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State of Minnesota

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NINETY-SECOND SESSION

H. F. No. 666

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

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to higher education; modifying teacher shortage loan forgiveness eligibility
1.3 to include nonpublic schools; amending Minnesota Statutes 2020, section
1.4 136A.1791, subdivision 1.

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

1.6 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 136A.1791, subdivision 1, is amended to
1.7 read:

1.8 Subdivision 1. Definitions. (a) The terms used in this section have the meanings given
1.9 them in this subdivision.

1.10 (b) "Qualified educational loan" means a government, commercial, or foundation loan
1.11 for actual costs paid for tuition and reasonable educational and living expenses related to a
1.12 teacher's preparation or further education.

1.13 (c) "School district" means an independent school district, special school district,
1.14 intermediate district, education district, special education cooperative, service cooperative,
1.15 a cooperative center for vocational education, ~~or a charter school,~~ or a nonpublic school,
1.16 excluding a home school, located in Minnesota.

1.17 (d) "Teacher" means an individual holding a teaching license issued by the Professional
1.18 Educator Licensing and Standards Board who is employed by a school district to provide
1.19 classroom instruction.

1.20 (e) "Teacher shortage area" means:

2.1 (1) the licensure fields and economic development regions reported by the Professional
2.2 Educator Licensing and Standards Board in coordination with the commissioner as
2.3 experiencing a teacher shortage; and

2.4 (2) economic development regions where there is a shortage of licensed teachers who
2.5 reflect the racial or ethnic diversity of students in the region as reported by the Professional
2.6 Educator Licensing and Standards Board in coordination with the commissioner.

2.7 (f) "Commissioner" means the commissioner of the Office of Higher Education unless
2.8 indicated otherwise.