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136.9

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136.10 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 124D.52, subdivision 7, is amended to read:

136.11 Subd. 7. **Performance tracking system.** (a) By July 1, 2000, each approved adult basic
136.12 education program must develop and implement a performance tracking system to provide
136.13 information necessary to comply with federal law and serve as one means of assessing the
136.14 effectiveness of adult basic education programs. For required reporting, longitudinal studies,
136.15 and program improvement, the tracking system must be designed to collect data on the
136.16 following core outcomes for learners, including English learners, who have completed
136.17 participating in the adult basic education program:

136.18 (1) demonstrated improvements in literacy skill levels in reading, writing, speaking the
136.19 English language, numeracy, problem solving, English language acquisition, and other
136.20 literacy skills;

136.21 (2) placement in, retention in, or completion of postsecondary education, training,
136.22 unsubsidized employment, or career advancement;

136.23 (3) receipt of a secondary school diploma or its recognized equivalent; and

136.24 (4) reduction in participation in the diversionary work program, Minnesota family
136.25 investment program; and food support education and training program.

136.26 (b) A district, group of districts, state agency, or private nonprofit organization providing
136.27 an adult basic education program may meet this requirement by developing a tracking system
136.28 based on either or both of the following methodologies:

136.29 (1) conducting a reliable follow-up survey; or

136.30 (2) submitting student information, including collected Social Security numbers for data
136.31 matching.

137.1 ~~Data related to obtaining employment must be collected in the first quarter following~~
137.2 ~~program completion or can be collected while the student is enrolled, if known. Data related~~
137.3 ~~to employment retention must be collected in the third quarter following program exit. Data~~
137.4 ~~related to any other of the specified outcome outcomes may be collected at any time during~~
137.5 ~~a program year.~~

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137.6 (c) When a student in a program is requested to provide the student's Social Security
137.7 number, the student must be notified in a written form easily understandable to the student
137.8 that:

137.9 (1) providing the Social Security number is optional and no adverse action may be taken
137.10 against the student if the student chooses not to provide the Social Security number;

137.11 (2) the request is made under section 124D.52, subdivision 7;

137.12 (3) if the student provides the Social Security number, it will be used to assess the
137.13 effectiveness of the program by tracking the student's subsequent career; and

137.14 (4) the Social Security number will be shared with the Department of Education;
137.15 Minnesota State Colleges and Universities; Office of Higher Education; Department of
137.16 Human Services; and Department of Employment and Economic Development in order to
137.17 accomplish the purposes described in paragraph (a) and will not be used for any other
137.18 purpose or reported to any other governmental entities.

137.19 (d) Annually a district, group of districts, state agency, or private nonprofit organization
137.20 providing programs under this section must forward the tracking data collected to the
137.21 Department of Education. For the purposes of longitudinal studies on the employment status
137.22 of former students under this section, the Department of Education must forward the Social
137.23 Security numbers to the Department of Employment and Economic Development to
137.24 electronically match the Social Security numbers of former students with wage detail reports
137.25 filed under section 268.044. The results of data matches must, for purposes of this section
137.26 and consistent with the requirements of the ~~United States Code, title 29, section 2871, of~~
137.27 ~~the Workforce Investment Act of 1998~~ Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act, be
137.28 compiled in a longitudinal form by the Department of Employment and Economic
137.29 Development and released to the Department of Education in the form of summary data
137.30 that does not identify the individual students. The Department of Education may release
137.31 this summary data. State funding for adult basic education programs must not be based on
137.32 the number or percentage of students who decline to provide their Social Security numbers
137.33 or on whether the program is evaluated by means of a follow-up survey instead of data
137.34 matching.

126.18 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 124D.531, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

126.19 Subdivision 1. **State total adult basic education aid.** (a) The state total adult basic
126.20 education aid for fiscal year 2011 equals \$44,419,000, plus any amount that is not paid
126.21 during the previous fiscal year as a result of adjustments under subdivision 4, paragraph

138.1 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 124D.549, is amended to read:

138.2 ~~124D.549 GENERAL EDUCATION DEVELOPMENT (GED) TESTS RULES;~~
138.3 ~~COMMISSIONER COMMISSIONER-SELECTED HIGH SCHOOL EQUIVALENCY~~
138.4 ~~TEST.~~

138.5 The commissioner ~~may amend rules to reflect changes in the national minimum standard~~
138.6 ~~score for passing the general education development (GED) tests, in consultation with adult~~
138.7 ~~basic education stakeholders, must select a high school equivalency test. The commissioner~~
138.8 ~~may issue a high school equivalency diploma to a Minnesota resident 19 years of age or~~
138.9 ~~older who has not earned a high school diploma, who has not previously been issued a GED,~~
138.10 ~~and who has exceeded or achieved a minimum passing score on the equivalency test~~
138.11 ~~established by the publisher. The commissioner of education may waive the minimum age~~
138.12 ~~requirement if supportive evidence is provided by an employer or a recognized education~~
138.13 ~~or rehabilitation provider.~~

138.14 Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 124D.55, is amended to read:

138.15 ~~124D.55 GENERAL EDUCATION DEVELOPMENT (GED)~~
138.16 ~~COMMISSIONER-SELECTED HIGH SCHOOL EQUIVALENCY TEST FEES.~~

126.22 ~~(a), or section 124D.52, subdivision 3. The state total adult basic education aid for later~~
126.23 ~~fiscal years equals:~~

126.24 ~~(1) the state total adult basic education aid for the preceding fiscal year plus any amount~~
126.25 ~~that is not paid for during the previous fiscal year, as a result of adjustments under subdivision~~
126.26 ~~4, paragraph (a), or section 124D.52, subdivision 3; times~~

126.27 ~~(2) the lesser of:~~

126.28 ~~(i) ~~1.03~~ 1.01; or~~

126.29 ~~(ii) the average growth in state total contact hours over the prior ten program years.~~

127.1 ~~Three percent of the state total adult basic education aid must be set aside for adult basic~~
127.2 ~~education supplemental service grants under section 124D.522.~~

127.3 ~~(b) The state total adult basic education aid, excluding basic population aid, equals the~~
127.4 ~~difference between the amount computed in paragraph (a), and the state total basic population~~
127.5 ~~aid under subdivision 2.~~

127.6 ~~**EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective for revenue for fiscal year 2018 and later.~~

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138.18 for the full battery of ~~general education development (GED) the commissioner-selected~~
138.19 high school equivalency tests, but not more than \$40 for an eligible individual.

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138.23 battery of tests per year for any individual.

138.24 Sec. 4. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 256J.08, subdivision 38, is amended to read:

138.25 Subd. 38. **Full-time student.** "Full-time student" means a person who is enrolled in a
138.26 graded or ungraded primary, intermediate, secondary, ~~GED commissioner of~~
138.27 education-selected high school equivalency preparatory, trade, technical, vocational, or
138.28 postsecondary school, and who meets the school's standard for full-time attendance.

138.29 Sec. 5. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 256J.08, subdivision 39, is amended to read:

138.30 Subd. 39. ~~General educational development or GED Commissioner of~~
138.31 education-selected high school equivalency. "General educational development" or "GED"
139.1 "Commissioner of education-selected high school equivalency" means the general educational
139.2 development high school equivalency certification issued by the commissioner of education
139.3 as an equivalent to a secondary school diploma under Minnesota Rules, part 3500.3100;
139.4 subpart 4.

139.5 Sec. 6. APPROPRIATIONS.

139.6 Subdivision 1. **Department of Education.** The sums indicated in this section are
139.7 appropriated from the general fund to the Department of Education for the fiscal years
139.8 designated.

139.9 Subd. 2. **Adult basic education aid.** For adult basic education aid under Minnesota
139.10 Statutes, section 124D.531:

139.11 \$ 50,010,000 2018

139.12 \$ 51,497,000 2019

139.13 The 2018 appropriation includes \$4,881,000 for 2017 and \$45,129,000 for 2018.

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128.15 Statutes, section 124D.531:

128.16 \$ 49,133,000 2018

128.17 \$ 49,735,000 2019

128.18 The 2018 appropriation includes \$4,881,000 for 2017 and \$44,252,000 for 2018.

139.14 The 2019 appropriation includes \$5,014,000 for 2018 and \$46,483,000 for 2019.

139.15 Subd. 3. **High school equivalency tests.** For payment of 60 percent of the costs of the
139.16 commissioner-selected high school equivalency tests under Minnesota Statutes, section
139.17 124D.55:

139.18 \$ 125,000 2018

139.19 \$ 125,000 2019

139.20 Sec. 7. **REVISOR'S INSTRUCTION.**

139.21 In Minnesota Statutes and Minnesota Rules, the revisor of statutes shall substitute the
139.22 term "commissioner-selected high school equivalency" or similar term for "general education
139.23 development," "GED," or similar terms for wherever the term refers to the tests or programs
139.24 leading to a certification issued by the commissioner of education as an equivalency to a
139.25 secondary diploma.

139.26 Sec. 8. **REPEALER.**

139.27 Minnesota Rules, part 3500.3100, subpart 4, is repealed.

128.19 The 2019 appropriation includes \$4,917,000 for 2018 and \$44,818,000 for 2019.

128.20 Subd. 3. **High school equivalency tests.** For payment of 60 percent of the costs of high
128.21 school equivalency tests under Minnesota Statutes, section 124D.55:

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