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

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to education finance; authorizing the voluntary realignment of the school
1.3 district boundaries between Independent School Districts Nos. 152, Moorhead,
1.4 and 2164, Dilworth-Glyndon-Felton.

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

1.6 Section 1. **VOLUNTARY BOUNDARY ALIGNMENT; MOORHEAD AND**
1.7 **DILWORTH-GLYNDON-FELTON.**

1.8 Subdivision 1. **Boundary realignment allowed.** The school boards of Independent
1.9 School Districts Nos. 152, Moorhead, and 2164, Dilworth-Glyndon-Felton, may realign
1.10 their shared district boundaries according to the provisions of this section.

1.11 Subd. 2. **Plan to establish new boundaries.** (a) The school boards of Independent
1.12 School Districts Nos. 152, Moorhead, and 2164, Dilworth-Glyndon-Felton, may jointly
1.13 develop a plan to realign their shared school district boundaries over a period of years.

1.14 (b) The plan must specify and identify each group of parcels that will be transferred
1.15 and the method used to determine the year during which each set of parcels is transferred.
1.16 The method of transfer may include an analysis of the relative tax base of the parcels to
1.17 be transferred and may make the transfers of parcels effective upon the relationship in
1.18 relative tax bases.

1.19 (c) The written plan must be adopted by each school board after the board has
1.20 allowed public testimony on the plan.

1.21 (d) The plan must be filed with both the county auditor and the commissioner of
1.22 education.

1.23 (e) After adopting the plan, each school board must publish notice of the plan
1.24 realigning district boundaries. The notice must include a general description of the area

2.1 that will be affected by the proposed boundary alignment and the method by which the
2.2 boundaries will be realigned. The notice must also be mailed to each property owner of
2.3 record in the area proposed for realignment.

2.4 Subd. 3. **Bonded debt.** As of the effective date of each exchange of parcels between
2.5 the two school districts, for the next and subsequent tax years, the taxable property in the
2.6 newly aligned parcel is taxable for a portion of the bonded debt of the school district to
2.7 which the property is attached and is not taxable for the bonded debt from the school
2.8 district from which the property is detached.

2.9 Subd. 4. **County auditor notified.** After adoption of the plan, each school board
2.10 must provide a copy of the plan to the county auditor. The county auditor may request
2.11 any other necessary information from the school districts to affect the transfer of parcels
2.12 between the school districts. Each year, the school districts must notify the county auditor
2.13 of what block of parcels, if any, will be transferred between the two school districts. The
2.14 county auditor must notify each affected property owner of the boundary change.

2.15 Subd. 5. **Report to Department of Education.** Upon adoption of the plan, the
2.16 school boards must submit a copy of the plan to the Department of Education. The districts
2.17 must also provide any additional information necessary for computing school aids and
2.18 levies to the Department of Education in the form and manner requested by the department.

2.19 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day after the school boards of
2.20 Independent School Districts Nos. 152, Moorhead, and 2164, Dilworth-Glyndon-Felton,
2.21 and their respective chief clerical officers timely comply with Minnesota Statutes, section
2.22 645.021, subdivisions 2 and 3.