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

1.1 A bill for an act  
1.2 relating to education; allowing charter school students to participate in the  
1.3 extracurricular activities of their resident district; amending Minnesota Statutes  
1.4 2014, sections 123B.36, subdivision 1; 123B.49, subdivision 4; 124D.10,  
1.5 subdivision 8.

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

1.7 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 123B.36, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

1.8 Subdivision 1. **School boards may require fees.** (a) For purposes of this  
1.9 subdivision, "home school" means a home school as defined in sections 120A.22 and  
1.10 120A.24 with five or fewer students receiving instruction.

1.11 (b) A school board is authorized to require payment of fees in the following areas:

1.12 (1) in any program where the resultant product, in excess of minimum requirements  
1.13 and at the pupil's option, becomes the personal property of the pupil;

1.14 (2) admission fees or charges for extracurricular activities, where attendance  
1.15 is optional and where the admission fees or charges a student must pay to attend or  
1.16 participate in an extracurricular activity is the same for all students, regardless of whether  
1.17 the student is enrolled in a public or a home school;

1.18 (3) a security deposit for the return of materials, supplies, or equipment;

1.19 (4) personal physical education and athletic equipment and apparel, although any  
1.20 pupil may personally provide it if it meets reasonable requirements and standards relating  
1.21 to health and safety established by the board;

1.22 (5) items of personal use or products that a student has an option to purchase such as  
1.23 student publications, class rings, annuals, and graduation announcements;

1.24 (6) fees specifically permitted by any other statute, including but not limited to  
1.25 section 171.05, subdivision 2; provided (i) driver education fees do not exceed the actual

2.1 cost to the school and school district of providing driver education, and (ii) the driver  
 2.2 education courses are open to enrollment to persons between the ages of 15 and 18 who  
 2.3 reside or attend school in the school district;

2.4 (7) field trips considered supplementary to a district educational program;

2.5 (8) any authorized voluntary student health and accident benefit plan;

2.6 (9) for the use of musical instruments owned or rented by the district, a reasonable  
 2.7 rental fee not to exceed either the rental cost to the district or the annual depreciation plus  
 2.8 the actual annual maintenance cost for each instrument;

2.9 (10) transportation of pupils to and from extracurricular activities conducted at  
 2.10 locations other than school, where attendance is optional, and transportation of charter  
 2.11 school students participating in extracurricular activities in their resident district under  
 2.12 section 123B.49, subdivision 4, paragraph (a), which must be charged to the charter school;

2.13 (11) transportation to and from school of pupils living within two miles from school  
 2.14 and all other transportation services not required by law. If a district charges fees for  
 2.15 transportation of pupils, it must establish guidelines for that transportation to ensure that  
 2.16 no pupil is denied transportation solely because of inability to pay;

2.17 (12) motorcycle classroom education courses conducted outside of regular school  
 2.18 hours; provided the charge must not exceed the actual cost of these courses to the school  
 2.19 district;

2.20 (13) transportation to and from postsecondary institutions for pupils enrolled under  
 2.21 the postsecondary enrollment options program under section 123B.88, subdivision 22.  
 2.22 Fees collected for this service must be reasonable and must be used to reduce the cost  
 2.23 of operating the route. Families who qualify for mileage reimbursement under section  
 2.24 124D.09, subdivision 22, may use their state mileage reimbursement to pay this fee. If no  
 2.25 fee is charged, districts must allocate costs based on the number of pupils riding the route.

2.26 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective for the 2015-2016 school year and  
 2.27 later.

2.28 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 123B.49, subdivision 4, is amended to read:

2.29 Subd. 4. **Board control of extracurricular activities.** (a) The board may take  
 2.30 charge of and control all extracurricular activities of the teachers and children of the public  
 2.31 schools in the district. Extracurricular activities means all direct and personal services  
 2.32 for pupils for their enjoyment that are managed and operated under the guidance of an  
 2.33 adult or staff member. The board shall allow all resident pupils receiving instruction  
 2.34 in a home school as defined in section 123B.36, subdivision 1, paragraph (a), and all  
 2.35 resident pupils receiving instruction in a charter school as defined in section 124D.10 to be

3.1 eligible to fully participate in extracurricular activities on the same basis as public school  
3.2 students enrolled in the district's schools. A charter school student must give the enrolling  
3.3 charter school and the resident school district at least a 30-day notice of the student's  
3.4 intent to participate in an extracurricular activity in the resident district. Before a charter  
3.5 school student begins participating in an extracurricular activity in the resident district,  
3.6 the charter school must agree in writing to pay the amount attributable to that student  
3.7 that the district may charge to the charter school under paragraph (f). A charter school  
3.8 student is not eligible to participate in an extracurricular activity in the resident district if  
3.9 that extracurricular activity is offered by the enrolling charter school or the extracurricular  
3.10 activity is not controlled by the high school league under chapter 128C. Charter school  
3.11 students participating in extracurricular activities must meet the academic and student  
3.12 conduct requirements of the resident district. The charter school must:

3.13 (1) collect the same information that a district collects on a student's eligibility to  
3.14 participate in an extracurricular activity;

3.15 (2) transmit that information to the district at least ten days before a student begins  
3.16 to participate in the extracurricular activity; and

3.17 (3) immediately transmit to the district any additional information affecting the  
3.18 student's eligibility.

3.19 (b) Extracurricular activities have all of the following characteristics:

3.20 (1) they are not offered for school credit nor required for graduation;

3.21 (2) they are generally conducted outside school hours, or if partly during school  
3.22 hours, at times agreed by the participants, and approved by school authorities;

3.23 (3) the content of the activities is determined primarily by the pupil participants  
3.24 under the guidance of a staff member or other adult.

3.25 (c) If the board does not take charge of and control extracurricular activities, these  
3.26 activities shall be self-sustaining with all expenses, except direct salary costs and indirect  
3.27 costs of the use of school facilities, met by dues, admissions, or other student fund-raising  
3.28 events. The general fund must reflect only those salaries directly related to and readily  
3.29 identified with the activity and paid by public funds. Other revenues and expenditures for  
3.30 extra curricular activities must be recorded according to the Manual for Activity Fund  
3.31 Accounting. Extracurricular activities not under board control must have an annual  
3.32 financial audit and must also be audited annually for compliance with this section.

3.33 (d) If the board takes charge of and controls extracurricular activities, any or all  
3.34 costs of these activities may be provided from school revenues and all revenues and  
3.35 expenditures for these activities shall be recorded in the same manner as other revenues  
3.36 and expenditures of the district.

4.1 (e) If the board takes charge of and controls extracurricular activities, the teachers or  
 4.2 pupils in the district must not participate in such activity, nor shall the school name or any  
 4.3 allied name be used in connection therewith, except by consent and direction of the board.

4.4 (f) School districts may charge charter schools for each student for each activity the  
 4.5 lesser of one-half of the statewide average per pupil expenditure on student activities  
 4.6 and athletics as measured by the most recent edition of School District Profiles posted  
 4.7 to the Department of Education's Web site, or their proportional share of the amount of  
 4.8 the extracurricular activities that are not covered by student fees under section 123B.36,  
 4.9 subdivision 1, ticket revenues, fund-raising efforts, sponsorships, or other income  
 4.10 generated for those activities for which the charter school is charged. A district may charge  
 4.11 charter school students the same fees it charges enrolled students to participate in an  
 4.12 extracurricular activity. All charges to a charter school and charter school students must be  
 4.13 paid when the charter school students are selected to participate in the activity. A district is  
 4.14 not required to provide transportation from the charter school to the resident district for a  
 4.15 charter school student who participates in an extracurricular activity in the resident district.

4.16 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective for the 2015-2016 school year and  
 4.17 later.

4.18 Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 124D.10, subdivision 8, is amended to read:

4.19 Subd. 8. **Federal, state, and local requirements.** (a) A charter school shall meet all  
 4.20 federal, state, and local health and safety requirements applicable to school districts.

4.21 (b) A school must comply with statewide accountability requirements governing  
 4.22 standards and assessments in chapter 120B.

4.23 (c) A school authorized by a school board may be located in any district, unless the  
 4.24 school board of the district of the proposed location disapproves by written resolution.

4.25 (d) A charter school must be nonsectarian in its programs, admission policies,  
 4.26 employment practices, and all other operations. An authorizer may not authorize a charter  
 4.27 school or program that is affiliated with a nonpublic sectarian school or a religious  
 4.28 institution. A charter school student must be released for religious instruction, consistent  
 4.29 with section 120A.22, subdivision 12, clause (3).

4.30 (e) Charter schools must not be used as a method of providing education or  
 4.31 generating revenue for students who are being home-schooled. This paragraph does not  
 4.32 apply to shared time aid under section 126C.19.

4.33 (f) The primary focus of a charter school must be to provide a comprehensive  
 4.34 program of instruction for at least one grade or age group from five through 18 years of age.  
 4.35 Instruction may be provided to people older than 18 years of age. A charter school may

5.1 offer a free preschool or prekindergarten that meets high-quality early learning instructional  
5.2 program standards that are aligned with Minnesota's early learning standards for children.

5.3 (g) A charter school may not charge tuition.

5.4 (h) A charter school is subject to and must comply with chapter 363A and section  
5.5 121A.04.

5.6 (i) Once a student is enrolled in the school, the student is considered enrolled in the  
5.7 school until the student formally withdraws or is expelled under the Pupil Fair Dismissal  
5.8 Act in sections 121A.40 to 121A.56. A charter school is subject to and must comply with  
5.9 the Pupil Fair Dismissal Act, sections 121A.40 to 121A.56, and the Minnesota Public  
5.10 School Fee Law, sections 123B.34 to 123B.39.

5.11 (j) A charter school is subject to the same financial audits, audit procedures, and  
5.12 audit requirements as a district, except as required under subdivision 6a. Audits must be  
5.13 conducted in compliance with generally accepted governmental auditing standards, the  
5.14 federal Single Audit Act, if applicable, and section 6.65. A charter school is subject  
5.15 to and must comply with sections 15.054; 118A.01; 118A.02; 118A.03; 118A.04;  
5.16 118A.05; 118A.06; 471.38; 471.391; 471.392; and 471.425. The audit must comply with  
5.17 the requirements of sections 123B.75 to 123B.83, except to the extent deviations are  
5.18 necessary because of the program at the school. Deviations must be approved by the  
5.19 commissioner and authorizer. The Department of Education, state auditor, legislative  
5.20 auditor, or authorizer may conduct financial, program, or compliance audits. A charter  
5.21 school determined to be in statutory operating debt under sections 123B.81 to 123B.83  
5.22 must submit a plan under section 123B.81, subdivision 4.

5.23 (k) A charter school is a district for the purposes of tort liability under chapter 466.

5.24 (l) A charter school must comply with chapters 13 and 13D; and sections 120A.22,  
5.25 subdivision 7; 121A.75; and 260B.171, subdivisions 3 and 5.

5.26 (m) A charter school is subject to the Pledge of Allegiance requirement under  
5.27 section 121A.11, subdivision 3.

5.28 (n) A charter school offering online courses or programs must comply with section  
5.29 124D.095.

5.30 (o) A charter school and charter school board of directors are subject to chapter 181.

5.31 (p) A charter school must comply with section 120A.22, subdivision 7, governing  
5.32 the transfer of students' educational records and sections 138.163 and 138.17 governing  
5.33 the management of local records.

5.34 (q) A charter school that provides early childhood health and developmental  
5.35 screening must comply with sections 121A.16 to 121A.19.

6.1 (r) A charter school that provides school-sponsored youth athletic activities must  
6.2 comply with section 121A.38.

6.3 (s) A charter school is subject to and must comply with continuing truant notification  
6.4 under section 260A.03.

6.5 (t) A charter school must develop and implement a teacher evaluation and peer  
6.6 review process under section 122A.40, subdivision 8, paragraph (b), clauses (2) to  
6.7 (13). The teacher evaluation process in this paragraph does not create any additional  
6.8 employment rights for teachers.

6.9 (u) A charter school must adopt a policy, plan, budget, and process, consistent with  
6.10 section 120B.11, to review curriculum, instruction, and student achievement and strive  
6.11 for the world's best workforce.

6.12 (v) A charter school must comply with section 121A.031 governing policies on  
6.13 prohibited conduct.

6.14 (w) A charter school must comply with all pupil transportation requirements in  
6.15 section 123B.88, subdivision 1. A charter school must not require parents to surrender  
6.16 their rights to pupil transportation under section 123B.88, subdivision 2.

6.17 (x) A charter school is subject to sections 123B.36, subdivision 1, paragraph  
6.18 (b), clause (10), and 123B.49, subdivision 4, paragraphs (a) and (f), when its students  
6.19 participate in extracurricular activities in their resident district.

6.20 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective for the 2015-2016 school year and  
6.21 later.