.14 and depends upon spiritual means or prayer for treatment or care of disease or remedial care  
116.15 of the child, in lieu of medical care. However, if lack of medical care may result in serious  
116.16 danger to the child's health, the local welfare agency may ensure that necessary medical  
116.17 services are provided to the child.

116.18 (i) When determining whether the facility or individual is the responsible party, or  
116.19 whether both the facility and the individual are responsible for determined maltreatment in  
116.20 a facility, the investigating agency shall consider at least the following mitigating factors:

116.21 (1) whether the actions of the facility or the individual caregivers were according to,  
116.22 and followed the terms of, an erroneous physician order, prescription, individual care plan,  
116.23 or directive; however, this is not a mitigating factor when the facility or caregiver was  
116.24 responsible for the issuance of the erroneous order, prescription, individual care plan, or  
116.25 directive or knew or should have known of the errors and took no reasonable measures to  
116.26 correct the defect before administering care;

116.27 (2) comparative responsibility between the facility, other caregivers, and requirements  
116.28 placed upon an employee, including the facility's compliance with related regulatory standards  
116.29 and the adequacy of facility policies and procedures, facility training, an individual's  
116.30 participation in the training, the caregiver's supervision, and facility staffing levels and the  
116.31 scope of the individual employee's authority and discretion; and

116.32 (3) whether the facility or individual followed professional standards in exercising  
116.33 professional judgment.

117.1 The evaluation of the facility's responsibility under clause (2) must not be based on the  
117.2 completeness of the risk assessment or risk reduction plan required under section 245A.66,  
117.3 but must be based on the facility's compliance with the regulatory standards for policies  
117.4 and procedures, training, and supervision as cited in Minnesota Statutes and Minnesota  
117.5 Rules.

117.6 (j) Notwithstanding paragraph (i), when maltreatment is determined to have been  
117.7 committed by an individual who is also the facility license or certification holder, both the  
117.8 individual and the facility must be determined responsible for the maltreatment, and both  
117.9 the background study disqualification standards under section 245C.15, subdivision 4, and  
117.10 the licensing or certification actions under section 245A.06, 245A.07, 245H.06, or 245H.07  
117.11 apply.

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

117.13 Sec. 27. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 631.40, subdivision 1a, is amended to read:

117.14 Subd. 1a. **Certified copy of disqualifying offense convictions sent to public safety**  
117.15 **and school districts.** When a person is convicted of committing a disqualifying offense,  
117.16 as defined in section 171.3215, subdivision 1, a gross misdemeanor, a fourth moving violation  
117.17 within the previous three years, or a violation of section 169A.20, or a similar statute or  
117.18 ordinance from another state, or if the person received a stay of adjudication for an offense  
117.19 that, if convicted of, would require predatory offender registration under section 243.166,  
117.20 the court shall determine whether the offender is a school bus driver as defined in section  
117.21 171.3215, subdivision 1, whether the offender possesses a school bus driver's endorsement  
117.22 on the offender's driver's license and in what school districts the offender drives a school  
117.23 bus. If the offender is a school bus driver or possesses a school bus driver's endorsement,  
117.24 the court administrator shall send a certified copy of the conviction or stay of adjudication  
117.25 to the Department of Public Safety and to the school districts in which the offender drives  
117.26 a school bus within ten days after the conviction or stay of adjudication.

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

117.28 Sec. 28. **SURVEY OF TEACHER PREPARATION PROGRAMS.**

117.29 The Professional Educator Licensing and Standards Board must survey board-approved  
117.30 teacher preparation programs for teachers of elementary education, early childhood education,  
117.31 special education, and reading intervention to determine the extent of dyslexia instruction  
117.32 offered by the programs. The board may consult with the dyslexia specialist at the Department  
117.33 of Education when developing the survey and reviewing the teacher preparation program

118.1 responses. The board must report its findings to the chairs and ranking minority members  
118.2 of the legislative committees having jurisdiction over kindergarten through grade 12  
118.3 education policy and finance by January 2, 2019. The report must include information on  
118.4 teacher preparation program instruction on screening for characteristics of dyslexia,  
118.5 evidence-based instructional strategies for students showing characteristics of dyslexia, and  
118.6 best practices for assisting students showing characteristics of dyslexia and their families.  
118.7 The report must be submitted in accordance with Minnesota Statutes, section 3.195.

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

118.9 Sec. 29. **REPEALER.**

118.10 Minnesota Statutes 2017 Supplement, section 122A.09, subdivision 1, and Minnesota  
118.11 Rules, part 8710.2100, subparts 1 and 2, are repealed.

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

118.13

## ARTICLE 5

118.14

### SPECIAL EDUCATION

118.15 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 125A.76, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

118.16 Subdivision 1. **Definitions.** (a) For the purposes of this section and section 125A.79,  
118.17 the definitions in this subdivision apply.

118.18 (b) "Basic revenue" has the meaning given it in section 126C.10, subdivision 2. For the  
118.19 purposes of computing basic revenue pursuant to this section, each child with a disability  
118.20 shall be counted as prescribed in section 126C.05, subdivision 1.

118.21 (c) "Essential personnel" means teachers, cultural liaisons, related services, and support  
118.22 services staff providing services to students. Essential personnel may also include special  
118.23 education paraprofessionals or clericals providing support to teachers and students by  
118.24 preparing paperwork and making arrangements related to special education compliance  
118.25 requirements, including parent meetings and individualized education programs. Essential  
118.26 personnel does not include administrators and supervisors.

118.27 (d) "Average daily membership" has the meaning given it in section 126C.05.

118.28 (e) "Program growth factor" means ~~1.046 for fiscal years 2012 through 2015, 1.0 for~~  
118.29 ~~fiscal year 2016, 1.046 for fiscal year 2017, and the product of 1.046 and the program growth~~  
118.30 ~~factor for the previous year for fiscal year 2018 and later.~~

119.1 (f) "Nonfederal special education expenditure" means all direct expenditures that are  
119.2 necessary and essential to meet the district's obligation to provide special instruction and  
119.3 services to children with a disability according to sections 124D.454, 125A.03 to 125A.24,  
119.4 125A.259 to 125A.48, and 125A.65 as submitted by the district and approved by the  
119.5 department under section 125A.75, subdivision 4, excluding expenditures:

119.6 (1) reimbursed with federal funds;

119.7 (2) reimbursed with other state aids under this chapter;

119.8 (3) for general education costs of serving students with a disability;

119.9 (4) for facilities;

119.10 (5) for pupil transportation; and

119.11 (6) for postemployment benefits.

119.12 (g) "Old formula special education expenditures" means expenditures eligible for revenue  
119.13 under Minnesota Statutes 2012, section 125A.76, subdivision 2.

119.14 (h) For the Minnesota State Academy for the Deaf and the Minnesota State Academy  
119.15 for the Blind, expenditures under paragraphs (f) and (g) are limited to the salary and fringe  
119.16 benefits of one-to-one instructional and behavior management aides and one-to-one licensed,  
119.17 certified professionals assigned to a child attending the academy, if the aides or professionals  
119.18 are required by the child's individualized education program.

119.19 ~~(i) "Cross subsidy reduction aid percentage" means 1.0 percent for fiscal year 2014 and~~  
119.20 ~~2.27 percent for fiscal year 2015.~~

119.21 ~~(j) "Cross subsidy reduction aid limit" means \$20 for fiscal year 2014 and \$48 for fiscal~~  
119.22 ~~year 2015.~~

119.23 ~~(k)~~ (i) "Special education aid increase limit" means \$80 for fiscal year 2016, \$100 for  
119.24 fiscal year 2017, and, for fiscal year 2018 and later, the sum of the special education aid  
119.25 increase limit for the previous fiscal year and \$40.

119.26 ~~(h)~~ (j) "District" means a school district, a charter school, or a cooperative unit as defined  
119.27 in section 123A.24, subdivision 2. Notwithstanding section 123A.26, cooperative units as  
119.28 defined in section 123A.24, subdivision 2, are eligible to receive special education aid under  
119.29 this section and section 125A.79.

119.30 (k) "Initial special education cross subsidy" means the greater of zero or:

119.31 (1) the nonfederal special education expenditure under paragraph (f); plus

120.1 (2) the cost of providing transportation services for pupils with disabilities under section  
120.2 123B.92, subdivision 1, paragraph (b), clause (4); minus

120.3 (3) the special education aid under subdivision 2c and sections 125A.11, subdivision 1,  
120.4 and 127A.47, subdivision 7; minus

120.5 (4) the amount of general education revenue, excluding local optional revenue, plus  
120.6 local optional aid and referendum equalization aid attributable to pupils receiving special  
120.7 instruction and services outside the regular classroom for more than 60 percent of the school  
120.8 day for the portion of time the pupils receive special instruction and services outside the  
120.9 regular classroom, excluding portions attributable to district and school administration,  
120.10 district support services, operations and maintenance, capital expenditures, and pupil  
120.11 transportation.

120.12 (l) "Special education equity metro region" means the districts with their administrative  
120.13 offices located in Anoka, Carver, Dakota, Hennepin, Ramsey, Scott, or Washington County  
120.14 on January 1, 2012, and districts in other counties with 7,500 or more pupils in adjusted  
120.15 average daily membership.

120.16 (m) "Special education equity rural region" means the districts with their administrative  
120.17 offices located outside Anoka, Carver, Dakota, Hennepin, Ramsey, Scott, or Washington  
120.18 County on January 1, 2012, and districts in other counties with less than 7,500 pupils in  
120.19 adjusted average daily membership.

120.20 **Sec. 2. [125A.81] SPECIAL EDUCATION EQUITY AID.**

120.21 Subdivision 1. **Special education equity aid.** For fiscal year 2022 and later, a school  
120.22 district's special education equity aid equals the greater of zero or, for the second preceding  
120.23 year, the lesser of (1) 30 percent of the difference between the school district's initial special  
120.24 education cross subsidy per pupil in adjusted average daily membership and the regional  
120.25 average initial special education cross subsidy per pupil in adjusted average daily  
120.26 membership, or (2) \$120 times the district's adjusted average daily membership.

120.27 Subd. 2. **Special education equity region.** The department must assign school districts  
120.28 to special education equity regions under section 125A.76, subdivision 1, paragraphs (l)  
120.29 and (m).

120.30 Subd. 3. **Regional equity cross subsidy.** For each region established in subdivision 2,  
120.31 the department must calculate the regional average initial special education cross subsidy  
120.32 under section 125A.76, subdivision 1, paragraph (k), per pupil in adjusted average daily  
120.33 membership for the second preceding year.

121.1 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective for revenue for fiscal year 2022 and later.

121.2 Sec. 3. Laws 2017, First Special Session chapter 5, article 4, section 11, is amended to  
 121.3 read:

121.4 Sec. 11. **SPECIAL EDUCATION ADJUSTMENT; MONTICELLO SCHOOL**  
 121.5 **DISTRICT.**

121.6 (a) Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes, sections 125A.76 and 127A.45, special education  
 121.7 aid payments to Independent School District No. 882, Monticello, must be increased by  
 121.8 \$800,000 in fiscal year 2018 to mitigate cash flow problems created by an unforeseeable  
 121.9 reduction in the district's special education aid for fiscal year 2016 as a result of the combined  
 121.10 effects of converting from a host district cooperative to a joint powers cooperative and  
 121.11 implementation of a new special education aid formula in the same fiscal year.

121.12 (b) Special education aid payments to Independent School District No. 882, Monticello,  
 121.13 must not be reduced by ~~the same amount~~ in fiscal year 2019 to offset the fiscal year 2018  
 121.14 increase.

121.15 (c) In addition to paragraphs (a) and (b), special education aid payments to Independent  
 121.16 School District No. 882, Monticello, must be increased by an additional \$800,000 for fiscal  
 121.17 year 2019.

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

121.19 Sec. 4. Laws 2017, First Special Session chapter 5, article 4, section 12, subdivision 2, as  
 121.20 amended by Laws 2017, First Special Session chapter 7, section 12, is amended to read:

121.21 Subd. 2. **Special education; regular.** For special education aid under Minnesota Statutes,  
 121.22 section 125A.75:

121.23		<del>1,341,161,000</del>		
121.24	\$	<u>1,366,903,000</u>	.....	2018
121.25		<del>1,426,827,000</del>		
121.26	\$	<u>1,469,521,000</u>	.....	2019

121.27 The 2018 appropriation includes \$156,403,000 for 2017 and ~~\$1,184,758,000~~  
 121.28 \$1,210,500,000 for 2018.

121.29 The 2019 appropriation includes ~~\$166,667,000~~ \$170,291,000 for 2018 and  
 121.30 ~~\$1,260,160,000~~ \$1,299,230,000 for 2019.

122.1 Sec. 5. **SPECIAL EDUCATION WORKING GROUP.**

122.2 **Subdivision 1. Duties.** (a) A working group on special education is created to review  
122.3 special education delivery and costs in Minnesota and submit a written report to the  
122.4 legislature recommending changes to contain costs. The report must:

122.5 (1) review how school districts, charter schools, intermediate school districts, special  
122.6 education cooperatives, education districts, and service cooperatives deliver special education  
122.7 services, and the costs and benefits associated with each model;

122.8 (2) compare relevant state and federal special education laws and regulations by reviewing  
122.9 the 2013 evaluation report by the Office of the Legislative Auditor on special education  
122.10 and other publicly available reports;

122.11 (3) analyze trends in special education enrollment and the reasons for the increased  
122.12 proportion of Minnesota students receiving special education, including identifying disparities  
122.13 in student identification;

122.14 (4) identify strategies or programs that would be effective in reducing the need for special  
122.15 education services or could provide less-intensive special education services, when  
122.16 appropriate;

122.17 (5) analyze funding for children receiving special education services in a nonresident  
122.18 district or charter school in accordance with Minnesota Statutes, sections 124E.21, 125A.11,  
122.19 and 127A.47;

122.20 (6) analyze the effect of the 2013 statutory changes to the state special education funding  
122.21 formula, including interactions and conformity with federal funding formulas;

122.22 (7) describe how school districts and charter schools use section 504 plans, including  
122.23 criteria used to determine when a section 504 plan is appropriate and the prevalence of  
122.24 section 504 plans in school districts and charter schools; and

122.25 (8) review the 2013 evaluation report by the Office of the Legislative Auditor on special  
122.26 education and whether any recommendations have been enacted or implemented.

122.27 (b) In making its recommendations, the special education working group must develop  
122.28 a ten-year strategic plan informed by the findings in paragraph (a) to help reduce the costs  
122.29 contributing to the special education cross-subsidy and overall special education funding.

122.30 **Subd. 2. Members.** (a) By June 1, 2018, the executive director of the following  
122.31 organizations may appoint one representative of that organization to serve as a member of  
122.32 the working group:

- 123.1 (1) the National Alliance on Mental Illness Minnesota;
- 123.2 (2) the Parent Advocacy Coalition for Educational Rights;
- 123.3 (3) the Minnesota School Boards Association;
- 123.4 (4) the Minnesota Administrators for Special Education;
- 123.5 (5) the Minnesota Association of Charter Schools;
- 123.6 (6) Education Minnesota;
- 123.7 (7) the Minnesota Rural Education Association;
- 123.8 (8) the Association of Metropolitan School Districts;
- 123.9 (9) The Arc Minnesota;
- 123.10 (10) the Autism Society of Minnesota;
- 123.11 (11) the Minnesota Disability Law Center;
- 123.12 (12) the Minnesota Alliance with Youth;
- 123.13 (13) the Minnesota Education Equity Partnership;
- 123.14 (14) Service Employees International Union Local 284;
- 123.15 (15) the Minnesota Association of School Administrators;
- 123.16 (16) the Minnesota Association of School Business Officials;
- 123.17 (17) the Minnesota Association of Alternative Programs;
- 123.18 (18) Schools for Equity in Education;
- 123.19 (19) Decoding Dyslexia Minnesota; and
- 123.20 (20) the Minnesota Elementary School Principals' Association.
- 123.21 (b) The commissioner of education must solicit applications for membership in the
- 123.22 working group, and based on the applications received, designate by June 25, 2018, the
- 123.23 following individuals to serve as members of the working group:
- 123.24 (1) a representative from an intermediate school district;
- 123.25 (2) a representative from a special education cooperative, education district, or service
- 123.26 cooperative;
- 123.27 (3) a representative from the Governor's Council on Developmental Disabilities;

124.1 (4) a representative from the Commission of Deaf, DeafBlind and Hard of Hearing  
124.2 Minnesotans;

124.3 (5) a representative from a school district in a city of the first class;

124.4 (6) two students receiving special education services and a parent of a student receiving  
124.5 special education services; and

124.6 (7) one representative of a nonprofit organization specializing in early childhood  
124.7 education issues.

124.8 Subd. 3. **Meetings.** The commissioner of education, or the commissioner's designee,  
124.9 must convene the first meeting of the working group no later than July 15, 2018. The working  
124.10 group must select a chair or cochairs from among its members at the first meeting. The  
124.11 working group must meet periodically. Meetings of the working group must be open to the  
124.12 public.

124.13 Subd. 4. **Compensation.** Working group members are not eligible to receive expenses  
124.14 or per diem payments for serving on the working group.

124.15 Subd. 5. **Administrative support.** The commissioner of education must provide technical  
124.16 and administrative assistance to the working group upon request.

124.17 Subd. 6. **Report.** (a) By January 15, 2019, the working group must submit a report  
124.18 providing its findings and recommendations to the chairs and ranking minority members  
124.19 of the legislative committees with jurisdiction over kindergarten through grade 12 education.

124.20 (b) The legislature convening in January 2019 is encouraged to convene a legislative  
124.21 study group to review the recommendations and ten-year strategic plan to develop its own  
124.22 recommendations for legislative changes, as necessary.

124.23 Subd. 7. **Expiration.** The working group expires on January 16, 2019, unless extended  
124.24 by law.

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

## 124.26 **ARTICLE 6**

### 124.27 **FACILITIES, TECHNOLOGY, AND LIBRARIES**

124.28 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 123B.52, subdivision 6, is amended to read:

124.29 Subd. 6. **Disposing of surplus school computers.** (a) Notwithstanding section 471.345,  
124.30 governing school district contracts made upon sealed bid or otherwise complying with the  
124.31 requirements for competitive bidding, other provisions of this section governing school

125.1 district contracts, or other law to the contrary, a school district under this subdivision may  
125.2 dispose of school computers, including a tablet device, according to this subdivision.

125.3 (b) A school district may dispose of a surplus school computer and related equipment  
125.4 if the district disposes of the surplus property by conveying the property and title to:

125.5 (1) another school district;

125.6 (2) the state Department of Corrections;

125.7 (3) the Board of Trustees of the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities; or

125.8 (4) the family of a student residing in the district whose total family income meets the  
125.9 federal definition of poverty.

125.10 (c) If surplus school computers are not disposed of under paragraph (b), upon adoption  
125.11 of a written resolution of the school board, when updating or replacing school computers,  
125.12 including tablet devices, used primarily by students, a school district may sell or give used  
125.13 computers or tablets to qualifying students at the price specified in the written resolution.

125.14 A student is eligible to apply to the school board for a computer or tablet under this  
125.15 subdivision if the student is currently enrolled in the school and intends to enroll in the  
125.16 school in the year following the receipt of the computer or tablet. If more students apply  
125.17 for computers or tablets than are available, the school must first qualify students whose  
125.18 families are eligible for free or reduced-price meals, and then dispose of the remaining  
125.19 computers or tablets by lottery.

125.20 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 1, 2018.

125.21 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 123B.595, is amended by adding a subdivision  
125.22 to read:

125.23 **Subd. 13. Allocation from districts participating in agreements for secondary**  
125.24 **education or interdistrict cooperation.** For purposes of this section, a district with revenue  
125.25 authority under subdivision 1 for indoor air quality, fire alarm and suppression, and asbestos  
125.26 abatement projects under section 123B.57, subdivision 6, with an estimated cost of \$100,000  
125.27 or more per site and that participates in an agreement under section 123A.30 or 123A.32  
125.28 may allocate the revenue authority among participating districts.

126.1 Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 124E.03, subdivision 5, is amended to read:

126.2 Subd. 5. **Records and data requirements.** (a) A charter school must comply with  
126.3 chapter 13 governing government data; and sections 121A.75 governing access to juvenile  
126.4 justice records, and 260B.171, subdivisions 3 and 5, governing juvenile justice records.

126.5 (b) A charter school must comply with section 120A.22, subdivision 7, governing the  
126.6 transfer of students' educational records and sections 138.163 and 138.17 governing the  
126.7 management of local records.

126.8 (c) A charter school must comply with sections 125B.27 and 125B.28, governing  
126.9 technology providers and educational data. A technology provider contracting with a charter  
126.10 school must comply with sections 125B.27 and 125B.28.

126.11 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective for the 2019-2020 school year and later.

126.12 Sec. 4. **[125B.27] TECHNOLOGY PROVIDER REQUIREMENTS.**

126.13 Subdivision 1. **Technology provider definition.** (a) "Technology provider" means a  
126.14 person or entity who:

126.15 (1) provides technological devices for student use or provides access to a software or  
126.16 online application; and

126.17 (2) creates, receives, or maintains educational data pursuant or incidental to a contract  
126.18 with a school district.

126.19 (b) A technology provider does not include a nonprofit organization that has the primary  
126.20 purpose of expanding student access to postsecondary education and that obtains a student's  
126.21 consent to utilize a student's personal information from education records for that purpose.

126.22 Subd. 2. **Educational data.** (a) A technology provider is subject to the provisions of  
126.23 section 13.05, subdivision 11. An assignee or delegee that creates, receives, or maintains  
126.24 educational data is subject to the same restrictions and obligations under this section as the  
126.25 technology provider.

126.26 (b) Educational data created, received, or maintained by a technology provider pursuant  
126.27 or incidental to a contract with a school district are not the technology provider's property.

126.28 (c) If educational data maintained by the technology provider are subject to a breach of  
126.29 the security of the data, as defined in section 13.055, the technology provider must, following  
126.30 discovery of the breach, disclose to the school district all information necessary to fulfill  
126.31 the requirements of section 13.055.

127.1 (d) Unless renewal of the contract is reasonably anticipated, within 30 days of the  
127.2 expiration of the contract, a technology provider must destroy or return to the appropriate  
127.3 school district all educational data created, received, or maintained pursuant or incidental  
127.4 to the contract.

127.5 Subd. 3. **Procedures.** (a) A technology provider must establish written procedures to  
127.6 ensure appropriate security safeguards are in place for educational data. A technology  
127.7 provider's written procedures must require that:

127.8 (1) only authorized employees or contractors can access the educational data; and

127.9 (2) a person is authorized to access educational data only if access is necessary to fulfill  
127.10 official duties.

127.11 (b) A technology provider's written procedures establishing security safeguards for  
127.12 educational data are public data, unless classified as not public under any other applicable  
127.13 law.

127.14 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective for the 2019-2020 school year and later.

127.15 Sec. 5. **[125B.28] SCHOOL DISTRICT REQUIREMENTS.**

127.16 Subdivision 1. **Contract.** A school board must provide a person who requests a copy  
127.17 of a contract with a technology provider a copy of that contract within two weeks of the  
127.18 request.

127.19 Subd. 2. **Training.** (a) To promote understanding of and compliance with this section  
127.20 and applicable provisions of sections 121A.065 and 125B.27, and the Family Educational  
127.21 Rights and Privacy Act, United States Code, title 20, section 1232g, and its regulations as  
127.22 provided by Code of Federal Regulations, title 34, part 99, a school district must:

127.23 (1) provide information on available trainings on compliance with applicable provisions  
127.24 of law under this subdivision to all employees with access to educational data; and

127.25 (2) provide all employees and independent contractors with access to educational data  
127.26 written materials on compliance with applicable provisions of law under this subdivision.

127.27 (b) A school district employee with access to educational data is encouraged to participate  
127.28 in training opportunities provided by a school district under paragraph (a), including free  
127.29 online training on the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act.

127.30 (c) The commissioner of education must provide a school district with information on  
127.31 how employees and independent contractors with access to educational data may access

128.1 written materials on compliance with applicable provisions of law, in accordance with  
128.2 paragraph (a), clause (2).

128.3 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective for the 2019-2020 school year and later.

128.4 Sec. 6. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 134.355, subdivision 10, is amended to read:

128.5 Subd. 10. **Award of funds.** (a) The commissioner of education shall ~~shall~~ must develop an  
128.6 application and a reporting form and procedures for regional library telecommunications  
128.7 aid. Aid shall be based on actual costs including, but not limited to, connections, as  
128.8 documented in e-rate funding commitment decision letters for category one services and  
128.9 acceptable documentation for category two services and funds available for this purpose.  
128.10 The commissioner shall ~~shall~~ must make payments directly to the regional public library system.

128.11 (b) On March 15 of 2019, 2020, and 2021, the commissioner of education must reallocate  
128.12 any unspent amounts appropriated for paragraph (a) to regional library systems for broadband  
128.13 innovation programs, including equipment purchases, hot spot access devices, and other  
128.14 programs designed to increase Internet access.

128.15 (c) By January 15 of 2020, 2021, and 2022, the commissioner of education must report  
128.16 to the legislative committees with jurisdiction over education on the previous fiscal year's  
128.17 spending under this subdivision and make any recommendations for necessary program  
128.18 changes.

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

128.20 Sec. 7. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 205A.07, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

128.21 Subd. 2. **Sample ballot, posting.** (a) For every school district primary, general, or special  
128.22 election, the school district clerk shall at least four days before the primary, general, or  
128.23 special election, post a sample ballot in the administrative offices of the school district for  
128.24 public inspection, and shall post a sample ballot in each polling place on election day.

128.25 (b) For a school district general or special election to issue bonds to finance a capital  
128.26 project requiring review and comment under section 123B.71, the summary of the  
128.27 commissioner's review and comment and supplemental information required under section  
128.28 123B.71, subdivision 12, paragraph (a), shall be posted in the same manner as the sample  
128.29 ballot under paragraph (a).

128.30 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective for elections held on or after August 1,  
128.31 2018.

129.1 Sec. 8. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 475.58, subdivision 4, is amended to read:

129.2 Subd. 4. **Proper use of bond proceeds.** The proceeds of obligations issued after approval  
129.3 of the electors under this section ~~may~~must only be spent: (1) for the purposes stated in the  
129.4 ballot language; or (2) to pay, redeem, or defease obligations and interest, penalties,  
129.5 premiums, and costs of issuance of the obligations. The proceeds ~~may~~must not be spent  
129.6 for a different purpose or for an expansion of the original purpose without the approval by  
129.7 a majority of the electors voting on the question of changing or expanding the purpose of  
129.8 the obligations.

129.9 Sec. 9. Minnesota Statutes 2017 Supplement, section 475.59, subdivision 1, is amended  
129.10 to read:

129.11 Subdivision 1. **Generally; notice.** (a) When the governing body of a municipality resolves  
129.12 to issue bonds for any purpose requiring the approval of the electors, it shall provide for  
129.13 submission of the proposition of their issuance at a general or special election or town or  
129.14 school district meeting. Notice of such election or meeting shall be given in the manner  
129.15 required by law and shall state the maximum amount and the purpose of the proposed issue.

129.16 (b) In any school district, the school board or board of education may, according to its  
129.17 judgment and discretion, submit as a single ballot question or as two or more separate  
129.18 questions in the notice of election and ballots the proposition of their issuance for any one  
129.19 or more of the following, stated conjunctively or in the alternative: acquisition or enlargement  
129.20 of sites, acquisition, betterment, erection, furnishing, equipping of one or more new  
129.21 schoolhouses, remodeling, repairing, improving, adding to, betterment, furnishing, equipping  
129.22 of one or more existing schoolhouses. The ballot question or questions submitted by a school  
129.23 board must state the name of the plan or plans being proposed by the district as submitted  
129.24 to the commissioner of education for review and comment under section 123B.71.

129.25 (c) In any city, town, or county, the governing body may, according to its judgment and  
129.26 discretion, submit as a single ballot question or as two or more separate questions in the  
129.27 notice of election and ballots the proposition of their issuance, stated conjunctively or in  
129.28 the alternative, for the acquisition, construction, or improvement of any facilities at one or  
129.29 more locations.

129.30 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective for elections held on or after August 1,  
129.31 2018.

130.1 Sec. 10. Laws 2017, First Special Session chapter 5, article 7, section 2, subdivision 5, is  
130.2 amended to read:

130.3 Subd. 5. **Regional library telecommunications aid.** (a) For regional library  
130.4 telecommunications aid under Minnesota Statutes, section 134.355:

130.5 \$ 2,300,000 ..... 2018

130.6 \$ 2,300,000 ..... 2019

130.7 (b) The 2018 appropriation includes \$230,000 for 2017 and \$2,070,000 for 2018.

130.8 (c) The 2019 appropriation includes \$230,000 for 2018 and \$2,070,000 for 2019.

130.9 (d) Any balance in the first year does not cancel but is available in the second year.

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

130.11 **ARTICLE 7**

130.12 **NUTRITION**

130.13 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2017 Supplement, section 123B.52, subdivision 7, is amended  
130.14 to read:

130.15 Subd. 7. **Food service contracts.** A contract between a school board and a food service  
130.16 management company that complies with Code of Federal Regulations, title 7, section  
130.17 210.16, 225.15, paragraph (m), or 226.21 may be renewed annually after its initial term for  
130.18 not more than four additional years.

130.19 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 124D.111, is amended to read:

130.20 **124D.111 RESPECTFUL SCHOOL MEALS POLICY; LUNCH AID; FOOD**  
130.21 **SERVICE ACCOUNTING.**

130.22 Subdivision 1. **School lunch aid computation.** Each school year, the state must pay  
130.23 participants in the national school lunch program the amount of 12.5 cents for each full paid  
130.24 and free student lunch and 52.5 cents for each reduced-price lunch served to students.

130.25 Subd. 2. **Application.** A school district, charter school, nonpublic school, or other  
130.26 participant in the national school lunch program shall apply to the department for this  
130.27 payment on forms provided by the department.

130.28 Subd. 2a. **Federal child and adult care food program; criteria and notice.** The  
130.29 commissioner must post on the department's Web site eligibility criteria and application  
130.30 information for nonprofit organizations interested in applying to the commissioner for

131.1 approval as a multisite sponsoring organization under the federal child and adult care food  
131.2 program. The posted criteria and information must inform interested nonprofit organizations  
131.3 about:

131.4 (1) the criteria the commissioner uses to approve or disapprove an application, including  
131.5 how an applicant demonstrates financial viability for the Minnesota program, among other  
131.6 criteria;

131.7 (2) the commissioner's process and time line for notifying an applicant when its  
131.8 application is approved or disapproved and, if the application is disapproved, the explanation  
131.9 the commissioner provides to the applicant; and

131.10 (3) any appeal or other recourse available to a disapproved applicant.

131.11 Subd. 3. **School food service fund.** (a) The expenses described in this subdivision must  
131.12 be recorded as provided in this subdivision.

131.13 (b) In each district, the expenses for a school food service program for pupils must be  
131.14 attributed to a school food service fund. Under a food service program, the school food  
131.15 service may prepare or serve milk, meals, or snacks in connection with school or community  
131.16 service activities.

131.17 (c) Revenues and expenditures for food service activities must be recorded in the food  
131.18 service fund. The costs of processing applications, accounting for meals, preparing and  
131.19 serving food, providing kitchen custodial services, and other expenses involving the preparing  
131.20 of meals or the kitchen section of the lunchroom may be charged to the food service fund  
131.21 or to the general fund of the district. The costs of lunchroom supervision, lunchroom custodial  
131.22 services, lunchroom utilities, and other administrative costs of the food service program  
131.23 must be charged to the general fund.

131.24 That portion of superintendent and fiscal manager costs that can be documented as  
131.25 attributable to the food service program may be charged to the food service fund provided  
131.26 that the school district does not employ or contract with a food service director or other  
131.27 individual who manages the food service program, or food service management company.  
131.28 If the cost of the superintendent or fiscal manager is charged to the food service fund, the  
131.29 charge must be at a wage rate not to exceed the statewide average for food service directors  
131.30 as determined by the department.

131.31 (d) Capital expenditures for the purchase of food service equipment must be made from  
131.32 the general fund and not the food service fund, unless the restricted balance in the food

132.1 service fund at the end of the last fiscal year is greater than the cost of the equipment to be  
132.2 purchased.

132.3 (e) If the condition set out in paragraph (d) applies, the equipment may be purchased  
132.4 from the food service fund.

132.5 (f) If a deficit in the food service fund exists at the end of a fiscal year, and the deficit  
132.6 is not eliminated by revenues from food service operations in the next fiscal year, then the  
132.7 deficit must be eliminated by a permanent fund transfer from the general fund at the end of  
132.8 that second fiscal year. However, if a district contracts with a food service management  
132.9 company during the period in which the deficit has accrued, the deficit must be eliminated  
132.10 by a payment from the food service management company. A district's meal charge policy  
132.11 may allow a district to collect unpaid meal debt that contributes to a food service fund  
132.12 deficit. Such collection efforts must be consistent with subdivisions 4 and 5.

132.13 (g) Notwithstanding paragraph (f), a district may incur a deficit in the food service fund  
132.14 for up to three years without making the permanent transfer if the district submits to the  
132.15 commissioner by January 1 of the second fiscal year a plan for eliminating that deficit at  
132.16 the end of the third fiscal year.

132.17 (h) If a surplus in the food service fund exists at the end of a fiscal year for three  
132.18 successive years, a district may recode for that fiscal year the costs of lunchroom supervision,  
132.19 lunchroom custodial services, lunchroom utilities, and other administrative costs of the food  
132.20 service program charged to the general fund according to paragraph (c) and charge those  
132.21 costs to the food service fund in a total amount not to exceed the amount of surplus in the  
132.22 food service fund.

132.23 Subd. 4. **No fees.** A participant that receives school lunch aid under this section must  
132.24 make lunch available without charge and must not deny a school lunch to all participating  
132.25 students who qualify for free or reduced-price meals, whether or not that student has an  
132.26 outstanding balance in the student's meals account attributable to a la carte purchases or for  
132.27 any other reason.

132.28 Subd. 5. **Respectful treatment.** (a) The participant must also provide meals to  
132.29 participating students in a respectful manner and ensure that any reminders for payment of  
132.30 outstanding student meal balances do not demean or stigmatize any child participating in  
132.31 the school lunch program and conform to the participant's school meals policy.

132.32 (b) Once a participant has placed a meal on a tray or otherwise served the meal to a  
132.33 student, the meal must not be subsequently withdrawn from the student by the cashier or  
132.34 other school official whether or not the student has an outstanding meals balance.

133.1 (c) Notwithstanding section 123B.38, the participant must not limit a student's  
133.2 participation in any school activities, graduation ceremonies, field trips, athletics, activity  
133.3 clubs, or other extracurricular activities or access to materials, technology, or other items  
133.4 provided to other students because of unpaid meal balances. The participant must not impose  
133.5 any other restriction prohibited under section 123B.37 due to unpaid student meal balances.

133.6 (d) The participant must not discipline a student due to an unpaid student meal balance.

133.7 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 1, 2018.

## 133.8 **ARTICLE 8**

### 133.9 **EARLY CHILDHOOD AND FAMILY SUPPORT**

133.10 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 124D.151, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

133.11 Subd. 2. **Program requirements.** (a) A voluntary prekindergarten program provider  
133.12 must:

133.13 (1) provide instruction through play-based learning to foster children's social and  
133.14 emotional development, cognitive development, physical and motor development, and  
133.15 language and literacy skills, including the native language and literacy skills of English  
133.16 learners, to the extent practicable;

133.17 (2) measure each child's cognitive and social skills using a formative measure aligned  
133.18 to the state's early learning standards when the child enters and again before the child leaves  
133.19 the program, screening and progress monitoring measures, and ~~others~~ other age-appropriate  
133.20 versions from the state-approved menu of kindergarten entry profile measures;

133.21 (3) provide comprehensive program content including the implementation of curriculum,  
133.22 assessment, and instructional strategies aligned with the state early learning standards, and  
133.23 kindergarten through grade 3 academic standards;

133.24 (4) provide instructional content and activities that are of sufficient length and intensity  
133.25 to address learning needs including offering a program with at least 350 hours of instruction  
133.26 per school year for a prekindergarten student;

133.27 (5) provide voluntary prekindergarten instructional staff salaries comparable to the  
133.28 salaries of local kindergarten through grade 12 instructional staff;

133.29 (6) coordinate appropriate kindergarten transition with families, community-based  
133.30 prekindergarten programs, and school district kindergarten programs;

134.1 (7) involve parents in program planning and transition planning by implementing parent  
134.2 engagement strategies that include culturally and linguistically responsive activities in  
134.3 prekindergarten through third grade that are aligned with early childhood family education  
134.4 under section 124D.13;

134.5 (8) coordinate with relevant community-based services, including health and social  
134.6 service agencies, to ensure children have access to comprehensive services;

134.7 (9) coordinate with all relevant school district programs and services including early  
134.8 childhood special education, homeless students, and English learners;

134.9 (10) ensure staff-to-child ratios of one-to-ten and a maximum group size of 20 children;

134.10 (11) provide high-quality coordinated professional development, training, and coaching  
134.11 for both school district and community-based early learning providers that is informed by  
134.12 a measure of adult-child interactions and enables teachers to be highly knowledgeable in  
134.13 early childhood curriculum content, assessment, native and English language development  
134.14 programs, and instruction; and

134.15 (12) implement strategies that support the alignment of professional development,  
134.16 instruction, assessments, and prekindergarten through grade 3 curricula.

134.17 (b) A voluntary prekindergarten program must have teachers knowledgeable in early  
134.18 childhood curriculum content, assessment, native and English language programs, and  
134.19 instruction.

134.20 (c) Districts and charter schools must include their strategy for implementing and  
134.21 measuring the impact of their voluntary prekindergarten program under section 120B.11  
134.22 and provide results in their world's best workforce annual summary to the commissioner of  
134.23 education.

134.24 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2017 Supplement, section 124D.151, subdivision 5, is amended  
134.25 to read:

134.26 Subd. 5. **Application process; priority for high poverty schools.** (a) ~~To qualify for~~  
134.27 ~~program approval for fiscal year 2017, a district or charter school must submit an application~~  
134.28 ~~to the commissioner by July 1, 2016.~~ To qualify for program approval for fiscal year 2018  
134.29 and later, a district or charter school must submit an application to the commissioner by  
134.30 January 30 of the fiscal year prior to the fiscal year in which the program will be  
134.31 implemented. The application must include:

135.1 (1) a description of the proposed program, including the number of hours per week the  
135.2 program will be offered at each school site or mixed-delivery location;

135.3 (2) an estimate of the number of eligible children to be served in the program at each  
135.4 school site or mixed-delivery location; and

135.5 (3) a statement of assurances signed by the superintendent or charter school director that  
135.6 the proposed program meets the requirements of subdivision 2.

135.7 (b) The commissioner must review all applications ~~submitted for fiscal year 2017 by~~  
135.8 ~~August 1, 2016, and must review all applications~~ submitted for fiscal year 2018 and later  
135.9 by March 1 of the fiscal year in which the applications are received and determine whether  
135.10 each application meets the requirements of paragraph (a).

135.11 (c) The commissioner must divide all applications for new or expanded voluntary  
135.12 prekindergarten programs under this section meeting the requirements of paragraph (a) and  
135.13 school readiness plus programs into ~~four~~ five groups as follows: the Minneapolis ~~and school~~  
135.14 district; the St. Paul school ~~districts~~ district; other school districts located in the metropolitan  
135.15 equity region as defined in section 126C.10, subdivision 28; school districts located in the  
135.16 rural equity region as defined in section 126C.10, subdivision 28; and charter schools.  
135.17 Within each group, the applications must be ordered by rank using a sliding scale based on  
135.18 the following criteria:

135.19 (1) concentration of kindergarten students eligible for free or reduced-price lunches by  
135.20 school site on October 1 of the previous school year. A school site may contract to partner  
135.21 with a community-based provider or Head Start under subdivision 3 or establish an early  
135.22 childhood center and use the concentration of kindergarten students eligible for free or  
135.23 reduced-price meals from a specific school site as long as those eligible children are  
135.24 prioritized and guaranteed services at the mixed-delivery site or early education center. For  
135.25 school district programs to be operated at locations that do not have free and reduced-price  
135.26 lunch concentration data for kindergarten programs for October 1 of the previous school  
135.27 year, including mixed-delivery programs, the school district average concentration of  
135.28 kindergarten students eligible for free or reduced-price lunches must be used for the rank  
135.29 ordering;

135.30 (2) presence or absence of a three- or four-star Parent Aware rated program within the  
135.31 school district or close proximity of the district. School sites with the highest concentration  
135.32 of kindergarten students eligible for free or reduced-price lunches that do not have a three-  
135.33 or four-star Parent Aware program within the district or close proximity of the district shall  
135.34 receive the highest priority, and school sites with the lowest concentration of kindergarten

136.1 students eligible for free or reduced-price lunches that have a three- or four-star Parent  
136.2 Aware rated program within the district or close proximity of the district shall receive the  
136.3 lowest priority; and

136.4 (3) whether the district has implemented a mixed delivery system.

136.5 (d) The limit on participation for the programs as specified in subdivision 6 must initially  
136.6 be allocated among the ~~four~~ five groups based on each group's percentage share of the  
136.7 statewide kindergarten enrollment on October 1 of the previous school year. Within each  
136.8 group, the participation limit for fiscal years 2018 and 2019 must first be allocated to school  
136.9 sites approved for aid in the previous year to ensure that those sites are funded for the same  
136.10 number of participants as approved for the previous year. The remainder of the participation  
136.11 limit for each group must be allocated among school sites in priority order until that region's  
136.12 share of the participation limit is reached. If the participation limit is not reached for all  
136.13 groups, the remaining amount must be allocated to the highest priority school sites, as  
136.14 designated under this section, not funded in the initial allocation on a statewide basis. For  
136.15 fiscal year 2020 and later, the participation limit must first be allocated to school sites  
136.16 approved for aid in fiscal year 2017, and then to school sites approved for aid in fiscal year  
136.17 2018 based on the statewide rankings under paragraph (c).

136.18 (e) Once a school site or a mixed delivery site under subdivision 3 is approved for aid  
136.19 under this subdivision, it shall remain eligible for aid if it continues to meet program  
136.20 requirements, regardless of changes in the concentration of students eligible for free or  
136.21 reduced-price lunches.

136.22 (f) If the total number of participants approved based on applications submitted under  
136.23 paragraph (a) is less than the participation limit under subdivision 6, the commissioner must  
136.24 notify all school districts and charter schools of the amount that remains available within  
136.25 30 days of the initial application deadline under paragraph (a), and complete a second round  
136.26 of allocations based on applications received within 60 days of the initial application deadline.

136.27 (g) Procedures for approving applications submitted under paragraph (f) shall be the  
136.28 same as specified in paragraphs (a) to (d), except that the allocations shall be made to the  
136.29 highest priority school sites not funded in the initial allocation on a statewide basis.

136.30 Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 124D.162, is amended to read:

136.31 **124D.162 KINDERGARTEN READINESS ASSESSMENT.**

136.32 Subdivision 1. Purpose of assessment. The purpose of kindergarten readiness assessment  
136.33 is to determine whether children are prepared to enter school, to understand the connection

137.1 between kindergarten readiness and later academic achievement, and to produce data that  
137.2 can inform the effectiveness of early childhood programs.

137.3 Subd. 2. **Commissioner duties.** The commissioner of education ~~may~~ must implement  
137.4 a kindergarten readiness assessment representative of incoming kindergartners. The  
137.5 assessment must be based on the Department of Education Kindergarten Readiness  
137.6 Assessment at kindergarten entrance study. The commissioner of education must provide  
137.7 districts with a process for measuring, on a comparable basis, the kindergarten readiness of  
137.8 incoming kindergartners. Districts that use the commissioner-provided process must annually  
137.9 report kindergarten readiness results under this section to the department in the form and  
137.10 manner determined by the commissioner. The commissioner must publicly report  
137.11 kindergarten readiness results as part of the performance reports required under section  
137.12 120B.36 and consistent with section 120B.35, subdivision 3, paragraph (a), clause (2).

137.13 Sec. 4. Minnesota Statutes 2017 Supplement, section 124D.165, subdivision 2, is amended  
137.14 to read:

137.15 Subd. 2. **Family eligibility.** (a) For a family to receive an early learning scholarship,  
137.16 parents or guardians must meet the following eligibility requirements:

137.17 (1) have an eligible child; and

137.18 (2) have income equal to or less than 185 percent of federal poverty level income in the  
137.19 current calendar year, or be able to document their child's current participation in the free  
137.20 and reduced-price lunch program or Child and Adult Care Food Program, National School  
137.21 Lunch Act, United States Code, title 42, sections 1751 and 1766; the Food Distribution  
137.22 Program on Indian Reservations, Food and Nutrition Act, United States Code, title 7, sections  
137.23 2011-2036; Head Start under the federal Improving Head Start for School Readiness Act  
137.24 of 2007; Minnesota family investment program under chapter 256J; child care assistance  
137.25 programs under chapter 119B; the supplemental nutrition assistance program; or placement  
137.26 in foster care under section 260C.212. Parents or guardians are not required to provide  
137.27 income verification under this clause if the child is an eligible child under paragraph (b),  
137.28 clause (4) or (5).

137.29 (b) An "eligible child" means a child who has not yet enrolled in kindergarten and is:

137.30 (1) at least three but not yet five years of age on September 1 of the current school year;

137.31 (2) a sibling from birth to age five of a child who has been awarded a scholarship under  
137.32 this section provided the sibling attends the same program as long as funds are available;

138.1 (3) the child of a parent under age 21 who is pursuing a high school degree or a course  
138.2 of study for a high school equivalency test; or

138.3 ~~(4) homeless, in foster care, or in need of child protective services.~~

138.4 (4) designated as a child in need of protection or services as defined under section  
138.5 260C.007; or

138.6 (5) designated as homeless under the federal McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance  
138.7 Act, United States Code, title 42, section 11434a.

138.8 (c) A child who has received a scholarship under this section must continue to receive  
138.9 a scholarship each year until that child is eligible for kindergarten under section 120A.20  
138.10 and as long as funds are available.

138.11 (d) Early learning scholarships may not be counted as earned income for the purposes  
138.12 of medical assistance under chapter 256B, MinnesotaCare under chapter 256L, Minnesota  
138.13 family investment program under chapter 256J, child care assistance programs under chapter  
138.14 119B, or Head Start under the federal Improving Head Start for School Readiness Act of  
138.15 2007.

138.16 (e) A child from an adjoining state whose family resides at a Minnesota address as  
138.17 assigned by the United States Postal Service, who has received developmental screening  
138.18 under sections 121A.16 to 121A.19, who intends to enroll in a Minnesota school district,  
138.19 and whose family meets the criteria of paragraph (a) is eligible for an early learning  
138.20 scholarship under this section.

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

138.22 Sec. 5. Minnesota Statutes 2017 Supplement, section 124D.165, subdivision 3, is amended  
138.23 to read:

138.24 Subd. 3. **Administration.** (a) The commissioner shall establish application timelines  
138.25 and determine the schedule for awarding scholarships that meets operational needs of eligible  
138.26 families and programs. The commissioner must give highest priority to applications from  
138.27 children who:

138.28 (1) have a parent under age 21 who is pursuing a high school diploma or a course of  
138.29 study for a high school equivalency test;

138.30 (2) are in foster care or otherwise in need of protection or services; or

138.31 (3) have experienced homelessness in the last 24 months, as defined under the federal  
138.32 McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act, United States Code, title 42, section 11434a.

139.1 The commissioner may prioritize applications on additional factors including family  
139.2 income, geographic location, and whether the child's family is on a waiting list for a publicly  
139.3 funded program providing early education or child care services.

139.4 (b) The commissioner shall establish a target for the average scholarship amount per  
139.5 child based on the results of the rate survey conducted under section 119B.02.

139.6 (c) A four-star rated program that has children eligible for a scholarship enrolled in or  
139.7 on a waiting list for a program beginning in July, August, or September may notify the  
139.8 commissioner, in the form and manner prescribed by the commissioner, each year of the  
139.9 program's desire to enhance program services or to serve more children than current funding  
139.10 provides. The commissioner may designate a predetermined number of scholarship slots  
139.11 for that program and notify the program of that number. For fiscal year 2018 and later, the  
139.12 statewide amount of funding directly designated by the commissioner must not exceed the  
139.13 funding directly designated for fiscal year 2017. Beginning July 1, 2016, a school district  
139.14 or Head Start program qualifying under this paragraph may use its established registration  
139.15 process to enroll scholarship recipients and may verify a scholarship recipient's family  
139.16 income in the same manner as for other program participants.

139.17 (d) A scholarship is awarded for a 12-month period. If the scholarship recipient has not  
139.18 been accepted and subsequently enrolled in a rated program within ten months of the  
139.19 awarding of the scholarship, the scholarship cancels and the recipient must reapply in order  
139.20 to be eligible for another scholarship. A child may not be awarded more than one scholarship  
139.21 in a 12-month period.

139.22 (e) A child over the age of three who receives a scholarship ~~who~~ and has not completed  
139.23 development screening under sections 121A.16 to 121A.19 must complete that screening  
139.24 within 90 days of first attending an eligible program. A child who receives a scholarship  
139.25 before the age of three must complete the developmental screening no later than 90 days  
139.26 after the child's third birthday.

139.27 (f) For fiscal year 2017 and later, a school district or Head Start program enrolling  
139.28 scholarship recipients under paragraph (c) may apply to the commissioner, in the form and  
139.29 manner prescribed by the commissioner, for direct payment of state aid. Upon receipt of  
139.30 the application, the commissioner must pay each program directly for each approved  
139.31 scholarship recipient enrolled under paragraph (c) according to the metered payment system  
139.32 or another schedule established by the commissioner.

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

140.1 Sec. 6. Minnesota Statutes 2017 Supplement, section 124D.165, subdivision 4, is amended  
140.2 to read:

140.3 Subd. 4. **Early childhood program eligibility.** (a) In order to be eligible to accept an  
140.4 early learning scholarship, a program must:

140.5 (1) participate in the quality rating and improvement system under section 124D.142;  
140.6 and

140.7 (2) beginning July 1, 2020, have a three- or four-star rating in the quality rating and  
140.8 improvement system.

140.9 (b) Any program accepting scholarships must use the revenue to supplement and not  
140.10 supplant federal funding.

140.11 ~~(c) Notwithstanding paragraph (a), all Minnesota early learning foundation scholarship~~  
140.12 ~~program pilot sites are eligible to accept an early learning scholarship under this section.~~

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

140.14 Sec. 7. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 245C.02, is amended by adding a subdivision to  
140.15 read:

140.16 Subd. 5a. **National criminal history record check.** (a) "National criminal history record  
140.17 check" means a check of records maintained by the Federal Bureau of Investigation through  
140.18 submission of fingerprints through the Minnesota Bureau of Criminal Apprehension to the  
140.19 Federal Bureau of Investigation when specifically required by law.

140.20 (b) For purposes of this chapter, "national crime information database," "national criminal  
140.21 records repository," "criminal history with the Federal Bureau of Investigation," and "national  
140.22 criminal record check" mean a national criminal history record check defined in paragraph  
140.23 (a).

140.24 Sec. 8. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 245C.12, is amended to read:

140.25 **245C.12 BACKGROUND STUDY; TRIBAL ORGANIZATIONS.**

140.26 (a) For the purposes of background studies completed by tribal organizations performing  
140.27 licensing activities otherwise required of the commissioner under this chapter, after obtaining  
140.28 consent from the background study subject, tribal licensing agencies shall have access to  
140.29 criminal history data in the same manner as county licensing agencies and private licensing  
140.30 agencies under this chapter.

141.1 (b) Tribal organizations may contract with the commissioner to obtain background study  
141.2 data on individuals under tribal jurisdiction related to adoptions according to section 245C.34.  
141.3 Tribal organizations may also contract with the commissioner to obtain background study  
141.4 data on individuals under tribal jurisdiction related to child foster care according to section  
141.5 245C.34.

141.6 (c) For the purposes of background studies completed to comply with a tribal  
141.7 organization's licensing requirements for individuals affiliated with a tribally licensed nursing  
141.8 facility, the commissioner shall obtain criminal history data from the National Criminal  
141.9 Records Repository in accordance with section 245C.32.

141.10 (d) Tribal organizations may contract with the commissioner to conduct background  
141.11 studies or obtain background study data on individuals affiliated with a child care program  
141.12 sponsored, managed, or licensed by a tribal organization. Studies conducted under this  
141.13 paragraph require the commissioner to conduct a national criminal history record check as  
141.14 defined in section 245C.02, subdivision 5a. Any tribally affiliated child care program that  
141.15 does not contract with the commissioner to conduct background studies is exempt from the  
141.16 relevant requirements in this chapter. A study conducted under this paragraph must include  
141.17 all components of studies for certified license-exempt child care centers under this chapter  
141.18 to be transferable to other child care entities.

141.19 **Sec. 9. [245C.121] BACKGROUND STUDY; HEAD START PROGRAMS.**

141.20 Head Start programs that receive funding disbursed under section 119A.52 may contract  
141.21 with the commissioner to conduct background studies and obtain background study data  
141.22 on individuals affiliated with a Head Start program. Studies conducted under this paragraph  
141.23 require the commissioner to conduct a national criminal history record check as defined in  
141.24 section 245C.02, subdivision 5a. Any Head Start program site that does not contract with  
141.25 the commissioner, is not licensed, and is not registered to receive funding under chapter  
141.26 119B is exempt from the relevant requirements in this chapter. Nothing in this paragraph  
141.27 supersedes requirements for background studies in this chapter, chapter 119B, or child care  
141.28 centers under chapter 245H that are related to licensed child care programs or programs  
141.29 registered to receive funding under chapter 119B. A study conducted under this paragraph  
141.30 must include all components of studies for certified license-exempt child care centers under  
141.31 this chapter to be transferable to other child care entities.

142.1 Sec. 10. Laws 2017, First Special Session chapter 5, article 8, section 9, subdivision 2, is  
142.2 amended to read:

142.3 Subd. 2. **Program requirements.** A school readiness plus program provider must:

142.4 (1) assess each child's cognitive and language skills with ~~a~~ an age-appropriate  
142.5 comprehensive child assessment instrument when the child enters and again before the child  
142.6 leaves the program to improve program planning and implementation, communicate with  
142.7 parents, and promote kindergarten readiness;

142.8 (2) provide comprehensive program content and intentional instructional practice aligned  
142.9 with the state early childhood learning guidelines and kindergarten standards and based on  
142.10 early childhood research and professional practice that is focused on children's cognitive,  
142.11 social, emotional, and physical skills and development and prepares children for the transition  
142.12 to kindergarten, including early literacy and language skills;

142.13 (3) coordinate appropriate kindergarten transition with parents and kindergarten teachers;

142.14 (4) involve parents in program planning and decision making;

142.15 (5) coordinate with relevant community-based services;

142.16 (6) cooperate with adult basic education programs and other adult literacy programs;

142.17 (7) ensure staff-to-child ratios of one-to-ten and a maximum group size of 20 children  
142.18 with at least one ~~licensed~~ teacher;

142.19 (8) have teachers knowledgeable in early childhood curriculum content, assessment,  
142.20 native and English language development programs, and instruction; and

142.21 (9) provide instructional content and activities that are of sufficient length and intensity  
142.22 to address learning needs including offering a program with at least 350 hours of instruction  
142.23 per school year.

142.24 A teacher in a school readiness plus program must meet the criteria of a school readiness  
142.25 teacher under section 124D.15 or the criteria for a voluntary prekindergarten teacher under  
142.26 section 124D.151.

142.27 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective retroactively from July 1, 2017.

142.28

## ARTICLE 9

142.29 **COMMUNITY EDUCATION, PREVENTION, SELF-SUFFICIENCY, AND**  
142.30 **LIFELONG LEARNING**

142.31 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2017 Supplement, section 124D.549, is amended to read:

143.1 **124D.549 COMMISSIONER-SELECTED HIGH SCHOOL EQUIVALENCY**143.2 **TEST TESTS.**

143.3 The commissioner, in consultation with adult basic education stakeholders, must select  
143.4 ~~a~~ at least one high school equivalency test. The commissioner may issue a high school  
143.5 equivalency diploma to a Minnesota resident 19 years of age or older who has not earned  
143.6 a high school diploma, who has not previously been issued a ~~general education development~~  
143.7 ~~(GED) certification~~ high school equivalency diploma, and who has exceeded or achieved  
143.8 a minimum passing score on ~~the~~ an approved equivalency test established by the publisher.  
143.9 The commissioner of education may waive the minimum age requirement if supportive  
143.10 evidence is provided by an employer or a recognized education or rehabilitation provider.

143.11 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2017 Supplement, section 124D.99, subdivision 3, is amended  
143.12 to read:

143.13 Subd. 3. **Administration; design.** (a) The commissioner shall establish program  
143.14 requirements, an application process and timeline for each tier of grants specified in  
143.15 subdivision 4, criteria for evaluation of applications, and a grant awards process. The  
143.16 commissioner's process must minimize administrative costs, minimize burdens for applicants  
143.17 and grant recipients, and provide a framework that permits flexibility in program design  
143.18 and implementation among grant recipients.

143.19 (b) To the extent practicable, the commissioner shall design the program to align with  
143.20 programs implemented or proposed by organizations in Minnesota that:

143.21 (1) identify and increase the capacity of organizations that are focused on achieving  
143.22 data-driven, locally controlled positive outcomes for children and youth throughout an entire  
143.23 neighborhood or geographic area through programs such as Strive Together, Promise  
143.24 Neighborhood, and the Education Partnerships Coalition members;

143.25 (2) build a continuum of educational family and community supports with academically  
143.26 rigorous schools at the center;

143.27 (3) maximize program efficiencies by integrating programmatic activities and eliminating  
143.28 administrative barriers;

143.29 (4) develop local infrastructure needed to sustain and scale up proven and effective  
143.30 solutions beyond the initial neighborhood or geographic area; ~~and~~

143.31 (5) utilize appropriate outcome measures based on unique community needs and interests  
143.32 and apply rigorous evaluation on a periodic basis to be used to both monitor outcomes and  
143.33 allow for continuous improvements to systems;₂

- 144.1 (6) collect and utilize data to improve student outcomes;
- 144.2 (7) share disaggregated performance data with the community to set community-level
- 144.3 outcomes;
- 144.4 (8) employ continuous improvement processes;
- 144.5 (9) have an anchor entity to manage the partnership;
- 144.6 (10) convene a cross-sector leadership group and have a documented accountability
- 144.7 structure; and
- 144.8 (11) demonstrate use of nonstate funds, from multiple sources, including in-kind
- 144.9 contributions.
- 144.10 (c) A grant recipient's supportive services programming must address:
- 144.11 (1) kindergarten readiness and youth development;
- 144.12 (2) grade 3 reading proficiency;
- 144.13 (3) middle school mathematics;
- 144.14 ~~(3)~~ (4) high school graduation;
- 144.15 ~~(4)~~ (5) postsecondary educational attainment enrollment;
- 144.16 (6) postsecondary education completion;
- 144.17 ~~(5)~~ (7) physical and mental health;
- 144.18 ~~(6)~~ (8) development of career skills and readiness;
- 144.19 ~~(7)~~ (9) parental engagement and development;
- 144.20 ~~(8)~~ (10) community engagement and programmatic alignment; and
- 144.21 ~~(9)~~ (11) reduction of remedial education.
- 144.22 (d) The commissioner, in consultation with grant recipients, must:
- 144.23 (1) develop and revise core indicators of progress toward outcomes specifying impacts
- 144.24 for each tier identified under subdivision 4;
- 144.25 (2) establish a reporting system for grant recipients to measure program outcomes using
- 144.26 data sources and program goals; and
- 144.27 (3) evaluate effectiveness based on the core indicators established by each partnership
- 144.28 for each tier.

145.1 Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 2017 Supplement, section 136A.246, subdivision 4, is amended  
145.2 to read:

145.3 Subd. 4. **Application.** Applications must be made to the commissioner on a form provided  
145.4 by the commissioner. The commissioner must, to the extent possible, make the application  
145.5 form as short and simple to complete as is reasonably possible. The commissioner shall  
145.6 establish a schedule for applications and grants. The application must include, without  
145.7 limitation:

145.8 (1) the projected number of employee trainees;

145.9 (2) the number of projected employee trainees who graduated from high school or passed  
145.10 ~~the~~ a commissioner of education-selected high school equivalency test in the current or  
145.11 immediately preceding calendar year;

145.12 (3) the competency standard for which training will be provided;

145.13 (4) the credential the employee will receive upon completion of training;

145.14 (5) the name and address of the training institution or program and a signed statement  
145.15 by the institution or program that it is able and agrees to provide the training;

145.16 (6) the period of the training; and

145.17 (7) the cost of the training charged by the training institution or program and certified  
145.18 by the institution or program. The cost of training includes tuition, fees, and required books  
145.19 and materials.

145.20 An application may be made for training of employees of multiple employers either by  
145.21 the employers or by an organization on their behalf.

145.22 Sec. 4. Minnesota Statutes 2017 Supplement, section 155A.30, subdivision 12, is amended  
145.23 to read:

145.24 Subd. 12. **Minnesota state authorization.** A cosmetology school licensed or applying  
145.25 for licensure under this section shall maintain recognition as an institution of postsecondary  
145.26 study by meeting the following conditions, in addition to the provisions of Minnesota Rules,  
145.27 ~~parts~~ part 2110.0310 ~~and 2110.0370~~:

145.28 (1) the school must admit as regular students only those individuals who have a high  
145.29 school diploma or a diploma based on passing a commissioner of education-selected high  
145.30 school equivalency ~~tests or their equivalent~~ test, or who are beyond the age of compulsory  
145.31 education as prescribed by section 120A.22; and

146.1 (2) the school must be licensed by name and authorized by the Office of Higher Education  
 146.2 and the board to offer one or more training programs beyond the secondary level.

146.3 Sec. 5. Laws 2017, First Special Session chapter 5, article 9, section 2, subdivision 7, is  
 146.4 amended to read:

146.5 Subd. 7. **Tier 2 implementing grants.** (a) For Tier 2 implementing grants under  
 146.6 Minnesota Statutes, section 124D.99:

146.7 \$ 480,000 ..... 2018

146.8 ~~480,000~~

146.9 \$ 560,000 ..... 2019

146.10 (b) For fiscal years 2018 and 2019 only, \$160,000 each year is for the Northfield Healthy  
 146.11 Community Initiative in Northfield; \$160,000 is for the Jones Family Foundation for the  
 146.12 Every Hand Joined program in Red Wing; and \$160,000 is for the United Way of Central  
 146.13 Minnesota for the Partners for Student Success program.

146.14 (c) For fiscal year 2019 only, \$80,000 is for the United Way of Central Minnesota for  
 146.15 the Promise Neighborhood of Central Minnesota.

146.16 (d) The base funding for Tier 2 implementing grants is \$480,000. The commissioner  
 146.17 must competitively award all grants under this subdivision for fiscal year 2020 and later;  
 146.18 according to the criteria in Minnesota Statutes, section 124D.99, subdivision 3. For grants  
 146.19 authorized in fiscal year 2020 and later, priority must be given to past grant recipients.

146.20 ~~(d)~~ (e) Any balance in the first year does not cancel but is available in the second year.

146.21 **ARTICLE 10**

146.22 **STATE AGENCIES**

146.23 Section 1. Laws 2017, First Special Session chapter 5, article 11, section 9, is amended  
 146.24 to read:

146.25 Sec. 9. **APPROPRIATIONS; DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION.**

146.26 Subdivision 1. **Department of Education.** Unless otherwise indicated, the sums indicated  
 146.27 in this section are appropriated from the general fund to the Department of Education for  
 146.28 the fiscal years designated.

146.29 Subd. 2. **Department.** (a) For the Department of Education:

146.30 \$ 27,158,000 ..... 2018

146.31 \$ 24,874,000 ..... 2019

147.1 Of these amounts:

147.2 (1) \$231,000 each year is for the Board of School Administrators, and beginning in fiscal  
147.3 year 2020, the amount indicated is from the educator licensure account in the special revenue  
147.4 fund;

147.5 (2) \$1,000,000 each year is for regional centers of excellence under Minnesota Statutes,  
147.6 section 120B.115;

147.7 (3) \$500,000 each year is for the school safety technical assistance center under Minnesota  
147.8 Statutes, section 127A.052;

147.9 (4) \$250,000 each year is for the School Finance Division to enhance financial data  
147.10 analysis;

147.11 (5) \$720,000 each year is for implementing Minnesota's Learning for English Academic  
147.12 Proficiency and Success Act under Laws 2014, chapter 272, article 1, as amended;

147.13 (6) \$2,750,000 in fiscal year 2018 and \$500,000 in fiscal year 2019 are for the Department  
147.14 of Education's mainframe update;

147.15 (7) \$123,000 each year is for a dyslexia specialist; and

147.16 (8) \$2,000,000 each year is for legal fees and costs associated with litigation.

147.17 (b) Any balance in the first year does not cancel but is available in the second year.

147.18 (c) None of the amounts appropriated under this subdivision may be used for Minnesota's  
147.19 Washington, D.C. office.

147.20 (d) The expenditures of federal grants and aids as shown in the biennial budget document  
147.21 and its supplements are approved and appropriated and shall be spent as indicated.

147.22 (e) This appropriation includes funds for information technology project services and  
147.23 support subject to the provisions of Minnesota Statutes, section 16E.0466. Any ongoing  
147.24 information technology costs will be incorporated into the service level agreement and will  
147.25 be paid to the Office of MN.IT Services by the Department of Education under the rates  
147.26 and mechanism specified in that agreement.

147.27 (f) The agency's base is ~~\$22,054,000~~ \$21,054,000 for fiscal year 2020 and ~~\$21,965,000~~  
147.28 \$20,965,000 for 2021.

147.29 Sec. 2. Laws 2017, First Special Session chapter 5, article 11, section 12, is amended to  
147.30 read:

147.31 **Sec. 12. APPROPRIATIONS; PERPICH CENTER FOR ARTS EDUCATION.**

148.1 (a) The sums in this section are appropriated from the general fund to the Perpich Center  
 148.2 for Arts Education for the fiscal years designated:

148.3		<del>8,173,000</del>		
148.4	\$	<u>7,298,000</u>	.....	2018
148.5	\$	6,973,000	.....	2019

148.6 (b) Of the amounts appropriated in paragraph (a), \$370,000 is for fiscal years 2018 or  
 148.7 2019 only for arts integration and Turnaround Arts programs.

148.8 (c) ~~\$1,200,000~~ \$325,000 in fiscal year 2018 is for severance payments related to the  
 148.9 closure of Crosswinds school and is available until June 30, ~~2019~~ 2018.

148.10 (d) For fiscal year 2020 and later, the base for the Perpich Center for Arts Education is  
 148.11 \$5,373,000. This base is calculated with an operational fixed cost of \$2,518,000 and a  
 148.12 variable cost of \$16,000 times the estimated number of pupil units served times the ratio of  
 148.13 the basic formula allowance for the current year to the formula allowance for fiscal year  
 148.14 2019.

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

148.16 Sec. 3. Laws 2017, First Special Session chapter 5, article 11, section 13, is amended to  
 148.17 read:

148.18 Sec. 13. **CROSSWINDS DISPOSITION COSTS.**

148.19 ~~\$162,000~~ \$21,000 in fiscal year 2018 only is appropriated from the general fund to the  
 148.20 Perpich Center for Arts Education. The amount appropriated in this section is for transfer  
 148.21 to the commissioner of administration for costs related to the sale of the Crosswinds school  
 148.22 and is available until June 30, 2019.

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

148.24 **ARTICLE 11**

148.25 **FORECAST ADJUSTMENTS**

148.26 **A. GENERAL EDUCATION**

148.27 Section 1. Laws 2017, First Special Session chapter 5, article 1, section 19, subdivision  
 148.28 3, is amended to read:

148.29 Subd. 3. **Enrollment options transportation.** For transportation of pupils attending  
 148.30 postsecondary institutions under Minnesota Statutes, section 124D.09, or for transportation  
 148.31 of pupils attending nonresident districts under Minnesota Statutes, section 124D.03:

149.1                   ~~29,000~~  
 149.2           \$       25,000       ..... 2018  
 149.3                   ~~31,000~~  
 149.4           \$       27,000       ..... 2019

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

149.6       Sec. 2. Laws 2017, First Special Session chapter 5, article 1, section 19, subdivision 4, is  
 149.7 amended to read:

149.8       Subd. 4. **Abatement aid.** For abatement aid under Minnesota Statutes, section 127A.49:

149.9                   ~~2,374,000~~  
 149.10       \$       2,584,000       ..... 2018  
 149.11                   ~~2,163,000~~  
 149.12       \$       3,218,000       ..... 2019

149.13       The 2018 appropriation includes \$262,000 for 2017 and ~~\$2,112,000~~ \$2,322,000 for  
 149.14 2018.

149.15       The 2019 appropriation includes ~~\$234,000~~ \$258,000 for 2018 and ~~\$1,929,000~~ \$2,960,000  
 149.16 for 2019.

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

149.18       Sec. 3. Laws 2017, First Special Session chapter 5, article 1, section 19, subdivision 5, is  
 149.19 amended to read:

149.20       Subd. 5. **Consolidation transition aid.** For districts consolidating under Minnesota  
 149.21 Statutes, section 123A.485:

149.22                   ~~185,000~~  
 149.23       \$       0       ..... 2018  
 149.24                   ~~382,000~~  
 149.25       \$       270,000       ..... 2019

149.26       The 2018 appropriation includes \$0 for 2017 and ~~\$185,000~~ \$0 for 2018.

149.27       The 2019 appropriation includes ~~\$20,000~~ \$0 for 2018 and ~~\$362,000~~ \$270,000 for 2019.

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

149.29       Sec. 4. Laws 2017, First Special Session chapter 5, article 1, section 19, subdivision 6, is  
 149.30 amended to read:

149.31       Subd. 6. **Nonpublic pupil education aid.** For nonpublic pupil education aid under  
 149.32 Minnesota Statutes, sections 123B.40 to 123B.43 and 123B.87:

150.1 ~~18,197,000~~  
 150.2 \$ 17,779,000 ..... 2018  
 150.3 ~~19,225,000~~  
 150.4 \$ 17,910,000 ..... 2019

150.5 The 2018 appropriation includes \$1,687,000 for 2017 and ~~\$16,510,000~~ \$16,092,000 for  
 150.6 2018.

150.7 The 2019 appropriation includes ~~\$1,834,000~~ \$1,787,000 for 2018 and ~~\$17,391,000~~  
 150.8 \$16,123,000 for 2019.

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

150.10 Sec. 5. Laws 2017, First Special Session chapter 5, article 1, section 19, subdivision 7, is  
 150.11 amended to read:

150.12 Subd. 7. **Nonpublic pupil transportation.** For nonpublic pupil transportation aid under  
 150.13 Minnesota Statutes, section 123B.92, subdivision 9:

150.14 ~~18,372,000~~  
 150.15 \$ 17,549,000 ..... 2018  
 150.16 ~~18,541,000~~  
 150.17 \$ 18,309,000 ..... 2019

150.18 The 2018 appropriation includes \$1,835,000 for 2017 and ~~\$16,537,000~~ \$15,714,000 for  
 150.19 2018.

150.20 The 2019 appropriation includes ~~\$1,837,000~~ \$1,745,000 for 2018 and ~~\$16,704,000~~  
 150.21 \$16,564,000 for 2019.

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

150.23 Sec. 6. Laws 2017, First Special Session chapter 5, article 1, section 19, subdivision 9, is  
 150.24 amended to read:

150.25 Subd. 9. **Career and technical aid.** For career and technical aid under Minnesota  
 150.26 Statutes, section 124D.4531, subdivision 1b:

150.27 ~~4,561,000~~  
 150.28 \$ 4,757,000 ..... 2018  
 150.29 ~~4,125,000~~  
 150.30 \$ 4,384,000 ..... 2019

150.31 The 2018 appropriation includes \$476,000 for 2017 and ~~\$4,085,000~~ \$4,281,000 for  
 150.32 2018.

151.1 The 2019 appropriation includes ~~\$453,000~~ \$475,000 for 2018 and ~~\$3,672,000~~ \$3,909,000  
 151.2 for 2019.

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

151.4 **B. EDUCATION EXCELLENCE**

151.5 Sec. 7. Laws 2017, First Special Session chapter 5, article 2, section 57, subdivision 2, is  
 151.6 amended to read:

151.7 Subd. 2. **Achievement and integration aid.** For achievement and integration aid under  
 151.8 Minnesota Statutes, section 124D.862:

151.9		<del>71,249,000</del>		
151.10	\$	<u>71,693,000</u>	.....	2018
151.11		<del>73,267,000</del>		
151.12	\$	<u>73,926,000</u>	.....	2019

151.13 The 2018 appropriation includes \$6,725,000 for 2017 and ~~\$64,524,000~~ \$64,968,000 for  
 151.14 2018.

151.15 The 2019 appropriation includes ~~\$7,169,000~~ \$7,218,000 for 2018 and ~~\$66,098,000~~  
 151.16 \$66,708,000 for 2019.

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

151.18 Sec. 8. Laws 2017, First Special Session chapter 5, article 2, section 57, subdivision 3, is  
 151.19 amended to read:

151.20 Subd. 3. **Literacy incentive aid.** For literacy incentive aid under Minnesota Statutes,  
 151.21 section 124D.98:

151.22		<del>47,264,000</del>		
151.23	\$	<u>46,517,000</u>	.....	2018
151.24		<del>47,763,000</del>		
151.25	\$	<u>46,188,000</u>	.....	2019

151.26 The 2018 appropriation includes \$4,597,000 for 2017 and ~~\$42,667,000~~ \$41,920,000 for  
 151.27 2018.

151.28 The 2019 appropriation includes ~~\$4,740,000~~ \$4,657,000 for 2018 and ~~\$43,023,000~~  
 151.29 \$41,531,000 for 2019.

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

152.1 Sec. 9. Laws 2017, First Special Session chapter 5, article 2, section 57, subdivision 4, is  
 152.2 amended to read:

152.3 Subd. 4. **Interdistrict desegregation or integration transportation grants.** For  
 152.4 interdistrict desegregation or integration transportation grants under Minnesota Statutes,  
 152.5 section 124D.87:

152.6		<del>13,337,000</del>		
152.7	\$	<u>14,328,000</u>	.....	2018
152.8		<del>14,075,000</del>		
152.9	\$	<u>15,065,000</u>	.....	2019

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

152.11 Sec. 10. Laws 2017, First Special Session chapter 5, article 2, section 57, subdivision 5,  
 152.12 is amended to read:

152.13 Subd. 5. **Tribal contract schools.** For tribal contract school aid under Minnesota Statutes,  
 152.14 section 124D.83:

152.15		<del>3,623,000</del>		
152.16	\$	<u>2,954,000</u>	.....	2018
152.17		<del>4,018,000</del>		
152.18	\$	<u>3,381,000</u>	.....	2019

152.19 The 2018 appropriation includes \$323,000 for 2017 and ~~\$3,300,000~~ \$2,631,000 for  
 152.20 2018.

152.21 The 2019 appropriation includes ~~\$366,000~~ \$292,000 for 2018 and ~~\$3,652,000~~ \$3,089,000  
 152.22 for 2019.

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

152.24 Sec. 11. Laws 2017, First Special Session chapter 5, article 2, section 57, subdivision 6,  
 152.25 is amended to read:

152.26 Subd. 6. **American Indian education aid.** For American Indian education aid under  
 152.27 Minnesota Statutes, section 124D.81, subdivision 2a:

152.28	\$	9,244,000	.....	2018
152.29		<del>9,464,000</del>		
152.30	\$	<u>9,409,000</u>	.....	2019

152.31 The 2018 appropriation includes \$886,000 for 2017 and \$8,358,000 for 2018.

152.32 The 2019 appropriation includes \$928,000 for 2018 and ~~\$8,536,000~~ \$8,481,000 for  
 152.33 2019.

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

153.2 Sec. 12. Laws 2017, First Special Session chapter 5, article 2, section 57, subdivision 21,  
153.3 is amended to read:

153.4 Subd. 21. **Charter school building lease aid.** For building lease aid under Minnesota  
153.5 Statutes, section 124E.22:

153.6 ~~73,341,000~~  
153.7 \$ 73,334,000 ..... 2018

153.8 ~~78,802,000~~  
153.9 \$ 79,098,000 ..... 2019

153.10 The 2018 appropriation includes \$6,850,000 for 2017 and ~~\$66,491,000~~ \$66,484,000 for  
153.11 2018.

153.12 The 2019 appropriation includes \$7,387,000 for 2018 and ~~\$71,415,000~~ \$71,711,000 for  
153.13 2019.

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

153.15 Sec. 13. Laws 2017, First Special Session chapter 5, article 2, section 57, subdivision 26,  
153.16 is amended to read:

153.17 Subd. 26. **Alternative teacher compensation aid.** For alternative teacher compensation  
153.18 aid under Minnesota Statutes, section 122A.415, subdivision 4:

153.19 ~~89,863,000~~  
153.20 \$ 90,131,000 ..... 2018

153.21 ~~89,623,000~~  
153.22 \$ 89,789,000 ..... 2019

153.23 The 2018 appropriation includes \$8,917,000 for 2017 and ~~\$80,946,000~~ \$81,214,000 for  
153.24 2018.

153.25 The 2019 appropriation includes ~~\$8,994,000~~ \$9,023,000 for 2018 and ~~\$80,629,000~~  
153.26 \$80,766,000 for 2019.

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

154.1

**C. SPECIAL EDUCATION**

154.2 Sec. 14. Laws 2017, First Special Session chapter 5, article 4, section 12, subdivision 3,  
154.3 is amended to read:

154.4 Subd. 3. **Aid for children with disabilities.** For aid under Minnesota Statutes, section  
154.5 125A.75, subdivision 3, for children with disabilities placed in residential facilities within  
154.6 the district boundaries for whom no district of residence can be determined:

154.7		<del>1,597,000</del>		
154.8	\$	<u>1,022,000</u>	.....	2018
154.9		<del>1,830,000</del>		
154.10	\$	<u>1,204,000</u>	.....	2019

154.11 If the appropriation for either year is insufficient, the appropriation for the other year is  
154.12 available.

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

154.14 Sec. 15. Laws 2017, First Special Session chapter 5, article 4, section 12, subdivision 4,  
154.15 is amended to read:

154.16 Subd. 4. **Travel for home-based services.** For aid for teacher travel for home-based  
154.17 services under Minnesota Statutes, section 125A.75, subdivision 1:

154.18		<del>508,000</del>		
154.19	\$	<u>412,000</u>	.....	2018
154.20		<del>532,000</del>		
154.21	\$	<u>421,000</u>	.....	2019

154.22 The 2018 appropriation includes \$48,000 for 2017 and ~~\$460,000~~ \$364,000 for 2018.

154.23 The 2019 appropriation includes ~~\$51,000~~ \$40,000 for 2018 and ~~\$481,000~~ \$381,000 for  
154.24 2019.

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

154.26 Sec. 16. Laws 2017, First Special Session chapter 5, article 4, section 12, subdivision 5,  
154.27 is amended to read:

154.28 Subd. 5. **Court-placed special education revenue.** For reimbursing serving school  
154.29 districts for unreimbursed eligible expenditures attributable to children placed in the serving  
154.30 school district by court action under Minnesota Statutes, section 125A.79, subdivision 4:

155.1 ~~46,000~~  
 155.2 \$ 40,000 ..... 2018  
 155.3 ~~47,000~~  
 155.4 \$ 41,000 ..... 2019

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

155.6 **D. FACILITIES AND TECHNOLOGY**

155.7 Sec. 17. Laws 2017, First Special Session chapter 5, article 5, section 14, subdivision 2,  
 155.8 is amended to read:

155.9 Subd. 2. **Debt service equalization aid.** For debt service equalization aid under  
 155.10 Minnesota Statutes, section 123B.53, subdivision 6:

155.11 \$ 24,908,000 ..... 2018  
 155.12 ~~22,360,000~~  
 155.13 \$ 23,137,000 ..... 2019

155.14 The 2018 appropriation includes \$2,324,000 for 2017 and \$22,584,000 for 2018.

155.15 The 2019 appropriation includes \$2,509,000 for 2018 and ~~\$19,851,000~~ \$20,628,000 for  
 155.16 2019.

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

155.18 Sec. 18. Laws 2017, First Special Session chapter 5, article 5, section 14, subdivision 3,  
 155.19 is amended to read:

155.20 Subd. 3. **Long-term facilities maintenance equalized aid.** For long-term facilities  
 155.21 maintenance equalized aid under Minnesota Statutes, section 123B.595, subdivision 9:

155.22 ~~80,179,000~~  
 155.23 \$ 81,053,000 ..... 2018  
 155.24 ~~103,460,000~~  
 155.25 \$ 102,374,000 ..... 2019

155.26 The 2018 appropriation includes \$5,815,000 for 2017 and ~~\$74,364,000~~ \$75,238,000 for  
 155.27 2018.

155.28 The 2019 appropriation includes ~~\$8,262,000~~ \$8,359,000 for 2018 and ~~\$95,198,000~~  
 155.29 \$94,015,000 for 2019.

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

156.1

**E. NUTRITION**

156.2 Sec. 19. Laws 2017, First Special Session chapter 5, article 6, section 3, subdivision 2, is  
 156.3 amended to read:

156.4 Subd. 2. **School lunch.** For school lunch aid under Minnesota Statutes, section 124D.111,  
 156.5 and Code of Federal Regulations, title 7, section 210.17:

156.6		<del>16,721,000</del>		
156.7	\$	<u>16,143,000</u>	.....	2018
156.8		<del>17,223,000</del>		
156.9	\$	<u>16,477,000</u>	.....	2019

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

156.11 Sec. 20. Laws 2017, First Special Session chapter 5, article 6, section 3, subdivision 3, is  
 156.12 amended to read:

156.13 Subd. 3. **School breakfast.** For traditional school breakfast aid under Minnesota Statutes,  
 156.14 section 124D.1158:

156.15		<del>10,601,000</del>		
156.16	\$	<u>10,474,000</u>	.....	2018
156.17		<del>11,359,000</del>		
156.18	\$	<u>11,282,000</u>	.....	2019

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

156.20 Sec. 21. Laws 2017, First Special Session chapter 5, article 6, section 3, subdivision 4, is  
 156.21 amended to read:

156.22 Subd. 4. **Kindergarten milk.** For kindergarten milk aid under Minnesota Statutes,  
 156.23 section 124D.118:

156.24		<del>758,000</del>		
156.25	\$	<u>734,000</u>	.....	2018
156.26		<del>758,000</del>		
156.27	\$	<u>734,000</u>	.....	2019

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

156.29 **F. EARLY CHILDHOOD AND FAMILY SUPPORT**

156.30 Sec. 22. Laws 2017, First Special Session chapter 5, article 8, section 10, subdivision 3,  
 156.31 is amended to read:

156.32 Subd. 3. **Mixed delivery prekindergarten programs.** (a) For mixed delivery  
 156.33 prekindergarten programs and school readiness plus programs:

157.1 ~~21,429,000~~  
 157.2 \$ 0 ..... 2018  
 157.3 ~~28,571,000~~  
 157.4 \$ 0 ..... 2019

157.5 (b) The fiscal year 2018 appropriation includes \$0 for 2017 and ~~\$21,429,000~~ \$0 for  
 157.6 2018.

157.7 (c) The fiscal year 2019 appropriation includes ~~\$2,381,000~~ \$0 for 2018 and ~~\$26,190,000~~  
 157.8 \$0 for 2019.

157.9 (d) The commissioner must proportionately allocate the amounts appropriated in this  
 157.10 subdivision among each education funding program affected by the enrollment of mixed  
 157.11 delivery system prekindergarten pupils.

157.12 (e) The appropriation under this subdivision is reduced by any other amounts specifically  
 157.13 appropriated for those purposes.

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

157.15 Sec. 23. Laws 2017, First Special Session chapter 5, article 8, section 10, subdivision 5a,  
 157.16 is amended to read:

157.17 Subd. 5a. **Early childhood family education aid.** For early childhood family education  
 157.18 aid under Minnesota Statutes, section 124D.135:

157.19 ~~30,405,000~~  
 157.20 \$ 29,760,000 ..... 2018  
 157.21 ~~31,977,000~~  
 157.22 \$ 30,870,000 ..... 2019

157.23 The 2018 appropriation includes \$2,904,000 for 2017 and ~~\$27,501,000~~ \$26,856,000 for  
 157.24 2018.

157.25 The 2019 appropriation includes ~~\$3,055,000~~ \$2,983,000 for 2018 and ~~\$28,922,000~~  
 157.26 \$27,887,000 for 2019.

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

157.28 Sec. 24. Laws 2017, First Special Session chapter 5, article 8, section 10, subdivision 6,  
 157.29 is amended to read:

157.30 Subd. 6. **Developmental screening aid.** For developmental screening aid under  
 157.31 Minnesota Statutes, sections 121A.17 and 121A.19:

157.32 ~~3,606,000~~  
 157.33 \$ 3,663,000 ..... 2018

158.1 ~~3,629,000~~  
 158.2 \$ 3,688,000 ..... 2019

158.3 The 2018 appropriation includes \$358,000 for 2017 and ~~\$3,248,000~~ \$3,305,000 for  
 158.4 2018.

158.5 The 2019 appropriation includes ~~\$360,000~~ \$367,000 for 2018 and ~~\$3,269,000~~ \$3,321,000  
 158.6 for 2019.

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

158.8 Sec. 25. Laws 2017, First Special Session chapter 5, article 8, section 10, subdivision 12,  
 158.9 is amended to read:

158.10 Subd. 12. **Home visiting aid.** For home visiting aid under Minnesota Statutes, section  
 158.11 124D.135:

158.12 ~~527,000~~  
 158.13 \$ 503,000 ..... 2018

158.14 ~~571,000~~  
 158.15 \$ 525,000 ..... 2019

158.16 The 2018 appropriation includes \$0 for 2017 and ~~\$527,000~~ \$503,000 for 2018.

158.17 The 2019 appropriation includes ~~\$58,000~~ \$55,000 for 2018 and ~~\$513,000~~ \$470,000 for  
 158.18 2019.

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

158.20 **G. COMMUNITY EDUCATION AND PREVENTION**

158.21 Sec. 26. Laws 2017, First Special Session chapter 5, article 9, section 2, subdivision 2, is  
 158.22 amended to read:

158.23 Subd. 2. **Community education aid.** For community education aid under Minnesota  
 158.24 Statutes, section 124D.20:

158.25 ~~483,000~~  
 158.26 \$ 477,000 ..... 2018

158.27 ~~393,000~~  
 158.28 \$ 410,000 ..... 2019

158.29 The 2018 appropriation includes \$53,000 for 2017 and ~~\$430,000~~ \$424,000 for 2018.

158.30 The 2019 appropriation includes \$47,000 for 2018 and ~~\$346,000~~ \$363,000 for 2019.

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

159.1 **H. SELF-SUFFICIENCY AND LIFELONG LEARNING**

159.2 Sec. 27. Laws 2017, First Special Session chapter 5, article 10, section 6, subdivision 2,  
159.3 is amended to read:

159.4 Subd. 2. **Adult basic education aid.** For adult basic education aid under Minnesota  
159.5 Statutes, section 124D.531:

159.6		<del>50,010,000</del>		
159.7	\$	<u>48,708,000</u>	.....	2018
159.8		<del>51,497,000</del>		
159.9	\$	<u>50,109,000</u>	.....	2019

159.10 The 2018 appropriation includes \$4,881,000 for 2017 and ~~\$45,129,000~~ \$43,827,000 for  
159.11 2018.

159.12 The 2019 appropriation includes ~~\$5,014,000~~ \$4,869,000 for 2018 and ~~\$46,483,000~~  
159.13 \$45,240,000 for 2019.

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

159.15 **ARTICLE 12**

159.16 **APPROPRIATIONS**

159.17 Section 1. **HIGHER EDUCATION APPROPRIATIONS.**

159.18 The sums shown in the columns marked "Appropriations" are added to the appropriations  
159.19 in Laws 2017, chapter 89, article 1, unless otherwise specified, to the agencies and for the  
159.20 purposes specified in this article. The appropriations are from the general fund, or another  
159.21 named fund, and are available for the fiscal years indicated for each purpose. The figures  
159.22 "2018" and "2019" used in this article mean that the appropriations listed under them are  
159.23 available for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2018, or June 30, 2019, respectively. "The first  
159.24 year" is fiscal year 2018. "The second year" is fiscal year 2019. "The biennium" is fiscal  
159.25 years 2018 and 2019.

159.26		<b><u>APPROPRIATIONS</u></b>	
159.27		<b><u>Available for the Year</u></b>	
159.28		<b><u>Ending June 30</u></b>	
159.29		<b><u>2018</u></b>	<b><u>2019</u></b>

159.30 Sec. 2. **MINNESOTA OFFICE OF HIGHER**  
159.31 **EDUCATION**

159.32	Subdivision 1. <b><u>Total Appropriation</u></b>	\$	<b><u>-0-</u></b>	\$	<b><u>500,000</u></b>
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160.1 The amounts that may be spent for each  
 160.2 purpose are specified in the following  
 160.3 subdivisions.

160.4 **Subd. 2. State Grants** -0- 350,000

160.5 This is a onetime appropriation.

160.6 **Subd. 3. Agricultural Educators Loan**  
 160.7 **Forgiveness** -0- 100,000

160.8 For transfer to the agricultural education loan  
 160.9 forgiveness account in the special revenue  
 160.10 fund under Minnesota Statutes, section  
 160.11 136A.1794, subdivision 2. This is a onetime  
 160.12 appropriation.

160.13 **Subd. 3. Student Loan Debt Counseling** -0- 50,000

160.14 For a student loan debt counseling grant under  
 160.15 Minnesota Statutes, section 136A.1705. This  
 160.16 is a onetime appropriation.

160.17 **Sec. 3. BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE**  
 160.18 **MINNESOTA STATE COLLEGES AND**  
 160.19 **UNIVERSITIES**

160.20 **Subdivision 1. Total Appropriation** \$ -0- \$ 5,000,000

160.21 The amounts that may be spent for each  
 160.22 purpose are specified in the following  
 160.23 subdivisions.

160.24 **Subd. 2. Operations and Maintenance** -0- 5,000,000

160.25 (a) This appropriation includes \$1,000,000 in  
 160.26 fiscal year 2019 for cyber security programs  
 160.27 at Metropolitan State University. This is a  
 160.28 onetime appropriation.

160.29 (b) This appropriation includes \$4,000,000 in  
 160.30 fiscal year 2019 for campus support to be  
 160.31 allocated to campuses according to the fiscal  
 160.32 year 2019 framework. This is a onetime  
 160.33 appropriation.



162.1 (11) ensuring that a sexual assault victim may decide when to repeat a description of  
162.2 the incident of sexual assault;

162.3 (12) notice to a sexual assault victim of the availability of a campus or local program  
162.4 providing sexual assault advocacy services and information on legal resources;

162.5 (13) notice to a sexual assault victim of the outcome of any campus disciplinary  
162.6 proceeding concerning a sexual assault complaint, consistent with laws relating to data  
162.7 practices;

162.8 (14) the complete and prompt assistance of campus authorities, at the direction of law  
162.9 enforcement authorities, in obtaining, securing, and maintaining evidence in connection  
162.10 with a sexual assault incident;

162.11 (15) the assistance of campus authorities in preserving for a sexual assault complainant  
162.12 or victim materials relevant to a campus disciplinary proceeding;

162.13 (16) during and after the process of investigating a complaint and conducting a campus  
162.14 disciplinary procedure, the assistance of campus personnel, in cooperation with the  
162.15 appropriate law enforcement authorities, at a sexual assault victim's request, in shielding  
162.16 the victim from unwanted contact with the alleged assailant, including transfer of the victim  
162.17 to alternative classes or to alternative college-owned housing, if alternative classes or housing  
162.18 are available and feasible;

162.19 (17) forbidding retaliation, and establishing a process for investigating complaints of  
162.20 retaliation, against sexual assault victims by campus authorities, the accused, organizations  
162.21 affiliated with the accused, other students, and other employees;

162.22 (18) at the request of the victim, providing students who reported sexual assaults to the  
162.23 institution and subsequently choose to transfer to another postsecondary institution with  
162.24 information about resources for victims of sexual assault at the institution to which the  
162.25 victim is transferring; and

162.26 (19) consistent with laws governing access to student records, providing a student who  
162.27 reported an incident of sexual assault with access to the student's description of the incident  
162.28 as it was reported to the institution, including if that student transfers to another postsecondary  
162.29 institution.

162.30 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 135A.15, subdivision 6, is amended to read:

162.31 Subd. 6. **Data collection and reporting.** (a) Postsecondary institutions must annually  
162.32 report statistics on sexual assault. This report must be prepared in addition to any federally

163.1 required reporting on campus security, including reports required by the Jeanne Clery  
163.2 Disclosure of Campus Security Policy and Campus Crime Statistics Act, United States  
163.3 Code, title 20, section 1092(f). The report must include, but not be limited to, the number  
163.4 of incidents of sexual assault reported to the institution in the previous calendar year, as  
163.5 follows:

163.6 (1) the number that were investigated by the institution;

163.7 (2) the number that were referred for a disciplinary proceeding at the institution;

163.8 (3) the number the victim chose to report to local or state law enforcement;

163.9 (4) the number for which a campus disciplinary proceeding is pending, but has not  
163.10 reached a final resolution;

163.11 (5) the number in which the alleged perpetrator was found responsible by the disciplinary  
163.12 proceeding at the institution;

163.13 (6) the number that resulted in any action by the institution greater than a warning issued  
163.14 to the accused;

163.15 (7) the number that resulted in a disciplinary proceeding at the institution that closed  
163.16 without resolution;

163.17 (8) the number that resulted in a disciplinary proceeding at the institution that closed  
163.18 without resolution because the accused withdrew from the institution;

163.19 (9) the number that resulted in a disciplinary proceeding at the institution that closed  
163.20 without resolution because the victim chose not to participate in the procedure; and

163.21 (10) the number of reports made through the online reporting system established in  
163.22 subdivision 5, excluding reports submitted anonymously.

163.23 (b) If an institution previously submitted a report indicating that one or more disciplinary  
163.24 proceedings was pending, but had not reached a final resolution, and one or more of those  
163.25 disciplinary proceedings reached a final resolution within the previous calendar year, that  
163.26 institution must submit updated totals from the previous year that reflect the outcome of  
163.27 the pending case or cases.

163.28 (c) The reports required by this subdivision must be submitted to the Office of Higher  
163.29 Education by October 1 of each year. Each report must contain the data required under  
163.30 paragraphs (a) and (b) from the previous calendar year.

163.31 (d) The commissioner of the Office of Higher Education shall calculate statewide numbers  
163.32 for each data item reported by an institution under this subdivision. The statewide numbers

164.1 must include data from postsecondary institutions that the commissioner could not publish  
164.2 due to federal laws governing access to student records.

164.3 (e) The Office of Higher Education shall publish on its Web site:

164.4 (1) the statewide data calculated under paragraph (d); and

164.5 (2) the data items required under paragraphs (a) and (b) for each postsecondary institution  
164.6 in the state.

164.7 Each postsecondary institution shall publish on the institution's Web site the data items  
164.8 required under paragraphs (a) and (b) for that institution.

164.9 (f) Reports and data required under this subdivision must be prepared and published as  
164.10 summary data, as defined in section 13.02, subdivision 19, and must be consistent with  
164.11 applicable law governing access to educational data. If an institution or the Office of Higher  
164.12 Education does not publish data because of applicable law, the publication must explain  
164.13 why data are not included.

164.14 (g) By October 1 of each year, the Board of Regents of the University of Minnesota  
164.15 must submit a report to the chairs and ranking minority members of the legislative committees  
164.16 with jurisdiction over higher education policy and finance. In addition to the data on sexual  
164.17 assault incidents described in paragraph (a), the report must include equivalent data on  
164.18 incidents of sexual harassment, as defined in the board's policy on sexual harassment. The  
164.19 report is subject to the requirements of paragraph (f).

164.20 Sec. 3. **[136A.1705] STUDENT LOAN DEBT COUNSELING.**

164.21 Subdivision 1. **Grant.** (a) A program is established under the Office of Higher Education  
164.22 to provide a grant to a Minnesota-based nonprofit qualified debt counseling organization  
164.23 to provide individual student loan debt repayment counseling to borrowers who are Minnesota  
164.24 residents concerning loans obtained to attend a postsecondary institution. The number of  
164.25 individuals receiving counseling may be limited to those capable of being served with  
164.26 available appropriations for that purpose. A goal of the counseling program is to provide  
164.27 two counseling sessions to at least 75 percent of borrowers receiving counseling.

164.28 (b) The purpose of the counseling is to assist borrowers to:

164.29 (1) understand their loan and repayment options;

164.30 (2) manage loan repayment; and

164.31 (3) develop a workable budget based on the borrower's full financial situation regarding  
164.32 income, expenses, and other debt.

165.1 Subd. 2. **Qualified debt counseling organization.** A qualified debt counseling  
165.2 organization is an organization that:

165.3 (1) has experience in providing individualized student loan counseling;

165.4 (2) employs certified financial loan counselors; and

165.5 (3) is based in Minnesota and has offices at multiple rural and metropolitan area locations  
165.6 in the state to provide in-person counseling.

165.7 Subd. 3. **Grant application and award.** (a) Applications for a grant shall be on a form  
165.8 created by the commissioner and on a schedule set by the commissioner. Among other  
165.9 provisions, the application must include a description of:

165.10 (1) the characteristics of borrowers to be served;

165.11 (2) the services to be provided and a timeline for implementation of the services;

165.12 (3) how the services provided will help borrowers manage loan repayment;

165.13 (4) specific program outcome goals and performance measures for each goal; and

165.14 (5) how the services will be evaluated to determine whether the program goals were  
165.15 met.

165.16 (b) The commissioner shall select one grant recipient for a two-year award every two  
165.17 years. A grant may be renewed biennially.

165.18 Subd. 4. **Program evaluation.** (a) The grant recipient must submit a report to the  
165.19 commissioner by January 15 of the second year of the grant award. The report must evaluate  
165.20 and measure the extent to which program outcome goals have been met.

165.21 (b) The grant recipient must collect, analyze, and report on participation and outcome  
165.22 data that enable the office to verify the outcomes.

165.23 (c) The evaluation must include information on the number of borrowers served with  
165.24 on-time student loan payments, the numbers who brought their loans into good standing,  
165.25 the number of student loan defaults, the number who developed a monthly budget plan, and  
165.26 other information required by the commissioner. Recipients of the counseling must be  
165.27 surveyed on their opinions about the usefulness of the counseling and the survey results  
165.28 must be included in the report.

165.29 Subd. 5. **Report to legislature.** By February 1 of the second year of each grant award,  
165.30 the commissioner must submit a report to the committees in the legislature with jurisdiction  
165.31 over higher education finance regarding grant program outcomes.

166.1 Sec. 4. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 136A.901, is amended by adding a subdivision  
166.2 to read:

166.3 Subd. 3. **Account.** A spinal cord injury and traumatic brain injury research grant account  
166.4 is created in the special revenue fund in the state treasury. The commissioner shall deposit  
166.5 into the account appropriations made for the purposes of this section. Money in the account  
166.6 is appropriated to the commissioner for the purposes for which it was appropriated.

166.7 Sec. 5. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 137.0245, is amended to read:

166.8 **137.0245 REGENT CANDIDATE ADVISORY COUNCIL LEGISLATIVE**  
166.9 **COMMISSION ON REGENT SELECTION.**

166.10 Subdivision 1. **Establishment.** A ~~Regent Candidate Advisory Council~~ Legislative  
166.11 Commission on Regent Selection is established to assist in determining criteria for, and  
166.12 identifying and recruiting qualified candidates for membership on the Board of Regents  
166.13 and making recommendations to the joint legislative committee described in section  
166.14 137.0246, subdivision 2.

166.15 Subd. 2. **Membership.** ~~(a) The Regent Candidate Advisory Council shall consist~~  
166.16 Legislative Commission on Regent Selection consists of: 24 members. Twelve members  
166.17 ~~shall be appointed by the Subcommittee on Committees of the Committee on Rules and~~  
166.18 ~~Administration of the senate. Twelve members shall be appointed by the speaker of the~~  
166.19 ~~house. Each appointing authority must appoint one member who is a student enrolled in a~~  
166.20 ~~degree program at the University of Minnesota at the time of appointment. No more than~~  
166.21 ~~one-third of the members appointed by each appointing authority may be current or former~~  
166.22 ~~legislators. No more than two-thirds of the members appointed by each appointing authority~~  
166.23 ~~may belong to the same political party; however, political activity or affiliation is not required~~  
166.24 ~~for the appointment of any member. Geographical representation must be taken into~~  
166.25 ~~consideration when making appointments. Section 15.0575 shall govern the advisory council,~~  
166.26 ~~except that:~~

166.27 ~~(1) the members shall be appointed to six-year terms with one-third appointed each~~  
166.28 ~~even-numbered year; and~~

166.29 ~~(2) student members are appointed to two-year terms with two students appointed each~~  
166.30 ~~even-numbered year.~~

166.31 ~~A member may not serve more than two full terms.~~

166.32 (1) four members of the house of representatives, two of whom are appointed by the  
166.33 speaker of the house and two of whom are appointed by the minority leader; and

167.1 (2) four members of the senate, two of whom are appointed by the majority leader and  
167.2 two of whom are appointed by the minority leader.

167.3 (b) Members serve at the pleasure of the appointing authority. The first appointments  
167.4 must be made by September 1, 2018.

167.5 (c) A chair of the commission serves a two-year term, expiring on June 30 in an  
167.6 even-numbered year. The chair must alternate biennially between a designee of the speaker  
167.7 of the house and a designee of the senate majority leader. Only a member of the commission  
167.8 may be designated as the chair. The speaker of the house shall designate the first chair. The  
167.9 chair may vote on any matter before the commission.

167.10 Subd. 3. **Duties.** (a) The ~~advisory council~~ commission shall:

167.11 (1) develop, in consultation with current and former regents, the University of Minnesota  
167.12 Alumni Association, and the administration of the University of Minnesota, a statement of  
167.13 the selection criteria to be applied and a description of the responsibilities and duties of a  
167.14 regent, and shall distribute this to potential candidates; and

167.15 (2) for each position on the board, identify and recruit qualified candidates for the Board  
167.16 of Regents, based on the background and experience of the candidates, their potential for  
167.17 discharging the responsibilities of a member of the Board of Regents, and the needs of the  
167.18 board. The selection criteria must not include a limitation on the number of terms an  
167.19 individual may serve on the Board of Regents.

167.20 (b) The selection criteria developed under paragraph (a), clause (1), must include a  
167.21 criterion that regents represent diversity in geography; gender; race; occupation, including  
167.22 business and labor; and experience.

167.23 (c) The selection criterion must include an identification of the membership needs of  
167.24 the board for individual skills relevant to the governance of the University of Minnesota  
167.25 and the needs for certain individual characteristics. Individual characteristics relate to  
167.26 qualities such as gender, race, and geographic location of residence.

167.27 Subd. 4. **Recommendations.** (a) The ~~advisory council~~ commission shall recommend at  
167.28 least ~~two~~ one and not more than ~~four~~ three candidates for each vacancy. By January 15 of  
167.29 each odd-numbered year, the ~~advisory council~~ commission shall submit its recommendations  
167.30 to the joint legislative committee described in section 137.0246, subdivision 2.

167.31 (b) The ~~advisory council~~ commission must submit a report to the joint committee on the  
167.32 needs criterion identified under subdivision 3, paragraph (c), at the same time it submits its  
167.33 recommendations.

168.1 Subd. 5. **Support services.** The Legislative Coordinating Commission shall provide  
 168.2 administrative and support services for the ~~advisory council~~ commission. The Legislative  
 168.3 Coordinating Commission shall collect application materials from regent candidates and  
 168.4 forward all materials to the Legislative Commission on Regent Selection.

168.5 Sec. 6. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 137.0246, is amended to read:

168.6 **137.0246 REGENT NOMINATION AND ELECTION.**

168.7 Subd. 2. **Regent nomination joint committee.** (a) The joint legislative committee  
 168.8 consists of the members of the higher education budget and policy divisions in each house  
 168.9 of the legislature. The chairs of the divisions from each body shall be cochairs of the joint  
 168.10 legislative committee. A majority of the members from each house is a quorum of the joint  
 168.11 committee.

168.12 (b) By February 28 of each odd-numbered year, or at a date agreed to by concurrent  
 168.13 resolution, the joint legislative committee shall meet to consider the ~~advisory council's~~  
 168.14 Legislative Commission on Regent Selection's recommendations for regent of the University  
 168.15 of Minnesota for possible presentation to a joint convention of the legislature.

168.16 (c) The joint committee may recommend to the joint convention candidates recommended  
 168.17 by the ~~advisory council~~ Legislative Commission on Regent Selection and the other candidates  
 168.18 nominated by the joint committee. A candidate other than those recommended by the  
 168.19 ~~advisory council~~ Legislative Commission on Regent Selection may be nominated for  
 168.20 consideration by the joint committee only if the nomination receives the support of at least  
 168.21 three house of representatives members of the committee and two senate members of the  
 168.22 committee. A candidate must receive a majority vote of members from the house of  
 168.23 representatives and from the senate on the joint committee to be recommended to the joint  
 168.24 convention. The joint committee may recommend no more than one candidate for each  
 168.25 vacancy. In recommending nominees, the joint committee must consider the needs of the  
 168.26 board of regents and the balance of the board membership with respect to gender, racial,  
 168.27 and ethnic composition.

168.28 Sec. 7. Laws 2017, chapter 89, article 1, section 2, subdivision 18, is amended to read:

168.29	Subd. 18. <b>MNSCU Two-Year Public College</b>	3,481,000	
168.30	<b>Program</b>	<u>2,481,000</u>	-0-

168.31 (a) ~~\$2,780,000~~ \$1,780,000 in fiscal year 2018  
 168.32 is for two-year public college program grants

169.1 under Laws 2015, chapter 69, article 3, section  
 169.2 20.

169.3 (b) \$545,000 in fiscal year 2018 is to provide  
 169.4 mentoring and outreach as specified under  
 169.5 Laws 2015, chapter 69, article 3, section 20.

169.6 (c) \$156,000 in fiscal year 2018 is for  
 169.7 information technology and administrative  
 169.8 costs associated with implementation of the  
 169.9 grant program.

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

169.11 Sec. 8. Laws 2017, chapter 89, article 1, section 2, subdivision 20, is amended to read:

169.12 Subd. 20. **Spinal Cord Injury and Traumatic**  
 169.13 **Brain Injury Research Grant Program**

3,000,000

3,000,000

169.14 For transfer to the spinal cord injury and  
 169.15 traumatic brain injury research grant account  
 169.16 in the special revenue fund.

169.17 For spinal cord injury and traumatic brain  
 169.18 injury research grants authorized under  
 169.19 Minnesota Statutes, section 136A.901.

169.20 The commissioner may use no more than three  
 169.21 percent of this appropriation to administer the  
 169.22 grant program under this subdivision.

169.23 Sec. 9. **AFFORDABLE TEXTBOOK PLAN AND REPORT.**

169.24 The Board of Trustees of the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities shall develop  
 169.25 a plan to increase the use of affordable textbooks and instructional materials. The board  
 169.26 must explore and study registration software or other systems and methods to disclose or  
 169.27 display the cost of all textbooks and instructional materials required for a course at or prior  
 169.28 to course registration. The plan must describe the systems or methods examined and the  
 169.29 results of the study. The plan must establish a goal for the percentage of all courses offered  
 169.30 at state colleges and universities that will use affordable textbooks and instructional materials.  
 169.31 The plan must identify and describe key terms, including "affordable textbook," "instructional  
 169.32 material," and "course." The board must submit the plan to the chairs and ranking minority

170.1 members of the legislative committees with jurisdiction over higher education by January  
170.2 15, 2020.

170.3 Sec. 10. UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA; APPEAL PROCESS FOR SEXUAL  
170.4 MISCONDUCT FINDINGS INVOLVING EMPLOYEES.

170.5 The Board of Regents of the University of Minnesota is requested to amend its sexual  
170.6 misconduct policies to:

170.7 (1) provide a process for accused university employees and their victims to appeal  
170.8 findings of the university's Office of Equal Opportunity and Affirmative Action before an  
170.9 impartial decision maker; and

170.10 (2) require the office, at the conclusion of a sexual misconduct investigation, to provide  
170.11 notice to accused university employees and their victims of any appeal rights.

170.12 **ARTICLE 14**

170.13 **OFFICE OF HIGHER EDUCATION AGENCY POLICY**

170.14 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 127A.70, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

170.15 Subd. 2. **Powers and duties; report.** (a) The partnership shall develop recommendations  
170.16 to the governor and the legislature designed to maximize the achievement of all P-20 students  
170.17 while promoting the efficient use of state resources, thereby helping the state realize the  
170.18 maximum value for its investment. These recommendations may include, but are not limited  
170.19 to, strategies, policies, or other actions focused on:

170.20 (1) improving the quality of and access to education at all points from preschool through  
170.21 graduate education;

170.22 (2) improving preparation for, and transitions to, postsecondary education and work;

170.23 (3) ensuring educator quality by creating rigorous standards for teacher recruitment,  
170.24 teacher preparation, induction and mentoring of beginning teachers, and continuous  
170.25 professional development for career teachers; and

170.26 (4) realigning the governance and administrative structures of early education,  
170.27 kindergarten through grade 12, and postsecondary systems in Minnesota.

170.28 (b) Under the direction of the P-20 Education Partnership Statewide Longitudinal  
170.29 Education Data System Governance Committee, the Office of Higher Education and the  
170.30 Departments of Education and Employment and Economic Development shall improve and  
170.31 expand the Statewide Longitudinal Education Data System (SLEDS) to provide policymakers,

171.1 education and workforce leaders, researchers, and members of the public with data, research,  
171.2 and reports to:

171.3 (1) expand reporting on students' educational outcomes for diverse student populations  
171.4 including at-risk students, children with disabilities, English learners, and gifted students,  
171.5 among others, and include formative and summative evaluations based on multiple measures  
171.6 of child well-being, early childhood development, and student progress toward career and  
171.7 college readiness;

171.8 (2) evaluate the effectiveness of (i) investments in young children and families and (ii)  
171.9 educational and workforce programs; and

171.10 (3) evaluate the relationship between (i) investments in young children and families and  
171.11 (ii) education and workforce outcomes, consistent with section 124D.49.

171.12 To the extent possible under federal and state law, research and reports should be  
171.13 accessible to the public on the Internet, and disaggregated by demographic characteristics,  
171.14 organization or organization characteristics, and geography.

171.15 It is the intent of the legislature that the Statewide Longitudinal Education Data System  
171.16 inform public policy and decision-making. The SLEDS governance committee, with  
171.17 assistance from staff of the Office of Higher Education, the Department of Education, and  
171.18 the Department of Employment and Economic Development, shall respond to legislative  
171.19 committee and agency requests on topics utilizing data made available through the Statewide  
171.20 Longitudinal Education Data System as resources permit. Any analysis of or report on the  
171.21 data must contain only summary data.

171.22 (c) By January 15 of each year, the partnership shall submit a report to the governor and  
171.23 to the chairs and ranking minority members of the legislative committees and divisions with  
171.24 jurisdiction over P-20 education policy and finance that summarizes the partnership's progress  
171.25 in meeting its goals and identifies the need for any draft legislation when necessary to further  
171.26 the goals of the partnership to maximize student achievement while promoting efficient use  
171.27 of resources.

171.28 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2017 Supplement, section 136A.1275, subdivision 2, is amended  
171.29 to read:

171.30 Subd. 2. **Eligibility.** To be eligible for a grant under this section, a teacher candidate  
171.31 must:

172.1 (1) be enrolled in a Professional Educator Licensing and Standards Board-approved  
172.2 teacher preparation program that requires at least 12 weeks of student teaching in order to  
172.3 be recommended for a full professional teaching license;

172.4 (2) demonstrate financial need based on criteria established by the commissioner under  
172.5 subdivision 3;

172.6 (3) ~~intend to teach in a shortage area or belong to an underrepresented racial or ethnic~~  
172.7 ~~group~~ be meeting satisfactory academic progress as defined under section 136A.101,  
172.8 subdivision 10; and

172.9 (4) ~~be meeting satisfactory academic progress as defined under section 136A.101,~~  
172.10 ~~subdivision 10~~ intend to teach in a shortage area or belong to an underrepresented racial or  
172.11 ethnic group. Intent can be documented based on the teacher license field the student is  
172.12 pursuing or a statement of intent to teach in an economic development region defined as a  
172.13 shortage area in the year the student receives a grant.

172.14 Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 2017 Supplement, section 136A.1275, subdivision 3, is amended  
172.15 to read:

172.16 Subd. 3. **Administration; repayment.** (a) The commissioner must establish an  
172.17 application process and other guidelines for implementing this program, ~~including repayment~~  
172.18 ~~responsibilities for stipend recipients who do not complete student teaching or who leave~~  
172.19 ~~Minnesota to teach in another state during the first year after student teaching.~~

172.20 (b) The commissioner must determine each academic year the stipend amount up to  
172.21 \$7,500 based on the amount of available funding, the number of eligible applicants, and the  
172.22 financial need of the applicants.

172.23 (c) The percentage of the total award funds available at the beginning of the fiscal year  
172.24 reserved for teacher candidates who identify as belonging to an underrepresented a racial  
172.25 or ethnic group underrepresented in the Minnesota teacher workforce must be equal to or  
172.26 greater than the total percentage of students of ~~underrepresented~~ racial or ethnic groups  
172.27 underrepresented in the Minnesota teacher workforce as measured under section 120B.35,  
172.28 subdivision 3. If this percentage cannot be met because of a lack of qualifying candidates,  
172.29 the remaining amount may be awarded to teacher candidates who intend to teach in a shortage  
172.30 area.

173.1 Sec. 4. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 136A.15, subdivision 8, is amended to read:

173.2 Subd. 8. **Eligible student.** "Eligible student" means a student who is officially registered  
173.3 or accepted for enrollment at an eligible institution in Minnesota or a Minnesota resident  
173.4 who is officially registered as a student or accepted for enrollment at an eligible institution  
173.5 in another state ~~or province~~. Non-Minnesota residents are eligible students if they are enrolled  
173.6 or accepted for enrollment in a minimum of one course of at least 30 days in length during  
173.7 the academic year that requires physical attendance at an eligible institution located in  
173.8 Minnesota. Non-Minnesota resident students enrolled exclusively during the academic year  
173.9 in correspondence courses or courses offered over the Internet are not eligible students.  
173.10 Non-Minnesota resident students not physically attending classes in Minnesota due to  
173.11 enrollment in a study abroad program for 12 months or less are eligible students.  
173.12 Non-Minnesota residents enrolled in study abroad programs exceeding 12 months are not  
173.13 eligible students. An eligible student, for section 136A.1701, means a student who gives  
173.14 informed consent authorizing the disclosure of data specified in section 136A.162, paragraph  
173.15 (c), to a consumer credit reporting agency.

173.16 Sec. 5. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 136A.16, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

173.17 Subdivision 1. **Designation.** Notwithstanding chapter 16C, the office is designated as  
173.18 the administrative agency for carrying out the purposes and terms of sections 136A.15 to  
173.19 ~~136A.1702~~ 136A.1704. The office may establish one or more loan programs.

173.20 Sec. 6. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 136A.16, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

173.21 Subd. 2. **Rules, policies, and conditions.** The office shall adopt policies and may  
173.22 prescribe appropriate rules and conditions to carry out the purposes of sections 136A.15 to  
173.23 136A.1702. ~~The policies and rules except as they relate to loans under section 136A.1701~~  
173.24 ~~must be compatible with the provisions of the National Vocational Student Loan Insurance~~  
173.25 ~~Act of 1965 and the provisions of title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965, and any~~  
173.26 ~~amendments thereof.~~

173.27 Sec. 7. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 136A.16, subdivision 5, is amended to read:

173.28 Subd. 5. **Agencies.** The office may contract with loan servicers, collection agencies,  
173.29 credit bureaus, or any other person, to carry out the purposes of sections 136A.15 to  
173.30 ~~136A.1702~~ 136A.1704.

174.1 Sec. 8. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 136A.16, subdivision 8, is amended to read:

174.2 Subd. 8. **Investment.** Money made available to the office that is not immediately needed  
174.3 for the purposes of sections 136A.15 to ~~136A.1702~~ 136A.1704 may be invested by the  
174.4 office. The money must be invested in bonds, certificates of indebtedness, and other fixed  
174.5 income securities, except preferred stocks, which are legal investments for the permanent  
174.6 school fund. The money may also be invested in prime quality commercial paper that is  
174.7 eligible for investment in the state employees retirement fund. All interest and profits from  
174.8 such investments inure to the benefit of the office or may be pledged for security of bonds  
174.9 issued by the office or its predecessors.

174.10 Sec. 9. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 136A.16, subdivision 9, is amended to read:

174.11 Subd. 9. **Staff.** The office may employ the professional and clerical staff the commissioner  
174.12 deems necessary for the proper administration of the loan programs established and defined  
174.13 by sections 136A.15 to ~~136A.1702~~ 136A.1704.

174.14 Sec. 10. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 136A.162, is amended to read:

174.15 **136A.162 CLASSIFICATION OF DATA.**

174.16 (a) Except as provided in paragraphs (b) and (c), data on applicants for financial assistance  
174.17 collected and used by the office for student financial aid programs administered by that  
174.18 office are private data on individuals as defined in section 13.02, subdivision 12.

174.19 (b) Data on applicants may be disclosed to the commissioner of human services to the  
174.20 extent necessary to determine eligibility under section 136A.121, subdivision 2, clause (5).

174.21 (c) The following data collected in the Minnesota supplemental loan program under  
174.22 ~~section~~ sections 136A.1701 and 136A.1704 may be disclosed to a consumer credit reporting  
174.23 agency only if the borrower and the cosigner give informed consent, according to section  
174.24 13.05, subdivision 4, at the time of application for a loan:

174.25 (1) the lender-assigned borrower identification number;

174.26 (2) the name and address of borrower;

174.27 (3) the name and address of cosigner;

174.28 (4) the date the account is opened;

174.29 (5) the outstanding account balance;

174.30 (6) the dollar amount past due;

- 175.1 (7) the number of payments past due;
- 175.2 (8) the number of late payments in previous 12 months;
- 175.3 (9) the type of account;
- 175.4 (10) the responsibility for the account; and
- 175.5 (11) the status or remarks code.

175.6 Sec. 11. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 136A.1701, subdivision 7, is amended to read:

175.7 Subd. 7. **Repayment of loans.** (a) The office shall establish repayment procedures for  
175.8 loans made under this section, ~~but in no event shall the period of permitted repayment for~~  
175.9 ~~SELF II or SELF III loans exceed ten years from the eligible student's termination of the~~  
175.10 ~~student's postsecondary academic or vocational program, or 15 years from the date of the~~  
175.11 ~~student's first loan under this section, whichever is less~~ in accordance with the policies,  
175.12 rules, and conditions authorized under section 136A.16, subdivision 2. The office will take  
175.13 into consideration the loan limits and current financial market conditions when establishing  
175.14 repayment terms.

175.15 (b) ~~For SELF IV loans, eligible students with aggregate principal loan balances from~~  
175.16 ~~all SELF phases that are less than \$18,750 shall have a repayment period not exceeding ten~~  
175.17 ~~years from the eligible student's graduation or termination date. For SELF IV loans, eligible~~  
175.18 ~~students with aggregate principal loan balances from all SELF phases of \$18,750 or greater~~  
175.19 ~~shall have a repayment period not exceeding 15 years from the eligible student's graduation~~  
175.20 ~~or termination date. For SELF IV loans, the loans shall enter repayment no later than seven~~  
175.21 ~~years after the first disbursement date on the loan.~~

175.22 (c) ~~For SELF loans from phases after SELF IV, eligible students with aggregate principal~~  
175.23 ~~loan balances from all SELF phases that are:~~

175.24 (1) ~~less than \$20,000, must have a repayment period not exceeding ten years from the~~  
175.25 ~~eligible student's graduation or termination date;~~

175.26 (2) ~~\$20,000 up to \$40,000, must have a repayment period not exceeding 15 years from~~  
175.27 ~~the eligible student's graduation or termination date; and~~

175.28 (3) ~~\$40,000 or greater, must have a repayment period not exceeding 20 years from the~~  
175.29 ~~eligible student's graduation or termination date. For SELF loans from phases after SELF~~  
175.30 ~~IV, the loans must enter repayment no later than nine years after the first disbursement date~~  
175.31 ~~of the loan.~~

176.1 Sec. 12. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 136A.1702, is amended to read:

176.2 **136A.1702 LEGISLATIVE OVERSIGHT.**

176.3 (a) The office shall notify the chairs of the legislative committees with primary  
176.4 jurisdiction over higher education finance of any proposed material change to any of its  
176.5 student loan programs, including loan refinancing under section 136A.1704, prior to making  
176.6 the change.

176.7 (b) By December 1 of each year, the commissioner shall submit a report to the chairs  
176.8 and ranking minority members of the senate and house of representatives committees having  
176.9 jurisdiction over the Office of Higher Education regarding the balance of the following  
176.10 accounts in the special revenue fund:

176.11 (1) the aviation degree loan forgiveness program account established by section  
176.12 136A.1789, subdivision 2;

176.13 (2) the teacher shortage loan forgiveness program repayment account established by  
176.14 section 136A.1791, subdivision 8;

176.15 (3) the agricultural education loan forgiveness account established by section 136A.1794,  
176.16 subdivision 2; and

176.17 (4) the large animal veterinarian loan forgiveness program account established by section  
176.18 136A.1795, subdivision 2.

176.19 Sec. 13. Minnesota Statutes 2017 Supplement, section 136A.1789, subdivision 2, is  
176.20 amended to read:

176.21 Subd. 2. **Creation of account.** (a) An aviation degree loan forgiveness program account  
176.22 is established in the special revenue fund to provide qualified pilots and qualified aircraft  
176.23 technicians with financial assistance in repaying qualified education loans. The commissioner  
176.24 must use money from the account to establish and administer the aviation degree loan  
176.25 forgiveness program.

176.26 (b) Appropriations made to the aviation degree loan forgiveness program account do  
176.27 not cancel and are available until expended.

176.28 Sec. 14. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 136A.1791, subdivision 8, is amended to read:

176.29 Subd. 8. **Fund Account established.** A teacher shortage loan forgiveness repayment  
176.30 ~~fund~~ account is created in the special revenue fund for depositing money appropriated to  
176.31 or received by the commissioner for the program. Money deposited in the fund shall not

177.1 revert to any state fund at the end of any fiscal year but remains in the loan forgiveness  
177.2 repayment fund and is continuously available for loan forgiveness under this section.

177.3 Sec. 15. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 136A.1795, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

177.4 Subd. 2. **Establishment; administration.** (a) The commissioner shall establish and  
177.5 administer a loan forgiveness program for large animal veterinarians who:

177.6 (1) agree to practice in designated rural areas that are considered underserved; and

177.7 (2) work full time in a practice that is at least 50 percent involved with the care of food  
177.8 animals.

177.9 (b) A large animal veterinarian loan forgiveness program account is established in the  
177.10 special revenue fund. The commissioner must use money from the account to establish and  
177.11 administer the program under this section. Appropriations to the commissioner for the  
177.12 program are for transfer to the fund.

177.13 (c) Appropriations made to the program do not cancel and are available until expended.

177.14 Sec. 16. Minnesota Statutes 2017 Supplement, section 136A.646, is amended to read:

177.15 **136A.646 ADDITIONAL SECURITY.**

177.16 (a) New schools that have been granted conditional approval for degrees or names to  
177.17 allow them the opportunity to apply for and receive accreditation under section 136A.65,  
177.18 subdivision 7, ~~or~~ shall provide a surety bond in a sum equal to ten percent of the net revenue  
177.19 from tuition and fees in the registered institution's prior fiscal year, but in no case shall the  
177.20 bond be less than \$10,000.

177.21 (b) Any registered institution that is notified by the United States Department of Education  
177.22 that it has fallen below minimum financial standards and that its continued participation in  
177.23 Title IV will be conditioned upon its satisfying either the Zone Alternative, Code of Federal  
177.24 Regulations, title 34, section 668.175, paragraph (f), or a Letter of Credit Alternative, Code  
177.25 of Federal Regulations, title 34, section 668.175, paragraph (c), shall provide a surety bond  
177.26 in a sum equal to the "letter of credit" required by the United States Department of Education  
177.27 in the Letter of Credit Alternative, but in no event shall such bond be less than \$10,000 nor  
177.28 more than \$250,000. In the event the letter of credit required by the United States Department  
177.29 of Education is higher than ten percent of the Title IV, Higher Education Act program funds  
177.30 received by the institution during its most recently completed fiscal year, the office shall  
177.31 reduce the office's surety requirement to represent ten percent of the Title IV, Higher

178.1 Education Act program funds received by the institution during its most recently completed  
178.2 fiscal year, subject to the minimum and maximum in this paragraph.

178.3 ~~(b)~~ (c) In lieu of a bond, the applicant may deposit with the commissioner of management  
178.4 and budget:

178.5 (1) a sum equal to the amount of the required surety bond in cash;

178.6 (2) securities, as may be legally purchased by savings banks or for trust funds, in an  
178.7 aggregate market value equal to the amount of the required surety bond; or

178.8 (3) an irrevocable letter of credit issued by a financial institution to the amount of the  
178.9 required surety bond.

178.10 ~~(e)~~ (d) The surety of any bond may cancel it upon giving 60 days' notice in writing to  
178.11 the office and shall be relieved of liability for any breach of condition occurring after the  
178.12 effective date of cancellation.

178.13 ~~(d)~~ (e) In the event of a school closure, the additional security must first be used to  
178.14 destroy any private educational data under section 13.32 left at a physical campus in  
178.15 Minnesota after all other governmental agencies have recovered or retrieved records under  
178.16 their record retention policies. Any remaining funds must then be used to reimburse tuition  
178.17 and fee costs to students that were enrolled at the time of the closure or had withdrawn in  
178.18 the previous 120 calendar days but did not graduate. Priority for refunds will be given to  
178.19 students in the following order:

178.20 (1) cash payments made by the student or on behalf of a student;

178.21 (2) private student loans; and

178.22 (3) Veteran Administration education benefits that are not restored by the Veteran  
178.23 Administration. If there are additional security funds remaining, the additional security  
178.24 funds may be used to cover any administrative costs incurred by the office related to the  
178.25 closure of the school.

178.26 Sec. 17. Minnesota Statutes 2017 Supplement, section 136A.822, subdivision 6, is amended  
178.27 to read:

178.28 Subd. 6. **Bond.** (a) No license shall be issued to any private career school which  
178.29 maintains, conducts, solicits for, or advertises within the state of Minnesota any program,  
178.30 unless the applicant files with the office a continuous corporate surety bond written by a  
178.31 company authorized to do business in Minnesota conditioned upon the faithful performance  
178.32 of all contracts and agreements with students made by the applicant.

179.1 (b)(1) The amount of the surety bond shall be ten percent of the preceding year's net  
179.2 ~~income~~ revenue from student tuition, fees, and other required institutional charges collected,  
179.3 but in no event less than \$10,000, except that a private career school may deposit a greater  
179.4 amount at its own discretion. A private career school in each annual application for licensure  
179.5 must compute the amount of the surety bond and verify that the amount of the surety bond  
179.6 complies with this subdivision. A private career school that operates at two or more locations  
179.7 may combine net ~~income~~ revenue from student tuition, fees, and other required institutional  
179.8 charges collected for all locations for the purpose of determining the annual surety bond  
179.9 requirement. The net revenue from tuition and fees used to determine the amount of the  
179.10 surety bond required for a private career school having a license for the sole purpose of  
179.11 recruiting students in Minnesota shall be only that paid to the private career school by the  
179.12 students recruited from Minnesota.

179.13 (2) A person required to obtain a private career school license due to the use of  
179.14 "academy," "institute," "college," or "university" in its name and which is also licensed by  
179.15 another state agency or board, except not including those schools licensed exclusively in  
179.16 order to participate in state grants or SELF loan financial aid programs, shall be required  
179.17 to provide a school bond of \$10,000.

179.18 (c) The bond shall run to the state of Minnesota and to any person who may have a cause  
179.19 of action against the applicant arising at any time after the bond is filed and before it is  
179.20 canceled for breach of any contract or agreement made by the applicant with any student.  
179.21 The aggregate liability of the surety for all breaches of the conditions of the bond shall not  
179.22 exceed the principal sum deposited by the private career school under paragraph (b). The  
179.23 surety of any bond may cancel it upon giving 60 days' notice in writing to the office and  
179.24 shall be relieved of liability for any breach of condition occurring after the effective date  
179.25 of cancellation.

179.26 (d) In lieu of bond, the applicant may deposit with the commissioner of management  
179.27 and budget a sum equal to the amount of the required surety bond in cash, an irrevocable  
179.28 letter of credit issued by a financial institution equal to the amount of the required surety  
179.29 bond, or securities as may be legally purchased by savings banks or for trust funds in an  
179.30 aggregate market value equal to the amount of the required surety bond.

179.31 (e) Failure of a private career school to post and maintain the required surety bond or  
179.32 deposit under paragraph (d) may result in denial, suspension, or revocation of the school's  
179.33 license.

- 180.1 Sec. 18. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 136A.822, subdivision 10, is amended to read:
- 180.2 Subd. 10. **Catalog, brochure, or electronic display.** Before a license is issued to a
- 180.3 private career school, the private career school shall furnish to the office a catalog, brochure,
- 180.4 or electronic display including:
- 180.5 (1) identifying data, such as volume number and date of publication;
  - 180.6 (2) name and address of the private career school and its governing body and officials;
  - 180.7 (3) a calendar of the private career school showing legal holidays, beginning and ending
  - 180.8 dates of each course quarter, term, or semester, and other important dates;
  - 180.9 (4) the private career school policy and regulations on enrollment including dates and
  - 180.10 specific entrance requirements for each program;
  - 180.11 (5) the private career school policy and regulations about leave, absences, class cuts,
  - 180.12 make-up work, tardiness, and interruptions for unsatisfactory attendance;
  - 180.13 (6) the private career school policy and regulations about standards of progress for the
  - 180.14 student including the grading system of the private career school, the minimum grades
  - 180.15 considered satisfactory, conditions for interruption for unsatisfactory grades or progress, a
  - 180.16 description of any probationary period allowed by the private career school, and conditions
  - 180.17 of reentrance for those dismissed for unsatisfactory progress;
  - 180.18 (7) the private career school policy and regulations about student conduct and conditions
  - 180.19 for dismissal for unsatisfactory conduct;
  - 180.20 (8) a detailed schedule of fees, charges for tuition, books, supplies, tools, student
  - 180.21 activities, laboratory fees, service charges, rentals, deposits, and all other charges;
  - 180.22 (9) the private career school policy and regulations, including an explanation of section
  - 180.23 136A.827, about refunding tuition, fees, and other charges if the student does not enter the
  - 180.24 program, withdraws from the program, or the program is discontinued;
  - 180.25 (10) a description of the available facilities and equipment;
  - 180.26 (11) a course outline syllabus for each course offered showing course objectives, subjects
  - 180.27 or units in the course, type of work or skill to be learned, and approximate time, hours, or
  - 180.28 credits to be spent on each subject or unit;
  - 180.29 (12) the private career school policy and regulations about granting credit for previous
  - 180.30 education and preparation;

181.1 (13) a notice to students relating to the transferability of any credits earned at the private  
 181.2 career school to other institutions;

181.3 (14) a procedure for investigating and resolving student complaints; ~~and~~

181.4 (15) the name and address of the office; and

181.5 (16) the student complaint process and rights under section 136A.8295.

181.6 A private career school that is exclusively a distance education school is exempt from  
 181.7 clauses (3) and (5).

181.8 Sec. 19. Minnesota Statutes 2017 Supplement, section 136A.8295, is amended by adding  
 181.9 a subdivision to read:

181.10 Subd. 6. **Disclosure.** Schools must disclose on their Web site, student handbook, and  
 181.11 student catalog the student complaint process under this section to students.

181.12 Sec. 20. Laws 2017, chapter 89, article 1, section 2, subdivision 29, is amended to read:

181.13 Subd. 29. <b>Emergency Assistance for</b>	175,000	175,000
181.14 <b>Postsecondary Students</b>		

181.15 (a) This appropriation is for the Office of  
 181.16 Higher Education to allocate grant funds on a  
 181.17 matching basis to ~~schools~~ eligible institutions  
 181.18 as defined under Minnesota Statutes, section  
 181.19 136A.103, located in Minnesota with a  
 181.20 demonstrable homeless student population.

181.21 (b) This appropriation shall be used to meet  
 181.22 immediate student needs that could result in  
 181.23 a student not completing the term or their  
 181.24 program including, but not limited to,  
 181.25 emergency housing, food, and transportation.  
 181.26 Emergency assistance does not impact the  
 181.27 amount of state financial aid received.

181.28 (c) The commissioner shall determine the  
 181.29 application process and the grant amounts.  
 181.30 Any balance in the first year does not cancel  
 181.31 but shall be available in the second year. The  
 181.32 Office of Higher Education shall partner with

182.1 interested postsecondary institutions, other  
 182.2 state agencies, and student groups to establish  
 182.3 the programs.

182.4 Sec. 21. Laws 2017, chapter 89, article 1, section 2, subdivision 31, is amended to read:

182.5	Subd. 31. <b>Teacher Shortage Loan Forgiveness</b>	200,000	200,000
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182.6 For transfer to the teacher shortage loan  
 182.7 forgiveness program repayment account in the  
 182.8 special revenue fund under Minnesota  
 182.9 Statutes, section 136A.1791, subdivision 8.

182.10 The commissioner may use no more than three  
 182.11 percent of this appropriation to administer the  
 182.12 program under this subdivision.

182.13 Sec. 22. Laws 2017, chapter 89, article 1, section 2, subdivision 32, is amended to read:

182.14	Subd. 32. <b>Large Animal Veterinarian Loan</b>		
182.15	<b>Forgiveness Program</b>	375,000	375,000

182.16 For transfer to the large animal veterinarian  
 182.17 loan forgiveness program account in the  
 182.18 special revenue fund under Minnesota  
 182.19 Statutes, section 136A.1795, subdivision 2.

182.20 Sec. 23. Laws 2017, chapter 89, article 1, section 2, subdivision 33, is amended to read:

182.21	Subd. 33. <b>Agricultural Educators Loan</b>		
182.22	<b>Forgiveness</b>	50,000	50,000

182.23 For ~~deposit in~~ transfer to the agricultural  
 182.24 education loan forgiveness account in the  
 182.25 special revenue fund under Minnesota  
 182.26 Statutes, section 136A.1794, subdivision 2.

182.27 Sec. 24. Laws 2017, chapter 89, article 1, section 2, subdivision 34, is amended to read:

182.28	Subd. 34. <b>Aviation Degree Loan Forgiveness</b>		
182.29	<b>Program</b>	25,000	25,000

182.30 For transfer to the aviation degree loan  
 182.31 forgiveness program account in the special

183.1 revenue fund under Minnesota Statutes,  
183.2 section 136A.1789, subdivision 2.

183.3 Sec. 25. **REPEALER.**

183.4 Minnesota Statutes 2016, sections 136A.15, subdivisions 2 and 7; and 136A.1701,  
183.5 subdivision 12, are repealed.

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**120B.299 DEFINITIONS.**

Subd. 7. **Low growth.** "Low growth" is an assessment score one-half standard deviation below the state growth target.

Subd. 8. **Medium growth.** "Medium growth" is an assessment score within one-half standard deviation above or below the state growth target.

Subd. 9. **High growth.** "High growth" is an assessment score one-half standard deviation or more above the state growth target.

Subd. 11. **Growth and progress toward proficiency.** The categories of low growth, medium growth, and high growth shall be used to indicate both (1) growth and (2) progress toward grade-level proficiency that is consistent with subdivision 10.

**122A.09 DUTIES.**

Subdivision 1. **Code of ethics.** The Professional Educator Licensing and Standards Board must develop by rule a code of ethics covering standards of professional teaching practices, including areas of ethical conduct and professional performance and methods of enforcement.

**136A.15 DEFINITIONS.**

Subd. 2. **Academic year or its equivalent.** "Academic year or its equivalent" shall be as defined in the federal regulations which govern the administration of the National Vocational Student Loan Insurance Act of 1965 and title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965.

Subd. 7. **Eligible lender.** "Eligible lender" means an eligible institution, an agency or instrumentality of a state, or a financial or credit institution (including an insurance company) which is subject to examination and supervision by an agency of the state of Minnesota or of the United States.

**136A.1701 SUPPLEMENTAL AND ADDITIONAL LOANS.**

Subd. 12. **Eligible student.** "Eligible student" means a student who is a Minnesota resident who is enrolled or accepted for enrollment at an eligible institution in Minnesota or in another state or province. Non-Minnesota residents are eligible students if they are enrolled or accepted for enrollment in a minimum of one course of at least 30 days in length during the academic year that requires physical attendance at an eligible institution located in Minnesota. Non-Minnesota resident students enrolled exclusively during the academic year in correspondence courses or courses offered over the Internet are not eligible students. Non-Minnesota resident students not physically attending classes in Minnesota due to enrollment in a study abroad program for 12 months or less are eligible students. Non-Minnesota residents enrolled in study abroad programs exceeding 12 months are not eligible students. For purposes of this section, an "eligible student" must also meet the eligibility requirements of section 136A.15, subdivision 8.

**8710.2100 CODE OF ETHICS FOR MINNESOTA TEACHERS.**

Subpart 1. **Scope.** Each teacher, upon entering the teaching profession, assumes a number of obligations, one of which is to adhere to a set of principles which defines professional conduct. These principles are reflected in the following code of ethics, which sets forth to the education profession and the public it serves standards of professional conduct and procedures for implementation.

This code shall apply to all persons licensed according to rules established by the Professional Educator Licensing and Standards Board.

**8710.2100 CODE OF ETHICS FOR MINNESOTA TEACHERS.**

Subp. 2. **Standards of professional conduct.** The standards of professional conduct are as follows:

- A. A teacher shall provide professional education services in a nondiscriminatory manner.
- B. A teacher shall make reasonable effort to protect the student from conditions harmful to health and safety.
- C. In accordance with state and federal laws, a teacher shall disclose confidential information about individuals only when a compelling professional purpose is served or when required by law.
- D. A teacher shall take reasonable disciplinary action in exercising the authority to provide an atmosphere conducive to learning.
- E. A teacher shall not use professional relationships with students, parents, and colleagues to private advantage.
- F. A teacher shall delegate authority for teaching responsibilities only to licensed personnel.
- G. A teacher shall not deliberately suppress or distort subject matter.
- H. A teacher shall not knowingly falsify or misrepresent records or facts relating to that teacher's own qualifications or to other teachers' qualifications.
- I. A teacher shall not knowingly make false or malicious statements about students or colleagues.
- J. A teacher shall accept a contract for a teaching position that requires licensing only if properly or provisionally licensed for that position.