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02/28/2011	309	Introduction and first reading Referred to Education
03/21/2011	595	Comm report: To pass
	596	Second reading
	610	General Orders: Stricken and re-referred to Finance

1.1A bill for an act

1.2relating to education; allowing freshmen and sophomores to enroll in college

1.3in the schools classes; amending Minnesota Statutes 2010, section 124D.09,

1.4subdivisions 4, 5, 7, 8.

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

1.6Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2010, section 124D.09, subdivision 4, is amended to

1.7read:

1.8Subd. 4. **Alternative pupil.** "Alternative pupil" means an 9th, 10th, 11th, or 12th

1.9grade student not enrolled in a public school district, and includes students attending

1.10nonpublic schools and students who are home schooled. An alternative pupil is considered

1.11a pupil for purposes of this section only. An alternative pupil must register with the

1.12commissioner of education before participating in the postsecondary enrollment options

1.13program. The commissioner shall prescribe the form and manner of the registration, in

1.14consultation with the Nonpublic Education Council under section 123B.445, and may

1.15request any necessary information from the alternative pupil.

1.16Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2010, section 124D.09, subdivision 5, is amended to read:

1.17Subd. 5. **Authorization; notification.** Notwithstanding any other law to the

1.18contrary, an 11th or 12th grade pupil enrolled in a school or an American Indian-controlled

1.19tribal contract or grant school eligible for aid under section 124D.83, except a foreign

1.20exchange pupil enrolled in a district under a cultural exchange program, may apply to an

1.21eligible institution, as defined in subdivision 3, to enroll in nonsectarian courses offered by

1.22that postsecondary institution. Notwithstanding any other law to the contrary, a 9th or 10th

1.23grade pupil enrolled in a school or an American Indian-controlled tribal contract or grant

school eligible for aid under section 124D.83, except a foreign exchange pupil enrolled in a district under a cultural exchange program, may apply to enroll in nonsectarian courses offered under subdivision 10, if after all 11th and 12th grade students have applied for a course, additional students are necessary to offer the course. If an institution accepts a secondary pupil for enrollment under this section, the institution shall send written notice to the pupil, the pupil's school or school district, and the commissioner within ten days of acceptance. The notice must indicate the course and hours of enrollment of that pupil. If the pupil enrolls in a course for postsecondary credit, the institution must notify the pupil about payment in the customary manner used by the institution.

Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 2010, section 124D.09, subdivision 7, is amended to read:

Subd. 7. **Dissemination of information; notification of intent to enroll.** By March 1 of each year, a district must provide general information about the program to all pupils in grades 8, 9, 10₂ and 11. To assist the district in planning, a pupil shall inform the district by March 30 of each year of the pupil's intent to enroll in postsecondary courses during the following school year. A pupil is not bound by notifying or not notifying the district by March 30.

Sec. 4. Minnesota Statutes 2010, section 124D.09, subdivision 8, is amended to read:

Subd. 8. **Limit on participation.** A pupil who first enrolls in grade 9 may not enroll in postsecondary courses under this section for secondary credit for more than the equivalent of four academic years. A pupil who first enrolls in grade 10 may not enroll in postsecondary courses under this section for secondary credit for more than the equivalent of three academic years. A pupil who first enrolls in grade 11 may not enroll in postsecondary courses under this section for secondary credit for more than the equivalent of two academic years. A pupil who first enrolls in grade 12 may not enroll in postsecondary courses under this section for secondary credit for more than the equivalent of one academic year. If a pupil in grade 9, 10, 11₂ or 12 first enrolls in a postsecondary course for secondary credit during the school year, the time of participation shall be reduced proportionately. If a pupil is in a learning year or other year-round program and begins each grade in the summer session, summer sessions shall not be counted against the time of participation. A pupil who has graduated from high school cannot participate in a program under this section. A pupil who has completed course requirements for graduation but who has not received a diploma may participate in the program under this section.