

2.1 A participating district's plan under clause (2) must describe its educational
2.2 objectives and processes for seeking advice and collaboration and managing the project;
2.3 its budget arrangements that include regular reviews of expenditures; its administrative
2.4 structures for implementing and evaluating the plan; and any other applicable conditions,
2.5 regulations, responsibilities, duties, provisions, fee schedules, or legal considerations
2.6 needed to implement its plan.

2.7 (d) The member districts of the joint partnership must comply with Minnesota
2.8 Statutes, section 124D.10, subdivision 8, as though they were a charter school and are
2.9 otherwise exempt from all statutes and rules applicable to a school, school board, or
2.10 school district unless a statute or rule is made specifically applicable to a charter school.

2.11 (e) Notwithstanding paragraph (d), a school district that participates in the pilot
2.12 project under this section shall continue to receive revenue and maintain its taxation
2.13 authority as if it were a school district and not participating in the pilot project.

2.14 (f) Notwithstanding paragraph (d), a school district that participates in the pilot
2.15 project under this section shall continue to be organized and governed by an elected school
2.16 board with the general powers under Minnesota Statutes, section 123B.02, as if it were a
2.17 school district and not participating in the pilot project.

2.18 Subd. 2. **Role of the commissioner.** The commissioner, using available department
2.19 resources and staff, may select up to six applicants under subdivision 1, paragraph (b),
2.20 from throughout the state to participate in this pilot project. The commissioner may
2.21 consider and select only those applicants that the commissioner determines have fully
2.22 complied with the requirements in subdivision 1.

2.23 Subd. 3. **Pilot project evaluation.** The commissioner must gather and evaluate data
2.24 on the measurable success of the joint partnerships in delivering innovative education
2.25 programs and activities and sharing resources. The commissioner must use the data to
2.26 develop and submit to the education policy and finance committees of the legislature by
2.27 February 1, 2016, a report evaluating the success of this pilot project and recommend
2.28 whether or not to continue or expand the pilot project.

2.29 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment
2.30 and applies to the 2011-2012 through 2014-2015 school year.