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State of Minnesota

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

A bill for an act

relating to education; authorizing a school district to publish its minutes and

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H. F. No. 833

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

1.3 1.4	budget information on its Web site; amending Minnesota Statutes 2012, sections 123B.09, subdivision 10; 123B.10.
1.5	BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:
1.6	Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2012, section 123B.09, subdivision 10, is amended to
1.7	read:
1.8	Subd. 10. Publishing proceedings. The board must <u>eause publish</u> its official
1.9	proceedings to be published on its Web site or once in the official newspaper of the
1.10	district. Such publication shall be made within 30 days of the meeting at which such
1.11	proceedings occurred. For a board that chooses to publish its proceedings in the official
1.12	newspaper of the district, if the board determines that publication of a summary of the
1.13	proceedings would adequately inform the public of the substance of the proceedings, the
1.14	board may direct that only a summary be published, conforming to the requirements of
1.15	section 331A.01, subdivision 10.
1.16	EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective July 1, 2013.
1.17	Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2012, section 123B.10, is amended to read:
1.18	123B.10 PUBLICATION OF FINANCIAL INFORMATION.
1.19	Subdivision 1. Budgets; form of notification. (a) For purposes of this section,
1.20	"publish" means to post information on the district's Web site or publish information in the
1.21	official newspaper of the district.

(b) Every board must publish revenue and expenditure budgets for the current year

and the actual revenues, expenditures, fund balances for the prior year and projected fund

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balances for the current year in a form prescribed by the commissioner within one week of the acceptance of the final audit by the board, or November 30, whichever is earlier. The forms prescribed must be designed so that year to year comparisons of revenue, expenditures and fund balances can be made.

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- (b) (c) A school board annually must notify the public of its revenue, expenditures, fund balances, and other relevant budget information. The board must post the materials in a conspicuous place on the district's official Web site, including a link to the district's school report card on the Department of Education's Web site, and.
- (d) The board annually must publish in the official newspaper of the district a summary of the information and notice listing the address of the district's official Web site where the information can be found in a qualified newspaper of general circulation in the district and stating that the district's budget information, including revenue, expenditures, and fund balance is available on the district's Web site.
- Subd. 2. **Debt summary.** The board must also publish at the same time a summary of bonds outstanding, paid, and sold; a summary of orders not paid for want of funds; certificates of indebtedness for the year ending June 30; the statutory operating debt of the district as defined and certified pursuant to section 123B.81; and the balance amount of the reserved fund balance reserve account for purposes of statutory operating debt reduction established pursuant to sections 126C.40 to 126C.45, 126C.48, and 124D.22.
- Subd. 3. **Budget inspection.** A statement must be included <u>on the Web site or in the publication official newspaper of the district</u> that the complete budget in detail may be inspected by any resident of the district upon request to the chief school administrator.
- Subd. 4. **Cost per pupil.** The board must also publish at the same time the average cost per pupil in average daily membership educated in that district in the preceding year. This computation must be made exclusive of debt service or capital outlay costs.

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