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foreign exchange students from the transfer ban on varsity competition; providing for rulemaking; amending Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 128C.02, subdivision 1.4 1.5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA: 1.6 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 128C.02, subdivision 5, is amended to read: 1.7 Subd. 5. Rules for open enrollees. (a) The league shall adopt league rules and regulations 1.8 governing the athletic participation of pupils attending school in a nonresident district under 1.9 section 124D.03. 1.10 1.11 (b) Notwithstanding other law or league rule or regulation to the contrary, when a student enrolls in or is readmitted to a recovery-focused high school after successfully completing 1.12 a licensed program for treatment of alcohol or substance abuse, mental illness, or emotional 1.13 disturbance, the student is immediately eligible to participate on the same basis as other 1.14 district students in the league-sponsored activities of the student's resident school district. 1.15

Nothing in this paragraph prohibits the league or school district from enforcing a league or

(c) The league shall adopt league rules making a student with an individualized education

program who transfers from one public school to another public school as a reasonable

accommodation to reduce barriers to educational access immediately eligible to participate

in league-sponsored varsity competition on the same basis as other students in the school

to which the student transfers. The league also must establish guidelines, consistent with

this paragraph, for reviewing the 504 plan of a student who transfers between public schools

to determine whether the student is immediately eligible to participate in league-sponsored

district penalty resulting from the student violating a league or district rule.

A bill for an act

relating to education; requiring the Minnesota State High School League to exempt

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varsity competition on the same basis as other students in the school to which the student transfers.

2.3 (d) The league shall adopt league rules allowing the exemption of a foreign exchange
2.4 student from the one-year ban on transfer students' participation in varsity competition if:
2.5 (1) the foreign exchange student transfers schools pursuant to the enrollment options program
2.6 under section 124D.03; and (2) the foreign exchange student's host family has a known
2.7 history of sending their children or foreign exchange students to the school district of their
2.8 choice.

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