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Introduction and first reading  
Referred to Education Finance and Policy

OFFICIAL STATUS

- 1.1 A bill for an act
- 1.2 relating to education; modifying academic standards and benchmarks; modifying
- 1.3 rulemaking requirements for academic standards and benchmarks; amending
- 1.4 Minnesota Statutes 2020, sections 120B.021, subdivision 3; 120B.023.
- 1.5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:
- 1.6 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 120B.021, subdivision 3, is amended to read:
- 1.7 Subd. 3. **Rulemaking.** The commissioner, consistent with the requirements of this section
- 1.8 and section 120B.022, must adopt statewide rules under ~~section 14.389~~ chapter 14 for
- 1.9 implementing statewide rigorous core academic standards and benchmarks under section
- 1.10 120B.023 in language arts, mathematics, science, social studies, physical education, and
- 1.11 the arts. After the rules authorized under this subdivision are initially adopted, the
- 1.12 commissioner may not amend or repeal these rules nor adopt new rules on the same topic
- 1.13 without specific legislative authorization.
- 1.14 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 120B.023, is amended to read:
- 1.15 **120B.023 BENCHMARKS.**
- 1.16 Subdivision 1. **Benchmarks implement, supplement statewide academic standards.** (a)
- 1.17 The commissioner must supplement required state academic standards with grade-level
- 1.18 benchmarks. High school career and college-ready benchmarks may cover more than one
- 1.19 grade. Schools must offer and students must achieve all benchmarks for an academic standard
- 1.20 to satisfactorily complete that state standard.
- 1.21 (b) ~~The commissioner shall publish benchmarks in the State Register and transmit the~~
- 1.22 ~~benchmarks in any other manner that informs and guides parents, teachers, school districts,~~

2.1 ~~and other interested persons and makes them accessible to the general public. The~~  
2.2 commissioner must use benchmarks in developing career and college readiness assessments  
2.3 under section 120B.30. ~~The commissioner may charge a reasonable fee for publications.~~

2.4 (c) Once established, the commissioner may change the benchmarks only with specific  
2.5 legislative authorization and ~~after completing a review~~ as part of the standards reviews and  
2.6 revisions required under section 120B.021, subdivision 4.

2.7 ~~(d) The benchmarks are not subject to chapter 14 and section 14.386 does not apply.~~