

1.1 Senator moves to amend S.F. No. 1311 as follows:

1.2 Delete everything after the enacting clause and insert:

1.3 **"ARTICLE 1**
1.4 **ADMINISTRATIVE CORRECTIONS, ACCOUNTABILITY, AND TRANSPARENCY**

1.5 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 120A.22, subdivision 10, is amended to read:

1.6 Subd. 10. **Requirements for instructors.** A person who is providing instruction to a
1.7 child must meet at least one of the following requirements:

1.8 (1) hold a valid Minnesota teaching license in the field and for the grade level taught;

1.9 (2) be directly supervised by a person holding a valid Minnesota teaching license;

1.10 ~~(3) successfully complete a teacher competency examination;~~

1.11 ~~(4)~~ (3) provide instruction in a school that is accredited by an accrediting agency,
1.12 recognized according to section 123B.445, or recognized by the commissioner;

1.13 ~~(5)~~ (4) hold a baccalaureate degree; or

1.14 ~~(6)~~ (5) be the parent of a child who is assessed according to the procedures in subdivision
1.15 11.

1.16 Any person providing instruction in a public school must meet the requirements of clause
1.17 (1).

1.18 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 120B.018, subdivision 6, is amended to read:

1.19 Subd. 6. **Required standard.** "Required standard" means (1) a statewide adopted
1.20 expectation for student learning in the content areas of language arts, mathematics, science,
1.21 social studies, physical education, and the arts, ~~or~~ and (2) a locally adopted expectation for
1.22 student learning in health ~~or the arts~~.

1.23 Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 120B.021, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

1.24 Subdivision 1. **Required academic standards.** (a) The following subject areas are
1.25 required for statewide accountability:

1.26 (1) language arts;

1.27 (2) mathematics, encompassing algebra II, integrated mathematics III, or an equivalent
1.28 in high school, and to be prepared for the three credits of mathematics in grades 9 through
1.29 12, the grade 8 standards include completion of algebra;

- 2.1 (3) science;
- 2.2 (4) social studies, including history, geography, economics, and government and
2.3 citizenship that includes civics ~~consistent with section 120B.02, subdivision 3;~~
- 2.4 (5) physical education;
- 2.5 (6) health, for which locally developed academic standards apply; and
- 2.6 (7) the arts, ~~for which statewide or locally developed academic standards apply, as~~
2.7 ~~determined by the school district.~~ Public elementary and middle schools must offer at least
2.8 three and require at least two of the following ~~four~~ five arts areas: dance; media arts; music;
2.9 theater; and visual arts. Public high schools must offer at least three and require at least one
2.10 of the following five arts areas: media arts; dance; music; theater; and visual arts.

2.11 (b) For purposes of applicable federal law, the academic standards for language arts,
2.12 mathematics, and science apply to all public school students, except the very few students
2.13 with extreme cognitive or physical impairments for whom an individualized education
2.14 program team has determined that the required academic standards are inappropriate. An
2.15 individualized education program team that makes this determination must establish
2.16 alternative standards.

2.17 (c) ~~The department must adopt the most recent SHAPE America (Society of Health and~~
2.18 ~~Physical Educators) kindergarten through grade 12 standards and benchmarks for physical~~
2.19 ~~education as the required physical education academic standards.~~ The department may
2.20 modify SHAPE America (Society of Health and Physical Educators) standards and adapt
2.21 the national standards to accommodate state interest. The modification and adaptations must
2.22 maintain the purpose and integrity of the national standards. The department must make
2.23 available sample assessments, which school districts may use as an alternative to local
2.24 assessments, to assess students' mastery of the physical education standards beginning in
2.25 the 2018-2019 school year.

2.26 (d) A school district may include child sexual abuse prevention instruction in a health
2.27 curriculum, consistent with paragraph (a), clause (6). Child sexual abuse prevention
2.28 instruction may include age-appropriate instruction on recognizing sexual abuse and assault,
2.29 boundary violations, and ways offenders groom or desensitize victims, as well as strategies
2.30 to promote disclosure, reduce self-blame, and mobilize bystanders. A school district may
2.31 provide instruction under this paragraph in a variety of ways, including at an annual assembly
2.32 or classroom presentation. A school district may also provide parents information on the
2.33 warning signs of child sexual abuse and available resources.

3.1 (e) District efforts to develop, implement, or improve instruction or curriculum as a
3.2 result of the provisions of this section must be consistent with sections 120B.10, 120B.11,
3.3 and 120B.20.

3.4 Sec. 4. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 120B.021, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

3.5 Subd. 3. **Rulemaking.** The commissioner, consistent with the requirements of this section
3.6 and section 120B.022, must adopt statewide rules under section 14.389 for implementing
3.7 statewide rigorous core academic standards in language arts, mathematics, science, social
3.8 studies, physical education, and the arts. ~~After the rules authorized under this subdivision
3.9 are initially adopted, the commissioner may not amend or repeal these rules nor adopt new
3.10 rules on the same topic without specific legislative authorization.~~

3.11 Sec. 5. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 120B.022, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

3.12 Subdivision 1. **Elective standards.** A district must establish and regularly review its
3.13 own standards ~~in~~ for career and technical education (CTE) programs. Standards must align
3.14 with CTE frameworks developed by the Department of Education, standards developed by
3.15 national CTE organizations, or recognized industry standards. A district must use the current
3.16 world languages standards developed by the American Council on the Teaching of Foreign
3.17 Languages. A school district must offer courses in all elective subject areas.

3.18 Sec. 6. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 120B.024, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

3.19 Subdivision 1. **Graduation requirements.** (a) Students ~~beginning 9th grade in the~~
3.20 ~~2011-2012 school year and later~~ must successfully complete the following high school level
3.21 credits for graduation:

3.22 (1) four credits of language arts sufficient to satisfy all of the academic standards in
3.23 English language arts;

3.24 (2) three credits of mathematics, ~~including an algebra II credit or its equivalent,~~ sufficient
3.25 to satisfy all of the academic standards in mathematics;

3.26 ~~(3) an algebra I credit by the end of 8th grade sufficient to satisfy all of the 8th grade~~
3.27 ~~standards in mathematics;~~

3.28 ~~(4)~~ (3) three credits of science, including at least one credit of biology, one credit of
3.29 chemistry or physics, and one ~~elective~~ credit of earth and space science. The combination
3.30 of credits under this clause must be sufficient to satisfy (i) all of the academic standards in
3.31 either chemistry or physics and (ii) all other academic standards in science;

4.1 ~~(5)~~ (4) three and one-half credits of social studies, including one credit in civics in either
 4.2 11th or 12th grade for students beginning 9th grade in the 2024-2025 school year and later,
 4.3 and a combination of other credits encompassing at least United States history, geography,
 4.4 government and citizenship, world history, and economics sufficient to satisfy all of the
 4.5 academic standards in social studies;

4.6 ~~(6)~~ (5) one credit of the arts sufficient to satisfy all of the ~~state or local~~ academic standards
 4.7 in the arts; ~~and~~

4.8 (6) credits sufficient to satisfy the state standards in physical education; and

4.9 (7) a minimum of seven elective credits.

4.10 (b) ~~A school district is encouraged to offer a course for credit in government and~~
 4.11 ~~citizenship to 11th or 12th grade students who begin 9th grade in the 2020-2021 school year~~
 4.12 ~~and later, that satisfies the government and citizenship requirement in paragraph (a), clause~~
 4.13 ~~(5) Students beginning 9th grade in the 2023-2024 school year and later must successfully~~
 4.14 complete a personal finance course for credit during their senior year of high school. The
 4.15 course must include but is not limited to the following topics: creating a household budget;
 4.16 taking out loans and accruing debt, including how interest works; home mortgages; how to
 4.17 file taxes; the impact of student loan debt; and how to read a paycheck and payroll deductions.
 4.18 A district may provide a personal finance course through in-person instruction, distance
 4.19 instruction, or a combination of in-person and distance instruction.

4.20 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** Paragraph (a) is effective for the 2024-2025 school year and later.

4.21 Sec. 7. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 120B.024, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

4.22 Subd. 2. **Credit equivalencies.** (a) A one-half credit of economics taught in a school's
 4.23 ~~agriculture~~ agricultural, food, and natural resources education or business education program
 4.24 or department may fulfill a one-half credit in social studies under subdivision 1, clause (5),
 4.25 if the credit is sufficient to satisfy all of the academic standards in economics.

4.26 (b) An agriculture science or career and technical education credit may fulfill the elective
 4.27 science credit required under subdivision 1, clause (4), if the credit meets the state physical
 4.28 science, life science, earth and space science, chemistry, or physics academic standards or
 4.29 a combination of these academic standards as approved by the district. An agriculture or
 4.30 career and technical education credit may fulfill the credit in chemistry or physics required
 4.31 under subdivision 1, clause (4), if the credit meets the state chemistry or physics academic
 4.32 standards as approved by the district. A student must satisfy either all of the chemistry
 4.33 academic standards or all of the physics academic standards prior to graduation. An

5.1 agriculture science or career and technical education credit may not fulfill the required
5.2 biology credit under subdivision 1, clause (4).

5.3 (c) A career and technical education credit may fulfill a mathematics or arts credit
5.4 requirement under subdivision 1, clause (2) or (6).

5.5 (d) An ~~agriculture~~ agricultural, food, and natural resources education teacher is not
5.6 required to meet the requirements of Minnesota Rules, part 3505.1150, subpart ~~1~~ 2, item
5.7 B, to meet the credit equivalency requirements of paragraph (b) above.

5.8 (e) A computer science credit may fulfill a mathematics credit requirement under
5.9 subdivision 1, clause (2), if the credit meets state academic standards in mathematics.

5.10 (f) A Project Lead the Way credit may fulfill a science or mathematics credit requirement
5.11 under subdivision 1, clause (2) or (4), if the credit meets the state academic standards in
5.12 science or mathematics.

5.13 Sec. 8. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 120B.30, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

5.14 Subdivision 1. **Statewide testing.** (a) The commissioner, with advice from experts with
5.15 appropriate technical qualifications and experience and stakeholders, consistent with
5.16 subdivision 1a, must include in the comprehensive assessment system, for each grade level
5.17 to be tested, state-constructed tests developed as computer-adaptive reading and mathematics
5.18 assessments for students that are aligned with the state's required academic standards under
5.19 section 120B.021, include multiple choice questions, and are administered annually to all
5.20 students in grades 3 through 8. State-developed high school tests aligned with the state's
5.21 required academic standards under section 120B.021 and administered to all high school
5.22 students in a subject other than writing must include multiple choice questions. The
5.23 commissioner must establish a testing period as late as possible each school year during
5.24 which schools must administer the Minnesota Comprehensive Assessments to students. The
5.25 commissioner must publish the testing schedule at least two years before the beginning of
5.26 the testing period.

5.27 (b) The state assessment system must be aligned to the most recent revision of academic
5.28 standards as described in section 120B.023 in the following manner:

5.29 (1) mathematics;

5.30 (i) grades 3 through 8 beginning in the 2010-2011 school year; and

5.31 (ii) high school level beginning in the 2013-2014 school year;

6.1 (2) science; grades 5 and 8 and at the high school level beginning in the 2011-2012
6.2 school year; and

6.3 (3) language arts and reading; grades 3 through 8 and high school level beginning in the
6.4 2012-2013 school year.

6.5 (c) For students enrolled in grade 8 in the 2012-2013 school year and later, students'
6.6 state graduation requirements, based on a longitudinal, systematic approach to student
6.7 education and career planning, assessment, instructional support, and evaluation, include
6.8 the following:

6.9 (1) achievement and career and college readiness in mathematics, reading, and writing,
6.10 consistent with paragraph (k) and to the extent available, to monitor students' continuous
6.11 development of and growth in requisite knowledge and skills; analyze students' progress
6.12 and performance levels, identifying students' academic strengths and diagnosing areas where
6.13 students require curriculum or instructional adjustments, targeted interventions, or
6.14 remediation; and, based on analysis of students' progress and performance data, determine
6.15 students' learning and instructional needs and the instructional tools and best practices that
6.16 support academic rigor for the student; and

6.17 (2) consistent with this paragraph and section 120B.125, age-appropriate exploration
6.18 and planning activities and career assessments to encourage students to identify personally
6.19 relevant career interests and aptitudes and help students and their families develop a regularly
6.20 reexamined transition plan for postsecondary education or employment without need for
6.21 postsecondary remediation.

6.22 Based on appropriate state guidelines, students with an individualized education program
6.23 may satisfy state graduation requirements by achieving an individual score on the
6.24 state-identified alternative assessments.

6.25 (d) Expectations of schools, districts, and the state for career or college readiness under
6.26 this subdivision must be comparable in rigor, clarity of purpose, and rates of student
6.27 completion.

6.28 A student under paragraph (c), clause (1), must receive targeted, relevant, academically
6.29 rigorous, and resourced instruction, which may include a targeted instruction and intervention
6.30 plan focused on improving the student's knowledge and skills in core subjects so that the
6.31 student has a reasonable chance to succeed in a career or college without need for
6.32 postsecondary remediation. Consistent with sections 120B.13, 124D.09, 124D.091, 124D.49,
6.33 and related sections, an enrolling school or district must actively encourage a student in
6.34 grade 11 or 12 who is identified as academically ready for a career or college to participate

7.1 in courses and programs awarding college credit to high school students. Students are not
7.2 required to achieve a specified score or level of proficiency on an assessment under this
7.3 subdivision to graduate from high school.

7.4 (e) Though not a high school graduation requirement, students are encouraged to
7.5 participate in a nationally recognized college entrance exam. To the extent state funding
7.6 for college entrance exam fees is available, a district must pay the cost, one time, for an
7.7 interested student in grade 11 or 12 who is eligible for a free or reduced-price meal, to take
7.8 a nationally recognized college entrance exam before graduating. A student must be able
7.9 to take the exam under this paragraph at the student's high school during the school day and
7.10 at any one of the multiple exam administrations available to students in the district. A district
7.11 may administer the ACT or SAT or both the ACT and SAT to comply with this paragraph.
7.12 If the district administers only one of these two tests and a free or reduced-price meal eligible
7.13 student opts not to take that test and chooses instead to take the other of the two tests, the
7.14 student may take the other test at a different time or location and remains eligible for the
7.15 examination fee reimbursement. Notwithstanding sections 123B.34 to 123B.39, a school
7.16 district may require a student that is not eligible for a free or reduced-price meal to pay the
7.17 cost of taking a nationally recognized college entrance exam. The district must waive the
7.18 cost for a student unable to pay.

7.19 (f) The commissioner and the chancellor of the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities
7.20 must collaborate in aligning instruction and assessments for adult basic education students
7.21 and English learners to provide the students with diagnostic information about any targeted
7.22 interventions, accommodations, modifications, and supports they need so that assessments
7.23 and other performance measures are accessible to them and they may seek postsecondary
7.24 education or employment without need for postsecondary remediation. When administering
7.25 formative or summative assessments used to measure the academic progress, including the
7.26 oral academic development, of English learners and inform their instruction, schools must
7.27 ensure that the assessments are accessible to the students and students have the modifications
7.28 and supports they need to sufficiently understand the assessments.

7.29 (g) Districts and schools, on an annual basis, must use career exploration elements to
7.30 help students, beginning no later than grade 9, and their families explore and plan for
7.31 postsecondary education or careers based on the students' interests, aptitudes, and aspirations.
7.32 Districts and schools must use timely regional labor market information and partnerships,
7.33 among other resources, to help students and their families successfully develop, pursue,
7.34 review, and revise an individualized plan for postsecondary education or a career. This
7.35 process must help increase students' engagement in and connection to school, improve

8.1 students' knowledge and skills, and deepen students' understanding of career pathways as
8.2 a sequence of academic and career courses that lead to an industry-recognized credential,
8.3 an associate's degree, or a bachelor's degree and are available to all students, whatever their
8.4 interests and career goals.

8.5 (h) A student who demonstrates attainment of required state academic standards, which
8.6 include career and college readiness benchmarks, on high school assessments under
8.7 subdivision 1a is academically ready for a career or college and is encouraged to participate
8.8 in courses awarding college credit to high school students. Such courses and programs may
8.9 include sequential courses of study within broad career areas and technical skill assessments
8.10 that extend beyond course grades.

8.11 (i) As appropriate, students through grade 12 must continue to participate in targeted
8.12 instruction, intervention, or remediation and be encouraged to participate in courses awarding
8.13 college credit to high school students.

8.14 (j) In developing, supporting, and improving students' academic readiness for a career
8.15 or college, schools, districts, and the state must have a continuum of empirically derived,
8.16 clearly defined benchmarks focused on students' attainment of knowledge and skills so that
8.17 students, their parents, and teachers know how well students must perform to have a
8.18 reasonable chance to succeed in a career or college without need for postsecondary
8.19 remediation. The commissioner, in consultation with local school officials and educators,
8.20 and Minnesota's public postsecondary institutions must ensure that the foundational
8.21 knowledge and skills for students' successful performance in postsecondary employment
8.22 or education and an articulated series of possible targeted interventions are clearly identified
8.23 and satisfy Minnesota's postsecondary admissions requirements.

8.24 (k) For students in grade 8 in the 2012-2013 school year and later, a school, district, or
8.25 charter school must record on the high school transcript a student's progress toward career
8.26 and college readiness, and for other students as soon as practicable.

8.27 (l) The school board granting students their diplomas may formally decide to include a
8.28 notation of high achievement on the high school diplomas of those graduating seniors who,
8.29 according to established school board criteria, demonstrate exemplary academic achievement
8.30 during high school.

8.31 (m) The 3rd through 8th grade computer-adaptive assessment results and high school
8.32 test results must be available to districts for diagnostic purposes affecting student learning
8.33 and district instruction and curriculum, and for establishing educational accountability. The
8.34 commissioner, in consultation with the chancellor of the Minnesota State Colleges and

9.1 Universities, must establish empirically derived benchmarks on the high school tests that
9.2 reveal a trajectory toward career and college readiness consistent with section 136F.302,
9.3 subdivision 1a. The commissioner must disseminate to the public the computer-adaptive
9.4 assessments and high school test results upon receiving those results.

9.5 (n) The grades 3 through 8 computer-adaptive assessments and high school tests must
9.6 be aligned with state academic standards. The commissioner must determine the testing
9.7 process and the order of administration. The statewide results must be aggregated at the site
9.8 and district level, consistent with subdivision 1a.

9.9 (o) The commissioner must include the following components in the statewide public
9.10 reporting system:

9.11 (1) uniform statewide computer-adaptive assessments of all students in grades 3 through
9.12 8 and testing at the high school levels that provides appropriate, technically sound
9.13 accommodations or alternate assessments;

9.14 (2) educational indicators that can be aggregated and compared across school districts
9.15 and across time on a statewide basis, including ~~average daily attendance~~ consistent
9.16 attendance, high school graduation rates, and high school drop-out rates by age and grade
9.17 level;

9.18 (3) state results on the ~~American College Test~~ ACT test; and

9.19 (4) state results from participation in the National Assessment of Educational Progress
9.20 so that the state can benchmark its performance against the nation and other states, and,
9.21 where possible, against other countries, and contribute to the national effort to monitor
9.22 achievement.

9.23 (p) For purposes of statewide accountability, "career and college ready" means a high
9.24 school graduate has the knowledge, skills, and competencies to successfully pursue a career
9.25 pathway, including postsecondary credit leading to a degree, diploma, certificate, or
9.26 industry-recognized credential and employment. Students who are career and college ready
9.27 are able to successfully complete credit-bearing coursework at a two- or four-year college
9.28 or university or other credit-bearing postsecondary program without need for remediation.

9.29 (q) For purposes of statewide accountability, "cultural competence," "cultural
9.30 competency," or "culturally competent" means the ability of families and educators to
9.31 interact effectively with people of different cultures, native languages, and socioeconomic
9.32 backgrounds.

10.1 Sec. 9. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 120B.30, subdivision 1a, is amended to read:

10.2 Subd. 1a. **Statewide and local assessments; results.** ~~(a) For purposes of this section,~~
10.3 ~~the following definitions have the meanings given them.~~

10.4 ~~(1) "Computer adaptive assessments" means fully adaptive assessments.~~

10.5 ~~(2) "Fully adaptive assessments" include test items that are on-grade level and items that~~
10.6 ~~may be above or below a student's grade level.~~

10.7 ~~(3) "On-grade level" test items contain subject area content that is aligned to state~~
10.8 ~~academic standards for the grade level of the student taking the assessment.~~

10.9 ~~(4) "Above-grade level" test items contain subject area content that is above the grade~~
10.10 ~~level of the student taking the assessment and is considered aligned with state academic~~
10.11 ~~standards to the extent it is aligned with content represented in state academic standards~~
10.12 ~~above the grade level of the student taking the assessment. Notwithstanding the student's~~
10.13 ~~grade level, administering above-grade level test items to a student does not violate the~~
10.14 ~~requirement that state assessments must be aligned with state standards.~~

10.15 ~~(5) "Below-grade level" test items contain subject area content that is below the grade~~
10.16 ~~level of the student taking the test and is considered aligned with state academic standards~~
10.17 ~~to the extent it is aligned with content represented in state academic standards below the~~
10.18 ~~student's current grade level. Notwithstanding the student's grade level, administering~~
10.19 ~~below-grade level test items to a student does not violate the requirement that state~~
10.20 ~~assessments must be aligned with state standards.~~

10.21 ~~(b) The commissioner must use fully adaptive mathematics and reading assessments for~~
10.22 ~~grades 3 through 8.~~

10.23 ~~(e) (a) For purposes of conforming with existing federal educational accountability~~
10.24 ~~requirements, the commissioner must develop and implement computer-adaptive reading~~
10.25 ~~and mathematics assessments for grades 3 through 8, state-developed high school reading~~
10.26 ~~and mathematics tests aligned with state academic standards, a high school writing test~~
10.27 ~~aligned with state standards when it becomes available, and science assessments under~~
10.28 ~~clause (2) that districts and sites must use to monitor student growth toward achieving those~~
10.29 ~~standards. The commissioner must not develop statewide assessments for academic standards~~
10.30 ~~in social studies, health and physical education, and the arts. The commissioner must require:~~

10.31 ~~(1) annual computer-adaptive reading and mathematics assessments in grades 3 through~~
10.32 ~~8, and high school reading, writing, and mathematics tests; and~~

11.1 (2) annual science assessments in one grade in the grades 3 through 5 span, the grades
11.2 6 through 8 span, and a life sciences assessment in the grades 9 through 12 span, and the
11.3 commissioner must not require students to achieve a passing score on high school science
11.4 assessments as a condition of receiving a high school diploma.

11.5 ~~(d)~~ (b) The commissioner must ensure that for annual computer-adaptive assessments:

11.6 (1) individual student performance data and achievement reports are available within
11.7 three school days of when students take an assessment except in a year when an assessment
11.8 reflects new performance standards;

11.9 (2) growth information is available for each student from the student's first assessment
11.10 to each proximate assessment using a constant measurement scale;

11.11 (3) parents, teachers, and school administrators are able to use elementary and middle
11.12 school student performance data to project students' secondary and postsecondary
11.13 achievement; and

11.14 (4) useful diagnostic information about areas of students' academic strengths and
11.15 weaknesses is available to teachers and school administrators for improving student
11.16 instruction and indicating the specific skills and concepts that should be introduced and
11.17 developed for students at given performance levels, organized by strands within subject
11.18 areas, and aligned to state academic standards.

11.19 ~~(e)~~ (c) The commissioner must ensure that all state tests administered to elementary and
11.20 secondary students measure students' academic knowledge and skills and not students'
11.21 values, attitudes, and beliefs.

11.22 ~~(f)~~ (d) Reporting of state assessment results must:

11.23 (1) provide timely, useful, and understandable information on the performance of
11.24 individual students, schools, school districts, and the state;

11.25 (2) include a growth indicator of student achievement; and

11.26 (3) determine whether students have met the state's academic standards.

11.27 ~~(g)~~ (e) Consistent with applicable federal law, the commissioner must include appropriate,
11.28 technically sound accommodations or alternative assessments for the very few students with
11.29 disabilities for whom statewide assessments are inappropriate and for English learners.

11.30 ~~(h)~~ (f) A school, school district, and charter school must administer statewide assessments
11.31 under this section, as the assessments become available, to evaluate student progress toward
11.32 career and college readiness in the context of the state's academic standards. A school,

12.1 school district, or charter school may use a student's performance on a statewide assessment
12.2 as one of multiple criteria to determine grade promotion or retention. A school, school
12.3 district, or charter school may use a high school student's performance on a statewide
12.4 assessment as a percentage of the student's final grade in a course, or place a student's
12.5 assessment score on the student's transcript.

12.6 Sec. 10. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 120B.301, is amended to read:

12.7 **120B.301 LIMITS ON LOCAL TESTING.**

12.8 (a) For students in grades 1 through 6, the cumulative total amount of time spent taking
12.9 locally adopted districtwide or schoolwide assessments must not exceed ten hours per school
12.10 year. For students in grades 7 through 12, the cumulative total amount of time spent taking
12.11 locally adopted districtwide or schoolwide assessments must not exceed 11 hours per school
12.12 year. For purposes of this paragraph, international baccalaureate and advanced placement
12.13 exams are not considered locally adopted assessments.

12.14 (b) A district or charter school is exempt from the requirements of paragraph (a), if the
12.15 district or charter school, in consultation with the exclusive representative of the teachers
12.16 or other teachers if there is no exclusive representative of the teachers, decides to exceed a
12.17 time limit in paragraph (a) and includes the information in the report required under section
12.18 120B.11, subdivision 5.

12.19 (c) A district or charter school, ~~before the first day of each school year,~~ must publish on
12.20 its website a comprehensive calendar of standardized tests to be administered in the district
12.21 or charter school during that school year. The calendar must provide the rationale for
12.22 administering each assessment and indicate whether the assessment is a local option or
12.23 required by state or federal law. The calendar must be published at least one week prior to
12.24 any eligible assessments being administered but no later than October 1.

12.25 Sec. 11. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 120B.35, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

12.26 Subd. 3. **State growth ~~target~~ measures; other state measures.** (a)(1) The state's
12.27 educational assessment system measuring individual students' educational growth is based
12.28 on indicators of current achievement ~~growth~~ that show growth relative to an individual
12.29 student's prior achievement. Indicators of achievement and prior achievement must be based
12.30 on highly reliable statewide or districtwide assessments.

12.31 (2) For purposes of paragraphs (b), (c), and (d), the commissioner must analyze and
12.32 report separate categories of information using the student categories identified under the

13.1 federal Elementary and Secondary Education Act, as most recently reauthorized, and, in
13.2 addition to "other" for each race and ethnicity, and the Karen community, seven of the most
13.3 populous Asian and Pacific Islander groups, three of the most populous Native groups,
13.4 seven of the most populous Hispanic/Latino groups, and five of the most populous Black
13.5 and African Heritage groups as determined by the total Minnesota population based on the
13.6 most recent American Community Survey; English learners under section 124D.59; home
13.7 language; free or reduced-price lunch; and all students enrolled in a Minnesota public school
13.8 who are currently or were previously in foster care, except that such disaggregation and
13.9 cross tabulation is not required if the number of students in a category is insufficient to yield
13.10 statistically reliable information or the results would reveal personally identifiable information
13.11 about an individual student.

13.12 (b) The commissioner, in consultation with a stakeholder group that includes assessment
13.13 and evaluation directors, district staff, experts in culturally responsive teaching, and
13.14 researchers, must implement a an appropriate growth model that compares the difference
13.15 in students' achievement scores over time, and includes criteria for identifying schools and
13.16 school districts that demonstrate academic progress or progress toward English language
13.17 proficiency. The model may be used to advance educators' professional development and
13.18 replicate programs that succeed in meeting students' diverse learning needs. Data on
13.19 individual teachers generated under the model are personnel data under section 13.43. The
13.20 model must allow users to:

13.21 (1) report student growth consistent with this paragraph; and

13.22 (2) for all student categories, report and compare aggregated and disaggregated state
13.23 student growth and, under section 120B.11, subdivision 2, clause (2), student learning and
13.24 outcome data using the student categories identified under the federal Elementary and
13.25 Secondary Education Act, as most recently reauthorized, and other student categories under
13.26 paragraph (a), clause (2).

13.27 The commissioner must report measures of student growth and, under section 120B.11,
13.28 subdivision 2, clause (2), student learning and outcome data, consistent with this paragraph,
13.29 including the English language development, academic progress, and oral academic
13.30 development of English learners and their native language development if the native language
13.31 is used as a language of instruction, and include data on all pupils enrolled in a Minnesota
13.32 public school course or program who are currently or were previously counted as an English
13.33 learner under section 124D.59.

14.1 (c) When reporting student performance under section 120B.36, subdivision 1, the
14.2 commissioner annually, beginning July 1, 2011, must report two core measures indicating
14.3 the extent to which current high school graduates are being prepared for postsecondary
14.4 academic and career opportunities:

14.5 (1) a preparation measure indicating the number and percentage of high school graduates
14.6 in the most recent school year who completed course work important to preparing them for
14.7 postsecondary academic and career opportunities, consistent with the core academic subjects
14.8 required for admission to Minnesota's public colleges and universities as determined by the
14.9 Office of Higher Education under chapter 136A; and

14.10 (2) a rigorous coursework measure indicating the number and percentage of high school
14.11 graduates in the most recent school year who successfully completed one or more
14.12 college-level advanced placement, international baccalaureate, postsecondary enrollment
14.13 options including concurrent enrollment, other rigorous courses of study under section
14.14 120B.021, subdivision 1a, or industry certification courses or programs.

14.15 When reporting the core measures under clauses (1) and (2), the commissioner must also
14.16 analyze and report separate categories of information using the student categories identified
14.17 under the federal Elementary and Secondary Education Act, as most recently reauthorized,
14.18 and other student categories under paragraph (a), clause (2).

14.19 (d) When reporting student performance under section 120B.36, subdivision 1, the
14.20 commissioner annually, beginning July 1, 2014, must report summary data on school safety
14.21 and students' engagement and connection at school, consistent with the student categories
14.22 identified under paragraph (a), clause (2). The summary data under this paragraph are
14.23 separate from and must not be used for any purpose related to measuring or evaluating the
14.24 performance of classroom teachers. The commissioner, in consultation with qualified experts
14.25 on student engagement and connection and classroom teachers, must identify highly reliable
14.26 variables that generate summary data under this paragraph. The summary data may be used
14.27 at school, district, and state levels only. Any data on individuals received, collected, or
14.28 created that are used to generate the summary data under this paragraph are nonpublic data
14.29 under section 13.02, subdivision 9.

14.30 (e) For purposes of statewide educational accountability, the commissioner must identify
14.31 and report measures that demonstrate the success of learning year program providers under
14.32 sections 123A.05 and 124D.68, among other such providers, in improving students'
14.33 graduation outcomes. The commissioner, beginning July 1, 2015, must annually report
14.34 summary data on:

- 15.1 (1) the four- and six-year graduation rates of students under this paragraph;
- 15.2 (2) the percent of students under this paragraph whose progress and performance levels
- 15.3 are meeting career and college readiness benchmarks under section 120B.30, subdivision
- 15.4 1; and
- 15.5 (3) the success that learning year program providers experience in:
- 15.6 (i) identifying at-risk and off-track student populations by grade;
- 15.7 (ii) providing successful prevention and intervention strategies for at-risk students;
- 15.8 (iii) providing successful recuperative and recovery or reenrollment strategies for off-track
- 15.9 students; and
- 15.10 (iv) improving the graduation outcomes of at-risk and off-track students.

15.11 The commissioner may include in the annual report summary data on other education

15.12 providers serving a majority of students eligible to participate in a learning year program.

15.13 (f) The commissioner, in consultation with recognized experts with knowledge and

15.14 experience in assessing the language proficiency and academic performance of all English

15.15 learners enrolled in a Minnesota public school course or program who are currently or were

15.16 previously counted as an English learner under section 124D.59, must identify and report

15.17 appropriate and effective measures to improve current categories of language difficulty and

15.18 assessments, and monitor and report data on students' English proficiency levels, program

15.19 placement, and academic language development, including oral academic language.

15.20 (g) When reporting four- and six-year graduation rates, the commissioner or school

15.21 district must disaggregate the data by student categories according to paragraph (a), clause

15.22 (2).

15.23 (h) A school district must inform parents and guardians that volunteering information

15.24 on student categories not required by the most recent reauthorization of the Elementary and

15.25 Secondary Education Act is optional and will not violate the privacy of students or their

15.26 families, parents, or guardians. The notice must state the purpose for collecting the student

15.27 data.

15.28 Sec. 12. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 120B.36, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

15.29 Subd. 2. **Student progress and other data.** (a) All data the department receives, collects,

15.30 or creates under section 120B.11, governing the world's best workforce, or uses to determine

15.31 federal expectations under the most recently reauthorized Elementary and Secondary

15.32 Education Act, ~~set state growth targets,~~ and determine student growth, learning, and outcomes

16.1 under section 120B.35 are nonpublic data under section 13.02, subdivision 9, until the
16.2 commissioner publicly releases the data.

16.3 (b) Districts must provide parents sufficiently detailed summary data to permit parents
16.4 to appeal under the most recently reauthorized federal Elementary and Secondary Education
16.5 Act. The commissioner shall annually post federal expectations and state student growth,
16.6 learning, and outcome data to the department's public website no later than September 1,
16.7 except that in years when data or federal expectations reflect new performance standards,
16.8 the commissioner shall post data on federal expectations and state student growth data no
16.9 later than October 1.

16.10 Sec. 13. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 123B.71, subdivision 12, is amended to read:

16.11 Subd. 12. **Publication.** (a) At least ~~20~~ 48 days but not more than 60 days before a
16.12 referendum for bonds or solicitation of bids for a project that has received a positive or
16.13 unfavorable review and comment under section 123B.70, the school board shall publish a
16.14 summary of the commissioner's review and comment of that project in the legal newspaper
16.15 of the district. The school board must hold a public meeting to discuss the commissioner's
16.16 review and comment before the referendum for bonds. Supplementary information shall be
16.17 available to the public.

16.18 (b) The publication requirement in paragraph (a) does not apply to alternative facilities
16.19 projects approved under section 123B.595.

16.20 Sec. 14. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 123B.86, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

16.21 Subd. 3. **Board control.** (a) When transportation is provided, the scheduling of routes,
16.22 manner and method of transportation, control and discipline of school children and any
16.23 other matter relating thereto shall be within the sole discretion, control and management of
16.24 the board.

16.25 (b) A school board and a nonpublic school may mutually agree to a written plan for the
16.26 board to provide nonpublic pupil transportation to nonpublic school students.

16.27 (1) A school board that provides pupil transportation through the school's employees
16.28 may transport nonpublic school students according to the plan and retain the nonpublic
16.29 pupil transportation aid attributable to that plan. A nonpublic school may make a payment
16.30 to the school district to cover additional transportation services agreed to in the written plan
16.31 for nonpublic pupil transportation services not required under sections 123B.84 to 123B.87.

17.1 (2) A school board that contracts for pupil transportation services may enter into a
17.2 contractual arrangement with a school bus contractor according to the written plan adopted
17.3 by the school board and the nonpublic school to transport nonpublic school students and
17.4 retain the nonpublic pupil transportation aid attributable to that plan for the purposes of
17.5 paying the school bus contractor. A nonpublic school may make a payment to the school
17.6 district to cover additional transportation services agreed to in the written plan for nonpublic
17.7 pupil transportation services included in the contract that are not required under sections
17.8 123B.84 to 123B.87.

17.9 (c) The school district must report the number of nonpublic school students transported
17.10 and the nonpublic pupil transportation expenditures incurred under paragraph (b) in the
17.11 form and manner specified by the commissioner.

17.12 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective for fiscal year 2024 and later.

17.13 Sec. 15. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 124D.03, subdivision 5, is amended to read:

17.14 Subd. 5. **Nonresident district procedures.** A district shall notify the parent or guardian
17.15 in writing by February 15 or within 90 days for applications submitted after January 15 in
17.16 the case of achievement and integration district transfers whether the application has been
17.17 accepted or rejected. If an application is rejected, the district must state in the notification
17.18 the reason for rejection. The parent or guardian must notify the nonresident district by March
17.19 1 or within ~~45~~ ten business days whether the pupil intends to enroll in the nonresident district.
17.20 Notice of intent to enroll in the nonresident district obligates the pupil to attend the
17.21 nonresident district during the following school year, unless the boards of the resident and
17.22 the nonresident districts agree in writing to allow the pupil to transfer back to the resident
17.23 district. If the pupil's parents or guardians change residence to another district, the student
17.24 does not lose the seat in the nonresident district but the parent or guardian must complete
17.25 an updated enrollment options form. If a parent or guardian does not notify the nonresident
17.26 district by the January 15 deadline, if it applies, the pupil may not enroll in that nonresident
17.27 district during the following school year, unless the boards of the resident and nonresident
17.28 district agree otherwise. The nonresident district must notify the resident district by March
17.29 15 or 30 days later of the pupil's intent to enroll in the nonresident district. The same
17.30 procedures apply to a pupil who applies to transfer from one participating nonresident district
17.31 to another participating nonresident district.

18.1 Sec. 16. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 124D.09, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

18.2 Subd. 3. **Definitions.** For purposes of this section, the following terms have the meanings
18.3 given to them.

18.4 (a) "Eligible institution" means a Minnesota public postsecondary institution, a private,
18.5 nonprofit two-year trade and technical school granting associate degrees, an opportunities
18.6 industrialization center accredited by an accreditor recognized by the United States
18.7 Department of Education, or a private, residential, two-year or four-year, liberal arts,
18.8 degree-granting college or university located in Minnesota. An eligible institution must not
18.9 require a faith statement during the application process or base any part of the admission
18.10 decision on a student's race, creed, ethnicity, disability, gender, or sexual orientation or
18.11 religious beliefs or affiliations.

18.12 (b) "Course" means a course or program.

18.13 (c) "Concurrent enrollment" means nonsectarian courses in which an eligible pupil under
18.14 subdivision 5 or 5b enrolls to earn both secondary and postsecondary credits, are taught by
18.15 a secondary teacher or a postsecondary faculty member, and are offered at a high school
18.16 for which the district is eligible to receive concurrent enrollment program aid under section
18.17 124D.091.

18.18 Sec. 17. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 124D.09, subdivision 13, is amended to read:

18.19 Subd. 13. **Financial arrangements.** For a pupil enrolled in a course under this section,
18.20 the department must make payments according to this subdivision for courses that were
18.21 taken for secondary credit.

18.22 The department must not make payments to a school district or postsecondary institution
18.23 for a course taken for postsecondary credit only. The department must not make payments
18.24 to a postsecondary institution for a course from which a student officially withdraws during
18.25 the first ~~14~~ ten business days of the postsecondary institution's quarter or semester or who
18.26 has been absent from the postsecondary institution for the first ~~15 consecutive school~~ ten
18.27 business days of the postsecondary institution's quarter or semester and is not receiving
18.28 instruction in the home or hospital.

18.29 A postsecondary institution shall receive the following:

18.30 (1) for an institution granting quarter credit, the reimbursement per credit hour shall be
18.31 an amount equal to 88 percent of the product of the formula allowance minus \$425, multiplied
18.32 by 1.2, and divided by 45; or

19.1 (2) for an institution granting semester credit, the reimbursement per credit hour shall
19.2 be an amount equal to 88 percent of the product of the general revenue formula allowance
19.3 minus \$425, multiplied by 1.2, and divided by 30.

19.4 The department must pay to each postsecondary institution 100 percent of the amount
19.5 in clause (1) or (2) within 45 days of receiving initial enrollment information each quarter
19.6 or semester. If changes in enrollment occur during a quarter or semester, the change shall
19.7 be reported by the postsecondary institution at the time the enrollment information for the
19.8 succeeding quarter or semester is submitted. At any time the department notifies a
19.9 postsecondary institution that an overpayment has been made, the institution shall promptly
19.10 remit the amount due.

19.11 Sec. 18. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 124D.111, subdivision 2a, is amended to read:

19.12 Subd. 2a. **Federal child and adult care food program and federal summer food**
19.13 **service program; criteria and notice.** (a) The commissioner must post on the department's
19.14 website eligibility criteria and application information for nonprofit organizations interested
19.15 in applying to the commissioner for approval as a multisite sponsoring organization under
19.16 the federal child and adult care food program and federal summer food service program.

19.17 The posted criteria and information must inform interested nonprofit organizations about:

19.18 (1) the criteria the commissioner uses to approve or disapprove an application, including
19.19 how an applicant demonstrates financial viability for the Minnesota program, among other
19.20 criteria;

19.21 (2) the commissioner's process and time line for notifying an applicant when its
19.22 application is approved or disapproved and, if the application is disapproved, the explanation
19.23 the commissioner provides to the applicant; and

19.24 (3) any appeal or other recourse available to a disapproved applicant.

19.25 (b) The commissioner must evaluate financial eligibility as part of the application process.
19.26 An organization applying to be a prospective sponsor for the federal child and adult food
19.27 care program or the federal summer food service program must provide documentation of
19.28 financial viability as an organization. Documentation must include:

19.29 (1) evidence that the organization has operated for at least one year and has filed at least
19.30 one tax return;

19.31 (2) the most recent tax return submitted by the organization and corresponding forms
19.32 and financial statements;

20.1 (3) a profit and loss statement and balance sheet or similar financial information; and
 20.2 (4) evidence that at least ten percent of the organization's operating revenue comes from
 20.3 sources other than the United States Department of Agriculture child nutrition program and
 20.4 that the organization has additional funds or a performance bond available to cover at least
 20.5 one month of reimbursement claims.

20.6 Sec. 19. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 124D.111, subdivision 5, is amended to read:

20.7 Subd. 5. **Respectful treatment.** (a) The participant must also provide meals to students
 20.8 in a respectful manner according to the policy adopted under subdivision 1. The participant
 20.9 must ensure that any reminders for payment of outstanding student meal balances do not
 20.10 demean or stigmatize any child participating in the school lunch program, including but not
 20.11 limited to dumping meals; withdrawing a meal that has been served; announcing or listing
 20.12 students' names publicly; providing alternative meals not specifically related to dietary
 20.13 needs; providing nonreimbursable meals; or affixing stickers, stamps, or pins. The participant
 20.14 must not impose any other restriction prohibited under section 123B.37 due to unpaid student
 20.15 meal balances. The participant must not limit a student's participation in any school activities,
 20.16 graduation ceremonies, field trips, athletics, activity clubs, or other extracurricular activities
 20.17 or access to materials, technology, or other items provided to students due to an unpaid
 20.18 student meal balance.

20.19 (b) If the commissioner or the commissioner's designee determines a participant has
 20.20 violated the requirement to provide meals to participating students in a respectful manner,
 20.21 the commissioner or the commissioner's designee must send a letter of noncompliance to
 20.22 the participant. The participant is required to respond and, if applicable, remedy the practice
 20.23 within 60 days.

20.24 Sec. 20. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 124D.119, is amended to read:

20.25 **124D.119 SUMMER FOOD SERVICE REPLACEMENT AID PROGRAM AND**
 20.26 **CHILD AND ADULT CARE FOOD PROGRAM.**

20.27 Subdivision 1. Summer Food Service Program replacement aid. States State funds
 20.28 are available to compensate department-approved Summer Food Service Program sponsors.
 20.29 Reimbursement shall be made on December 15 based on total meals served by each sponsor
 20.30 from the end of the school year to the beginning of the next school year on a pro rata basis.

20.31 Subd. 2. Child and Adult Care Food Program and Summer Food Service Program
 20.32 sponsor organizations. Legally distinct Child and Adult Care Food Program and Summer

21.1 Food Service Program sites may transfer sponsoring organizations no more than once per
 21.2 year, except under extenuating circumstances including termination of the sponsoring
 21.3 organization's agreement or other circumstances approved by the Department of Education.

21.4 Subd. 3. **Child and Adult Care Food Program and Summer Food Service Program**
 21.5 **training.** Prior to applying to sponsor a Child and Adult Care Food Program or Summer
 21.6 Food Service Program site, a nongovernmental organization applicant must provide
 21.7 documentation to the Department of Education verifying that staff members have completed
 21.8 program-specific training as designated by the commissioner.

21.9 Subd. 4. **Summer Food Service Program locations.** Consistent with Code of Federal
 21.10 Regulations, title 7, section 225.6(d)(1)(ii), the Department of Education must not approve
 21.11 a new Summer Food Service Program open site that is within a half-mile radius of an existing
 21.12 Summer Food Service Program open site. The exception is the department may approve a
 21.13 new Summer Food Service Program open site within a half-mile radius if the new program
 21.14 will not be serving the same group of children for the same meal type or if there are safety
 21.15 issues that could present barriers to participation.

21.16 Sec. 21. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 124D.128, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

21.17 Subdivision 1. **Program established.** A learning year program provides instruction
 21.18 throughout the year on an extended year calendar, extended school day calendar, or both.
 21.19 ~~A pupil may participate in the program and accelerate attainment of grade level requirements~~
 21.20 ~~or graduation requirements.~~ A learning year program may begin after the close of the regular
 21.21 school year in June. The program may be for students in one or more grade levels from
 21.22 kindergarten through grade 12.

21.23 Sec. 22. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 124D.68, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

21.24 Subd. 3. **Eligible programs.** (a) A pupil who is eligible according to subdivision 2 may
 21.25 enroll in a state-approved alternative program under sections 123A.05 to 123A.08.

21.26 (b) A pupil who is eligible according to subdivision 2 and who is a high school junior
 21.27 or senior may enroll in postsecondary courses under section 124D.09.

21.28 (c) A pupil who is eligible under subdivision 2, may enroll in any public elementary or
 21.29 secondary education program.

21.30 (d) A pupil who is eligible under subdivision 2, may enroll in any nonpublic, nonsectarian
 21.31 school that has contracted with the serving school district to provide educational services.
 21.32 However, notwithstanding other provisions of this section, only a pupil who is eligible under

22.1 subdivision 2, clause (12), may enroll in a contract alternative school that is specifically
22.2 structured to provide educational services to such a pupil.

22.3 (e) A pupil who is between the ages of ~~16~~ 17 and 21 may enroll in any adult basic
22.4 education programs approved under section 124D.52 and operated under the community
22.5 education program contained in section 124D.19.

22.6 Sec. 23. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 124D.862, subdivision 8, is amended to read:

22.7 Subd. 8. **Commissioner authority to withhold revenue.** (a) The commissioner must
22.8 review the results of each district's integration and achievement plan by August 1 at the end
22.9 of the third year of implementing the plan and determine if the district met its goals.

22.10 (b) If a district met its goals, it may submit a new three-year plan to the commissioner
22.11 for review.

22.12 (c) If a district has not met its goals, the commissioner must:

22.13 (1) ~~develop a guide the district in the development of an~~ improvement plan and timeline;
22.14 ~~in consultation with the affected district,~~ that identifies strategies and practices designed to
22.15 meet the district's goals under this section and section 120B.11; and

22.16 (2) use up to 20 percent of the district's integration revenue, until the district's goals are
22.17 reached, to implement the improvement plan.

22.18 Sec. 24. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 126C.15, subdivision 5, is amended to read:

22.19 Subd. 5. **Annual expenditure report.** ~~Each year a district~~ By February 1 annually, the
22.20 commissioner of education must report to the legislature the expenditures of each district
22.21 ~~that receives~~ receive basic skills revenue ~~must submit a report identifying the expenditures~~
22.22 ~~it incurred to meet the needs of eligible learners~~ in the previous fiscal year under subdivision
22.23 1. The report must conform to uniform financial and reporting standards established for this
22.24 purpose and provide a breakdown by functional area. Using valid and reliable data and
22.25 measurement criteria, the report also must determine whether increased expenditures raised
22.26 student achievement levels.

22.27 Sec. 25. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 127A.353, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

22.28 Subd. 2. **Qualifications.** The governor shall select the school trust lands director on the
22.29 basis of outstanding professional qualifications and knowledge of finance, business practices,
22.30 minerals, forest and real estate management, and the fiduciary responsibilities of a trustee
22.31 to the beneficiaries of a trust. The school trust lands director serves in the unclassified service

23.1 for a term of four years. ~~The first term shall end on December 31, 2020.~~ The governor may
23.2 remove the school trust lands director for cause. If a director resigns or is removed for cause,
23.3 the governor shall appoint a director for the remainder of the term.

23.4 Sec. 26. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 127A.353, subdivision 4, is amended to read:

23.5 Subd. 4. **Duties; powers.** (a) The school trust lands director shall:

23.6 (1) ~~take an oath of office before assuming any duties as the director~~ act in a fiduciary
23.7 capacity for trust beneficiaries in accordance with the principles under section 127A.351;

23.8 (2) evaluate the school trust land asset position;

23.9 (3) determine the estimated current and potential market value of school trust lands;

23.10 (4) advise and provide recommendations to the governor, Executive Council,
23.11 commissioner of natural resources, and the Legislative Permanent School Fund Commission
23.12 on the management of school trust lands, including: on school trust land management policies
23.13 and other policies that may affect the goal of the permanent school fund under section
23.14 127A.31;

23.15 (5) advise and provide recommendations to the Executive Council and Land Exchange
23.16 Board on all matters regarding school trust lands presented to either body;

23.17 (6) advise and provide recommendations to the commissioner of natural resources on
23.18 managing school trust lands, including but not limited to advice and recommendations on:

23.19 (i) Department of Natural Resources school trust land management plans;

23.20 (ii) leases of school trust lands;

23.21 (iii) royalty agreements on school trust lands;

23.22 (iv) land sales and exchanges;

23.23 (v) cost certification; and

23.24 (vi) revenue generating options;

23.25 (7) serve as temporary trustee of school trust lands for school trust lands subject to
23.26 proposed or active eminent domain proceedings;

23.27 (8) serve as temporary trustee of school trust lands pursuant to section 94.342, subdivision
23.28 5;

24.1 ~~(5) propose~~ (9) submit to the Legislative Permanent School Fund Commission for review
24.2 an annual budget and management plan for the director that includes proposed legislative
24.3 changes that will improve the asset allocation of the school trust lands;

24.4 ~~(6) (10) develop and implement~~ a ten-year strategic plan and a 25-year framework for
24.5 management of school trust lands, in conjunction with the commissioner of natural resources,
24.6 that is updated every five years ~~and implemented by the commissioner~~, with goals to:

24.7 (i) retain core real estate assets;

24.8 (ii) increase the value of the real estate assets and the cash flow from those assets;

24.9 (iii) rebalance the portfolio in assets with high performance potential and the strategic
24.10 disposal of selected assets;

24.11 (iv) establish priorities for management actions;

24.12 (v) balance revenue enhancement and resource stewardship; and

24.13 (vi) advance strategies on school trust lands to capitalize on ecosystem services markets;

24.14 and

24.15 ~~(7) submit to the Legislative Permanent School Fund Commission for review an annual~~
24.16 ~~budget and management plan for the director; and~~

24.17 ~~(8) (11) keep~~ the beneficiaries, governor, legislature, and the public informed about the
24.18 work of the director by reporting to the Legislative Permanent School Fund Commission
24.19 in a public meeting at least once during each calendar quarter.

24.20 (b) In carrying out the duties under paragraph (a), the school trust lands director ~~shall~~
24.21 ~~have the authority to~~ may:

24.22 (1) direct and control money appropriated to the director;

24.23 (2) establish job descriptions and employ ~~up to five employees in the unclassified service,~~
24.24 staff within the limitations of money appropriated to the director;

24.25 (3) enter into interdepartmental agreements with any other state agency;

24.26 (4) enter into joint powers agreements under chapter 471;

24.27 (5) evaluate and initiate real estate development projects on school trust lands in
24.28 conjunction with the commissioner of natural resources and with the advice of the Legislative
24.29 Permanent School Fund Commission ~~in order~~ to generate long-term economic return to the
24.30 permanent school fund; and

25.1 ~~(6) serve as temporary trustee of school trust land for school trust lands subject to~~
 25.2 ~~proposed or active eminent domain proceedings; and~~

25.3 ~~(7)~~ (6) submit recommendations on strategies for school trust land leases, sales, or
 25.4 exchanges to the commissioner of natural resources and the Legislative Permanent School
 25.5 Fund Commission.

25.6 Sec. 27. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 290.0679, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

25.7 Subd. 2. **Conditions for assignment.** A qualifying taxpayer may assign all or part of
 25.8 an anticipated refund for the current and future taxable years to a financial institution or a
 25.9 qualifying organization. A financial institution or qualifying organization accepting
 25.10 assignment must pay the amount secured by the assignment to a third-party vendor. The
 25.11 commissioner of education shall, upon request from a third-party vendor, certify that the
 25.12 vendor's products and services qualify for the education credit. A denial of a certification
 25.13 ~~is subject to the contested case procedure under~~ may be appealed to the commissioner
 25.14 pursuant to this subdivision and notwithstanding chapter 14. A financial institution or
 25.15 qualifying organization that accepts assignments under this section must verify as part of
 25.16 the assignment documentation that the product or service to be provided by the third-party
 25.17 vendor has been certified by the commissioner of education as qualifying for the education
 25.18 credit. The amount assigned for the current and future taxable years may not exceed the
 25.19 maximum allowable education credit for the current taxable year. Both the taxpayer and
 25.20 spouse must consent to the assignment of a refund from a joint return.

25.21 Sec. 28. **EXPIRATION OF REPORT MANDATES.**

25.22 (a) If the submission of a report by the commissioner of education to the legislature is
 25.23 mandated by statute and the enabling legislation does not include a date for the submission
 25.24 of a final report, the mandate to submit the report shall expire in accordance with this section.

25.25 (b) If the mandate requires the submission of an annual report and the mandate was
 25.26 enacted before January 1, 2022, the mandate shall expire on January 1, 2024. If the mandate
 25.27 requires the submission of a biennial or less frequent report and the mandate was enacted
 25.28 before January 1, 2022, the mandate shall expire on January 1, 2025.

25.29 (c) Any reporting mandate enacted on or after January 1, 2022, shall expire three years
 25.30 after the date of enactment if the mandate requires the submission of an annual report and
 25.31 shall expire five years after the date of enactment if the mandate requires the submission
 25.32 of a biennial or less frequent report unless the enacting legislation provides for a different
 25.33 expiration date.

26.1 (d) The commissioner shall submit a list to the chairs and ranking minority members of
 26.2 the legislative committee with jurisdiction over education by February 15 of each year,
 26.3 beginning February 15, 2024, of all reports set to expire during the following calendar year
 26.4 in accordance with this section.

26.5 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.

26.6 Sec. 29. **REVISOR INSTRUCTION.**

26.7 The revisor of statutes shall replace the terms "free lunch," "reduced price lunch,"
 26.8 "reduced priced lunch," "reduced-price lunch," and "free or reduced price lunch" with "free
 26.9 meals," "reduced-price meals," and "free or reduced-price meals" wherever they appear in
 26.10 Minnesota Statutes when used in context with the national school lunch and breakfast
 26.11 programs.

26.12 Sec. 30. **REVISOR INSTRUCTION.**

26.13 The revisor of statutes shall renumber each section of Minnesota Statutes listed in column
 26.14 A with the number listed in column B. The revisor shall also make necessary cross-reference
 26.15 changes consistent with the renumbering. The revisor shall also make any technical language
 26.16 and other changes necessitated by the renumbering and cross-reference changes in this act.

| <u>Column A</u> | <u>Column B</u> |
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| <u>General Requirements Statewide Assessments</u> | |
| <u>120B.30, subdivision 1a, paragraph (h)</u> | <u>120B.30, subdivision 1</u> |
| <u>120B.30, subdivision 1, paragraph (q)</u> | <u>120B.30, subdivision 2</u> |
| <u>120B.30, subdivision 1a, paragraph (g)</u> | <u>120B.30, subdivision 3</u> |
| <u>120B.30, subdivision 1b</u> | <u>120B.30, subdivision 4</u> |
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| <u>120B.30, subdivision 6</u> | <u>120B.30, subdivision 9</u> |
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| 27.1 | <u>120B.30, subdivision 1a, paragraph (a),</u> | <u>120B.301, subdivision 1</u> |
| 27.2 | <u>clauses (1) to (5)</u> | |
| 27.3 | <u>120B.30, subdivision 1, paragraph (a)</u> | <u>120B.301, subdivision 2</u> |
| 27.4 | <u>120B.30, subdivision 1, paragraph (b)</u> | <u>120B.301, subdivision 3, paragraph (a)</u> |
| 27.5 | <u>120B.30, subdivision 1, paragraph (n)</u> | <u>120B.301, subdivision 3, paragraph (b)</u> |
| 27.6 | <u>120B.30, subdivision 1a, paragraph (b)</u> | <u>120B.301, subdivision 3, paragraph (c)</u> |
| 27.7 | <u>120B.30, subdivision 1a, paragraph (c),</u> | <u>120B.301, subdivision 3, paragraph (d)</u> |
| 27.8 | <u>clauses (1) and (2)</u> | |

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| 27.10 | <u>120B.30, subdivision 1, paragraph (c),</u> | <u>120B.304, subdivision 1</u> |
| 27.11 | <u>clauses (1) and (2)</u> | |
| 27.12 | <u>120B.30, subdivision 1, paragraph (d)</u> | <u>120B.304, subdivision 2</u> |
| 27.13 | <u>120B.30, subdivision 1, paragraph (i)</u> | <u>120B.304, subdivision 3</u> |

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| 27.15 | <u>120B.30, subdivision 1a, paragraph (f),</u> | <u>120B.305, subdivision 1</u> |
| 27.16 | <u>clauses (1) to (3)</u> | |
| 27.17 | <u>120B.30, subdivision 1a, paragraph (d),</u> | <u>120B.305, subdivision 2, paragraph (a)</u> |
| 27.18 | <u>clauses (1) to (4)</u> | |
| 27.19 | <u>120B.30, subdivision 1, paragraph (m)</u> | <u>120B.305, subdivision 2, paragraph (b)</u> |
| 27.20 | <u>120B.30, subdivision 1, paragraph (n)</u> | <u>120B.305, subdivision 2, paragraph (c)</u> |
| 27.21 | <u>120B.30, subdivision 1, paragraph (o),</u> | <u>120B.305, subdivision 3, paragraph (a)</u> |
| 27.22 | <u>clauses (1) to (4)</u> | |
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| 27.24 | | |
| 27.25 | <u>120B.301, paragraphs (a) to (c)</u> | <u>120B.306, subdivision 1</u> |
| 27.26 | <u>120B.304, paragraphs (a) and (b)</u> | <u>120B.306, subdivision 2</u> |

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| 27.27 | | |
| 27.28 | <u>120B.30, subdivision 1, paragraph (p)</u> | <u>120B.307, subdivision 1</u> |
| 27.29 | <u>120B.30, subdivision 1, paragraph (d)</u> | <u>120B.307, subdivision 2</u> |
| 27.30 | <u>120B.30, subdivision 1, paragraph (f)</u> | <u>120B.307, subdivision 3</u> |
| 27.31 | <u>120B.30, subdivision 1, paragraph (g)</u> | <u>120B.307, subdivision 4, paragraph (a)</u> |
| 27.32 | <u>120B.30, subdivision 1, paragraph (h)</u> | <u>120B.307, subdivision 4, paragraph (b)</u> |
| 27.33 | <u>120B.30, subdivision 1, paragraph (j)</u> | <u>120B.307, subdivision 4, paragraph (c)</u> |
| 27.34 | <u>120B.30, subdivision 1, paragraph (k)</u> | <u>120B.307, subdivision 4, paragraph (d)</u> |
| 27.35 | <u>120B.30, subdivision 1, paragraph (l)</u> | <u>120B.307, subdivision 4, paragraph (e)</u> |

27.36 **Sec. 31. REPEALER.**

27.37 Minnesota Statutes 2022, sections 120B.02, subdivision 3; and 120B.35, subdivision 5,
 27.38 are repealed.

28.1 **ARTICLE 2**

28.2 **EDUCATION EXCELLENCE**

28.3 Section 1. **[120B.025] ETHNIC STUDIES.**

28.4 "Ethnic studies" means the critical and interdisciplinary study of race, ethnicity, and
28.5 indigeneity with a focus on the experiences and perspectives of people of color within and
28.6 beyond the United States. Ethnic studies analyzes the ways in which race and racism have
28.7 been and continue to be powerful social, cultural, and political forces, and the ways in which
28.8 race and racism are connected to other axes of stratification, including stratification based
28.9 on gender, class, sexual orientation, gender identity, and legal status.

28.10 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 120B.15, is amended to read:

28.11 **120B.15 GIFTED AND TALENTED STUDENTS PROGRAMS AND SERVICES.**

28.12 (a) School districts may identify students, locally develop programs and services
28.13 addressing instructional and affective needs, provide staff development, and evaluate
28.14 programs to provide gifted and talented students with challenging and appropriate educational
28.15 programs and services.

28.16 (b) School districts must adopt guidelines for assessing and identifying students for
28.17 participation in gifted and talented programs and services consistent with section 120B.11,
28.18 subdivision 2, clause (2). The guidelines should include the use of:

28.19 (1) multiple and objective criteria; and

28.20 (2) assessments and procedures that are valid and reliable, fair, and based on current
28.21 theory and research. Assessments and procedures should be sensitive to underrepresented
28.22 groups, including, but not limited to, low-income, minority, twice-exceptional, and English
28.23 learners.

28.24 (c) School districts must adopt procedures for the academic acceleration of gifted and
28.25 talented students consistent with section 120B.11, subdivision 2, clause (2). These procedures
28.26 must include how the district will:

28.27 (1) assess a student's readiness and motivation for acceleration; and

28.28 (2) match the level, complexity, and pace of the curriculum to a student to achieve the
28.29 best type of academic acceleration for that student.

28.30 (d) School districts must adopt procedures consistent with section 124D.02, subdivision
28.31 1, for early admission to kindergarten or first grade of gifted and talented learners consistent

29.1 with section 120B.11, subdivision 2, clause (2). The procedures must be sensitive to
29.2 underrepresented groups.

29.3 **Sec. 3. [121A.0312] MALICIOUS AND SADISTIC CONDUCT.**

29.4 (a) For purposes of this section, "malicious and sadistic conduct" means creating a hostile
29.5 learning environment by acting with the intent to cause harm by intentionally injuring
29.6 another without just cause or reason or engaging in extreme or excessive cruelty or delighting
29.7 in cruelty.

29.8 (b) A school board must adopt a written policy to address malicious and sadistic conduct
29.9 involving race, color, creed, national origin, sex, age, marital status, status with regard to
29.10 public assistance, disability, religion, sexual harassment, and sexual orientation, as defined
29.11 in chapter 363A, and sexual exploitation by a district or school staff member, independent
29.12 contractor, or student enrolled in a public or charter school against a staff member,
29.13 independent contractor, or student that occurs as described in section 121A.031, subdivision
29.14 1, paragraph (a).

29.15 (c) The policy must apply to students, independent contractors, teachers, administrators,
29.16 and other school personnel; must include at a minimum the components under section
29.17 121A.031, subdivision 4, paragraph (a); and must include disciplinary actions for each
29.18 violation of the policy. Disciplinary actions must conform with collective bargaining
29.19 agreements and sections 121A.41 to 121A.56.

29.20 (d) The policy must be conspicuously posted throughout each school building, distributed
29.21 to each district employee and independent contractor at the time of hiring or contracting,
29.22 and included in each school's student handbook on school policies. Each school must develop
29.23 a process for discussing with students, parents of students, independent contractors, and
29.24 school employees the school's policy addressing malicious and sadistic conduct involving
29.25 race, color, creed, national origin, sex, age, marital status, status with regard to public
29.26 assistance, disability, religion, sexual harassment, and sexual orientation, as defined in
29.27 chapter 363A, and sexual exploitation.

29.28 **Sec. 4. [121A.35] SUICIDE PREVENTION INFORMATION; IDENTIFICATION**
29.29 **CARDS.**

29.30 A school district or charter school that issues an identification card to students in grades
29.31 6 through 12 must provide contact information for the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline
29.32 (988), the Crisis Text line, and the county Mobile Crisis Services. The contact information

30.1 must also be included in the school's student handbook and the student planner if a student
30.2 planner is custom printed by the school for distribution to students in grades 6 through 12.

30.3 **Sec. 5. [124D.094] ONLINE INSTRUCTION ACT.**

30.4 Subdivision 1. **Definitions.** (a) For purposes of this section, the following terms have
30.5 the meanings given.

30.6 (b) "Blended instruction" means a form of digital instruction that occurs when a student
30.7 learns part time in a supervised physical setting and part time through online instruction
30.8 under paragraph (f).

30.9 (c) "Digital instruction" means instruction facilitated by technology that offers students
30.10 an element of control over the time, place, path, or pace of learning and includes blended
30.11 and online instruction.

30.12 (d) "Enrolling district" means the school district or charter school in which a student is
30.13 enrolled under section 120A.22, subdivision 4.

30.14 (e) "Online course syllabus" means a written document that identifies the state academic
30.15 standards taught and assessed in a supplemental online course under paragraph (j); course
30.16 content outline; required course assessments; instructional methods; communication
30.17 procedures with students, guardians, and the enrolling district under paragraph (d); and
30.18 supports available to the student.

30.19 (f) "Online instruction" means a form of digital instruction that occurs when a student
30.20 learns primarily through digital technology away from a supervised physical setting.

30.21 (g) "Online instructional site" means a site that offers courses using online instruction
30.22 under paragraph (f) and may enroll students receiving online instruction under paragraph
30.23 (f).

30.24 (h) "Online teacher" means an employee of the enrolling district under paragraph (d) or
30.25 the supplemental online course provider under paragraph (k) who holds the appropriate
30.26 licensure under Minnesota Rules, chapter 8710, and is trained to provide online instruction
30.27 under paragraph (f).

30.28 (i) "Student" means a Minnesota resident enrolled in a school defined under section
30.29 120A.22, subdivision 4, in kindergarten through grade 12 up to the age of 21.

30.30 (j) "Supplemental online course" means an online learning course taken in place of a
30.31 course provided by the student's enrolling district under paragraph (d).

31.1 (k) "Supplemental online course provider" means a school district, an intermediate school
31.2 district, an organization of two or more school districts operating under a joint powers
31.3 agreement, or a charter school located in Minnesota that is authorized by the Department
31.4 of Education to provide supplemental online courses under paragraph (j).

31.5 Subd. 2. **Digital instruction.** (a) An enrolling district may provide digital instruction,
31.6 including blended instruction and online instruction, to the district's own enrolled students.
31.7 Enrolling districts may establish agreements to provide digital instruction, including blended
31.8 instruction and online instruction, to students enrolled in the cooperating schools.

31.9 (b) When online instruction is provided, an online teacher as defined under subdivision
31.10 1, paragraph (h), shall perform all duties of teacher of record under Minnesota Rules, part
31.11 8710.0310. Unless the commissioner grants a waiver, a teacher providing online instruction
31.12 shall not instruct more than 40 students in any one online learning course or section.

31.13 (c) Students receiving online instruction full time shall be reported as enrolled in an
31.14 online instructional site under subdivision 1, paragraph (g).

31.15 (d) Curriculum used for digital instruction shall be aligned with Minnesota's current
31.16 academic standards and benchmarks.

31.17 (e) Digital instruction shall be accessible to students under section 504 of the federal
31.18 Rehabilitation Act and Title II of the federal Americans with Disabilities Act.

31.19 (f) An enrolling district providing digital instruction and a supplemental online course
31.20 provider shall assist an enrolled student whose family qualifies for the education tax credit
31.21 under section 290.0674 to acquire computer hardware and educational software so they
31.22 may participate in digital instruction. Funds provided to a family to support digital instruction
31.23 or supplemental online courses may only be used for qualifying expenses as determined by
31.24 the provider. Nonconsumable materials purchased with public education funds remain the
31.25 property of the provider. Records for any funds provided must be available for review by
31.26 the public or the department.

31.27 (g) An enrolling district providing digital instruction shall establish and document
31.28 procedures for determining attendance for membership and keep accurate records of daily
31.29 attendance under section 120A.21.

31.30 Subd. 3. **Supplemental online courses.** (a) Notwithstanding sections 124D.03 and
31.31 124D.08 and chapter 124E, procedures for applying to take supplemental online courses
31.32 other than those offered by the student's enrolling district are as provided in this subdivision.

32.1 (b) Any kindergarten through grade 12 student may apply to take a supplemental online
32.2 course under subdivision 1, paragraph (j). The student, or the student's parent or guardian
32.3 for a student under age 17, must submit an application for the proposed supplemental online
32.4 course or courses. A student may:

32.5 (1) apply to take an online course from a supplemental online course provider that meets
32.6 or exceeds the academic standards of the course in the enrolling district they are replacing;

32.7 (2) apply to take supplemental online courses for up to 50 percent of the student's
32.8 scheduled course load; and

32.9 (3) apply to take supplemental online courses no later than 15 school days after the
32.10 student's enrolling district's term has begun. An enrolling district may waive the 50 percent
32.11 course enrollment limit or the 15-day time limit.

32.12 (c) A student taking a supplemental online course must have the same access to the
32.13 computer hardware and education software available in a school as all other students in the
32.14 enrolling district.

32.15 (d) A supplemental online course provider must have a current, approved application to
32.16 be listed by the Department of Education as an approved provider. The supplemental online
32.17 course provider must:

32.18 (1) use an application form specified by the Department of Education;

32.19 (2) notify the student, the student's guardian if they are age 17 or younger, and enrolling
32.20 district of the accepted application to take a supplemental online course within ten days of
32.21 receiving a completed application;

32.22 (3) notify the enrolling district of the course title, credits to be awarded, and the start
32.23 date of the online course. A supplemental online course provider must make the online
32.24 course syllabus available to the enrolling district;

32.25 (4) request applicable academic support information for the student, including a copy
32.26 of the IEP, EL support plan, or 504 plan; and

32.27 (5) track student attendance and monitor academic progress and communicate with the
32.28 student, the student's guardian if they are age 17 or younger, and the enrolling district's
32.29 designated online learning liaison.

32.30 (e) A supplemental online course provider may limit enrollment if the provider's school
32.31 board or board of directors adopts by resolution specific standards for accepting and rejecting

33.1 students' applications. The provisions may not discriminate against any protected class or
33.2 students with disabilities.

33.3 (f) A supplemental online course provider may request that the Department of Education
33.4 review an enrolling district's written decision to not accept a student's supplemental online
33.5 course application. The student may participate in the supplemental online course while the
33.6 application is under review. Decisions shall be final and binding for both the enrolling
33.7 district and the supplemental online course provider.

33.8 (g) A supplemental online course provider must participate in continuous improvement
33.9 cycles with the Department of Education.

33.10 Subd. 4. **Enrolling district.** (a) An enrolling district may not restrict or prevent a student
33.11 from applying to take supplemental online courses.

33.12 (b) An enrolling district may request an online course syllabus as defined under
33.13 subdivision 1, paragraph (e), to review whether the academic standards in the online course
33.14 meet or exceed the academic standards in the course it would replace at the enrolling district.

33.15 (c) Within 15 days after receiving notice of a student applying to take a supplemental
33.16 online course, the enrolling district must notify the supplemental online course provider
33.17 whether the student, the student's guardian, and the enrolling district agree that academic
33.18 standards in the online course meet or exceed the academic standards in the course it would
33.19 replace at the enrolling district. If the enrolling district does not agree that the academic
33.20 standards in the online course meet or exceed the academic standards in the course it would
33.21 replace at the enrolling district, then:

33.22 (1) the enrolling district must provide a written explanation of the district's decision to
33.23 the student, the student's guardian, and the supplemental online course provider; and

33.24 (2) the online provider must provide a response to the enrolling district explaining how
33.25 the course or program meets the graduation requirements of the enrolling district.

33.26 (d) An enrolling district may reduce the course schedule of a student taking supplemental
33.27 online courses in proportion to the number of supplemental online learning courses the
33.28 student takes.

33.29 (e) An enrolling district must appoint an online learning liaison who:

33.30 (1) provides information to students and families about supplemental online courses;

33.31 (2) provides academic support information including IEPs, EL support plans, and 504
33.32 plans to supplemental online providers; and

34.1 (3) monitors attendance and academic progress, and communicates with supplemental
34.2 online learning providers, students, families, and enrolling district staff.

34.3 (f) An enrolling district must continue to provide support services to students taking
34.4 supplemental online courses as they would for any other enrolled student including support
34.5 for English learners, case management of an individualized education program, and meal
34.6 and nutrition services for eligible students.

34.7 (g) An online learning student must receive academic credit for completing the
34.8 requirements of a supplemental online learning course. If a student completes an online
34.9 learning course that meets or exceeds a graduation standard or the grade progression
34.10 requirement at the enrolling district, that standard or requirement is met.

34.11 (h) Secondary credits granted to a supplemental online learning student count toward
34.12 the graduation and credit requirements of the enrolling district. The enrolling district must
34.13 apply the same graduation requirements to all students, including students taking
34.14 supplemental online courses.

34.15 (i) An enrolling district must provide access to extracurricular activities for students
34.16 taking supplemental online courses on the same basis as any other enrolled student.

34.17 Subd. 5. **Reporting.** Courses that include blended instruction and online instruction
34.18 must be reported in the manner determined by the commissioner of education.

34.19 Subd. 6. **Department of Education.** (a) The commissioner must establish quality
34.20 standards to be used for applications and continuous improvement of supplemental online
34.21 course providers, and by enrolling districts using digital instruction.

34.22 (b) The commissioner must support the enrolling district's development of high-quality
34.23 digital instruction and monitor implementation. The department must establish and participate
34.24 in continuous improvement cycles with supplemental online course providers.

34.25 (c) Applications from prospective supplemental online course providers must be reviewed
34.26 using quality standards and approved or denied within 90 calendar days of receiving a
34.27 complete application.

34.28 (d) The department may collect a fee not to exceed \$250 for reviewing applications by
34.29 supplemental online course providers or \$50 per supplemental course application review
34.30 request. Funds generated from application review fees shall be used to support high quality
34.31 digital instruction.

34.32 (e) The department must develop, publish, and maintain a list of supplemental online
34.33 course providers that the department has reviewed and approved.

35.1 (f) The department may review a complaint about an enrolling district providing digital
 35.2 instruction, or a complaint about a supplemental online course provider based on the
 35.3 provider's response to notice of a violation. If the department determines that an enrolling
 35.4 district providing digital instruction or a supplemental online course provider violated a law
 35.5 or rule, the department may:

35.6 (1) create a compliance plan for the provider; or

35.7 (2) withhold funds from the provider under sections 124D.094, 124E.25, and 127A.42.
 35.8 The department must notify an online learning provider in writing about withholding funds
 35.9 and provide detailed calculations.

35.10 Subd. 7. **Financial arrangements.** (a) For a student enrolled in an online supplemental
 35.11 course, the department must calculate average daily membership and make payments
 35.12 according to this subdivision.

35.13 (b) The initial online supplemental average daily membership equals 1/12 for each
 35.14 semester course or a proportionate amount for courses of different lengths. The adjusted
 35.15 online learning average daily membership equals the initial online supplemental average
 35.16 daily membership times .88.

35.17 (c) No online supplemental average daily membership shall be generated if the student:

35.18 (1) does not complete the online learning course; or

35.19 (2) is enrolled in an online course provided by the enrolling district.

35.20 (d) Online course average daily membership under this subdivision for a student currently
 35.21 enrolled in a Minnesota public school shall be used only for computing average daily
 35.22 membership according to section 126C.05, subdivision 19, paragraph (a), clause (2), and
 35.23 for computing online course aid according to section 124D.096.

35.24 Sec. 6. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 124D.59, subdivision 2a, is amended to read:

35.25 Subd. 2a. **English learner; limited or interrupted formal education.** Consistent with
 35.26 subdivision 2, an English learner ~~includes an English learner with an~~ limited or interrupted
 35.27 formal education is an English learner under subdivision 2 who meets three of the following
 35.28 five requirements:

35.29 ~~(1) comes from a home where the language usually spoken is other than English, or~~
 35.30 ~~usually speaks a language other than English;~~

35.31 ~~(2) enters school in the United States after grade 6;~~

- 36.1 ~~(3) has at least two years less schooling than the English learner's peers;~~
 36.2 ~~(4) functions at least two years below expected grade level in reading and mathematics;~~
 36.3 ~~and~~
 36.4 ~~(5) may be preliterate in the English learner's native language.~~ has at least two fewer
 36.5 years of schooling than the English learner's peers when entering school in the United States.

36.6 **Sec. 7. [124D.901] SCHOOL LIBRARIES AND MEDIA CENTERS.**

36.7 A school district or charter school library or school library media center provides equitable
 36.8 and free access to students, teachers, and administrators.

36.9 A school library or school library media center must have the following characteristics:

36.10 (1) ensures every student has equitable access to resources and is able to locate, access,
 36.11 and use resources that are organized and cataloged;

36.12 (2) has a collection development plan that includes but is not limited to materials selection
 36.13 and deselection, a challenged materials procedure, and an intellectual and academic freedom
 36.14 statement;

36.15 (3) is housed in a central location that provides an environment for expanded learning
 36.16 and supports a variety of student interests;

36.17 (4) has technology and Internet access; and

36.18 (5) is served by a licensed school library media specialist or licensed school librarian.

36.19 **Sec. 8. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 134.31, subdivision 1, is amended to read:**

36.20 **Subdivision 1. **Library service.**** The state shall, as an integral part of its responsibility
 36.21 for public education, support the provision of library service for every ~~citizen~~ resident, the
 36.22 development of cooperative programs for the sharing of resources and services among all
 36.23 libraries, and the establishment of jointly operated library services at a single location where
 36.24 appropriate.

36.25 **Sec. 9. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 134.31, subdivision 4a, is amended to read:**

36.26 **Subd. 4a. **Services to people with visual and physical disabilities.**** The Minnesota
 36.27 Department of Education shall provide specialized services to people with visual and physical
 36.28 disabilities through the Minnesota Braille and Talking Book Library under a cooperative
 36.29 plan with the National Library ~~Services~~ Service for the Blind and ~~Physically Handicapped~~
 36.30 Print Disabled of the Library of Congress.

37.1 Sec. 10. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 134.32, subdivision 4, is amended to read:

37.2 Subd. 4. **Special project grants.** It may provide special project grants to assist innovative
37.3 and experimental library programs including, but not limited to, special services for American
37.4 Indians and ~~the Spanish-speaking~~ multilingual learners, delivery of library materials to
37.5 homebound persons, other extensions of library services to persons without access to libraries
37.6 and projects to strengthen and improve library services.

37.7 Sec. 11. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 134.34, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

37.8 Subdivision 1. **Local support levels.** (a) Regional library basic system support aid shall
37.9 be provided to any regional public library system where there are at least three participating
37.10 counties and where each participating city and county is providing for public library service
37.11 support the lesser of (a) an amount equivalent to .82 percent of the average of the adjusted
37.12 net tax capacity of the taxable property of that city or county, as determined by the
37.13 commissioner of revenue for the second, third, and fourth year preceding that calendar year
37.14 or (b) a per capita amount calculated under the provisions of this subdivision. The per capita
37.15 amount is established for calendar year 1993 as \$7.62. In succeeding calendar years, the
37.16 per capita amount shall be increased by a percentage equal to one-half of the percentage by
37.17 which the total state adjusted net tax capacity of property as determined by the commissioner
37.18 of revenue for the second year preceding that calendar year increases over that total adjusted
37.19 net tax capacity for the third year preceding that calendar year.

37.20 (b) The minimum level of support specified under this subdivision or subdivision 4 shall
37.21 be certified annually to the participating cities and counties by the Department of Education.
37.22 If a city or county chooses to reduce its local support in accordance with subdivision 4,
37.23 paragraph (b) or (c), it shall notify its regional public library system. The regional public
37.24 library system shall notify the Department of Education that a revised certification is required.
37.25 The revised minimum level of support shall be certified to the city or county by the
37.26 Department of Education.

37.27 (c) A city which is a part of a regional public library system shall not be required to
37.28 provide this level of support if the property of that city is already taxable by the county for
37.29 the support of that regional public library system. In no event shall the Department of
37.30 Education require any city or county to provide a higher level of support than the level of
37.31 support specified in this section in order for a system to qualify for regional library basic
37.32 system support aid. This section shall not be construed to prohibit a city or county from
37.33 providing a higher level of support for public libraries than the level of support specified
37.34 in this section.

38.1 (d) The amounts required to be expended under this section are subject to the reduced
38.2 maintenance of effort requirements under section 275.761.

38.3 Sec. 12. REPEALER.

38.4 Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 124D.095, subdivisions 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, and 8, are
38.5 repealed.

38.6 ARTICLE 3

38.7 AMERICAN INDIAN EDUCATION

38.8 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 13.32, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

38.9 Subd. 3. **Private data; when disclosure is permitted.** Except as provided in subdivision
38.10 5, educational data is private data on individuals and shall not be disclosed except as follows:

38.11 (a) pursuant to section 13.05;

38.12 (b) pursuant to a valid court order;

38.13 (c) pursuant to a statute specifically authorizing access to the private data;

38.14 (d) to disclose information in health, including mental health, and safety emergencies
38.15 pursuant to the provisions of United States Code, title 20, section 1232g(b)(1)(I), and Code
38.16 of Federal Regulations, title 34, section 99.36;

38.17 (e) pursuant to the provisions of United States Code, title 20, sections 1232g(b)(1),
38.18 (b)(4)(A), (b)(4)(B), (b)(1)(B), (b)(3), (b)(6), (b)(7), and (i), and Code of Federal Regulations,
38.19 title 34, sections 99.31, 99.32, 99.33, 99.34, 99.35, and 99.39;

38.20 (f) to appropriate health authorities to the extent necessary to administer immunization
38.21 programs and for bona fide epidemiologic investigations which the commissioner of health
38.22 determines are necessary to prevent disease or disability to individuals in the public
38.23 educational agency or institution in which the investigation is being conducted;

38.24 (g) when disclosure is required for institutions that participate in a program under title
38.25 IV of the Higher Education Act, United States Code, title 20, section 1092;

38.26 (h) to the appropriate school district officials to the extent necessary under subdivision
38.27 6, annually to indicate the extent and content of remedial instruction, including the results
38.28 of assessment testing and academic performance at a postsecondary institution during the
38.29 previous academic year by a student who graduated from a Minnesota school district within
38.30 two years before receiving the remedial instruction;

39.1 (i) to appropriate authorities as provided in United States Code, title 20, section
39.2 1232g(b)(1)(E)(ii), if the data concern the juvenile justice system and the ability of the
39.3 system to effectively serve, prior to adjudication, the student whose records are released;
39.4 provided that the authorities to whom the data are released submit a written request for the
39.5 data that certifies that the data will not be disclosed to any other person except as authorized
39.6 by law without the written consent of the parent of the student and the request and a record
39.7 of the release are maintained in the student's file;

39.8 (j) to volunteers who are determined to have a legitimate educational interest in the data
39.9 and who are conducting activities and events sponsored by or endorsed by the educational
39.10 agency or institution for students or former students;

39.11 (k) to provide student recruiting information, from educational data held by colleges
39.12 and universities, as required by and subject to Code of Federal Regulations, title 32, section
39.13 216;

39.14 (l) to the juvenile justice system if information about the behavior of a student who poses
39.15 a risk of harm is reasonably necessary to protect the health or safety of the student or other
39.16 individuals;

39.17 (m) with respect to Social Security numbers of students in the adult basic education
39.18 system, to Minnesota State Colleges and Universities and the Department of Employment
39.19 and Economic Development for the purpose and in the manner described in section 124D.52,
39.20 subdivision 7;

39.21 (n) to the commissioner of education for purposes of an assessment or investigation of
39.22 a report of alleged maltreatment of a student as mandated by chapter 260E. Upon request
39.23 by the commissioner of education, data that are relevant to a report of maltreatment and are
39.24 from charter school and school district investigations of alleged maltreatment of a student
39.25 must be disclosed to the commissioner, including, but not limited to, the following:

39.26 (1) information regarding the student alleged to have been maltreated;

39.27 (2) information regarding student and employee witnesses;

39.28 (3) information regarding the alleged perpetrator; and

39.29 (4) what corrective or protective action was taken, if any, by the school facility in response
39.30 to a report of maltreatment by an employee or agent of the school or school district;

39.31 (o) when the disclosure is of the final results of a disciplinary proceeding on a charge
39.32 of a crime of violence or nonforcible sex offense to the extent authorized under United

40.1 States Code, title 20, section 1232g(b)(6)(A) and (B), and Code of Federal Regulations,
40.2 title 34, sections 99.31(a)(13) and (14);

40.3 (p) when the disclosure is information provided to the institution under United States
40.4 Code, title 42, section 14071, concerning registered sex offenders to the extent authorized
40.5 under United States Code, title 20, section 1232g(b)(7); ~~or~~

40.6 (q) when the disclosure is to a parent of a student at an institution of postsecondary
40.7 education regarding the student's violation of any federal, state, or local law or of any rule
40.8 or policy of the institution, governing the use or possession of alcohol or of a controlled
40.9 substance, to the extent authorized under United States Code, title 20, section 1232g(i), and
40.10 Code of Federal Regulations, title 34, section 99.31(a)(15), and provided the institution has
40.11 an information release form signed by the student authorizing disclosure to a parent. The
40.12 institution must notify parents and students about the purpose and availability of the
40.13 information release forms. At a minimum, the institution must distribute the information
40.14 release forms at parent and student orientation meetings; or

40.15 (r) with Tribal Nations about Tribally enrolled or descendant students as necessary for
40.16 the Tribal Nation and school district or charter school to support the educational attainment
40.17 of the student.

40.18 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 120B.021, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

40.19 Subd. 2. **Standards development.** (a) The commissioner must consider advice from at
40.20 least the following stakeholders in developing statewide rigorous core academic standards
40.21 in language arts, mathematics, science, social studies, including history, geography,
40.22 economics, government and citizenship, and the arts:

40.23 (1) parents of school-age children and members of the public throughout the state;

40.24 (2) teachers throughout the state currently licensed and providing instruction in language
40.25 arts, mathematics, science, social studies, or the arts and licensed elementary and secondary
40.26 school principals throughout the state currently administering a school site;

40.27 (3) currently serving members of local school boards and charter school boards throughout
40.28 the state;

40.29 (4) faculty teaching core subjects at postsecondary institutions in Minnesota; ~~and~~

40.30 (5) representatives of the Minnesota business community; and

40.31 (6) representatives from the Tribal Nations Education Committee and Minnesota's Tribal
40.32 Nations and communities, including both Anishinaabe and Dakota.

41.1 (b) Academic standards must:

41.2 (1) be clear, concise, objective, measurable, and grade-level appropriate;

41.3 (2) not require a specific teaching methodology or curriculum; and

41.4 (3) be consistent with the Constitutions of the United States and the state of Minnesota.

41.5 Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 120B.021, subdivision 4, is amended to read:

41.6 Subd. 4. **Revisions and reviews required.** (a) The commissioner of education must
41.7 revise ~~and appropriately embed technology and information literacy standards consistent~~
41.8 ~~with recommendations from school media specialists into~~ the state's academic standards
41.9 and graduation requirements and implement a ten-year cycle to review and, consistent with
41.10 the review, revise state academic standards and related benchmarks, consistent with this
41.11 subdivision. During each ten-year review and revision cycle, the commissioner also must
41.12 examine the alignment of each required academic standard and related benchmark with the
41.13 knowledge and skills students need for career and college readiness and advanced work in
41.14 the particular subject area. The commissioner must include the contributions of Minnesota
41.15 American Indian tribes and communities, including urban Indigenous communities, as
41.16 related to the academic standards during the review and revision of the required academic
41.17 standards. The commissioner must embed Indigenous education for all students consistent
41.18 with recommendations from Minnesota's Tribal Nations and urban Indigenous communities
41.19 regarding the contributions of Minnesota American Indian Tribes and communities into the
41.20 state's academic standards during the review and revision of the required academic standards.
41.21 The recommendations to embed Indigenous education for all students includes but is not
41.22 limited to American Indian experiences in Minnesota, including Tribal histories, Indigenous
41.23 languages, sovereignty issues, cultures, treaty rights, governments, socioeconomic
41.24 experiences, contemporary issues, and current events.

41.25 (b) The commissioner must ensure that the statewide mathematics assessments
41.26 administered to students in grades 3 through 8 and 11 are aligned with the state academic
41.27 standards in mathematics, consistent with section 120B.30, subdivision 1, paragraph (b).
41.28 The commissioner must implement a review of the academic standards and related
41.29 benchmarks in mathematics beginning in the 2021-2022 school year and every ten years
41.30 thereafter.

41.31 (c) The commissioner must implement a review of the academic standards and related
41.32 benchmarks in arts beginning in the 2017-2018 school year and every ten years thereafter.

42.1 (d) The commissioner must implement a review of the academic standards and related
42.2 benchmarks in science beginning in the 2018-2019 school year and every ten years thereafter.

42.3 (e) The commissioner must implement a review of the academic standards and related
42.4 benchmarks in language arts beginning in the 2019-2020 school year and every ten years
42.5 thereafter.

42.6 (f) The commissioner must implement a review of the academic standards and related
42.7 benchmarks in social studies beginning in the 2020-2021 school year and every ten years
42.8 thereafter.

42.9 (g) The commissioner must implement a review of the academic standards and related
42.10 benchmarks in physical education beginning in the ~~2022-2023~~ 2026-2027 school year and
42.11 every ten years thereafter.

42.12 (h) School districts and charter schools must revise and align local academic standards
42.13 and high school graduation requirements in health, world languages, and career and technical
42.14 education to require students to complete the revised standards beginning in a school year
42.15 determined by the school district or charter school. School districts and charter schools must
42.16 formally establish a periodic review cycle for the academic standards and related benchmarks
42.17 in health, world languages, and career and technical education.

42.18 (i) The commissioner of education must embed technology and information literacy
42.19 standards consistent with recommendations from school media specialists into the state's
42.20 academic standards and graduation requirements.

42.21 (j) The commissioner of education must embed ethnic studies as related to the academic
42.22 standards during the review and revision of the required academic standards.

42.23 Sec. 4. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 120B.021, is amended by adding a subdivision
42.24 to read:

42.25 Subd. 5. **Indigenous education for all students.** To support implementation of
42.26 Indigenous education for all students, the commissioner must:

42.27 (1) provide historically accurate, Tribally endorsed, culturally relevant, community-based,
42.28 contemporary, and developmentally appropriate resources. Resources to implement standards
42.29 must include professional development and must demonstrate an awareness and
42.30 understanding of the importance of accurate, high-quality materials about the histories,
42.31 languages, cultures, and governments of local Tribes;

43.1 (2) provide resources to support all students learning about the histories, languages,
43.2 cultures, governments, and experiences of their American Indian peers and neighbors.
43.3 Resources to implement standards across content areas must be developed to authentically
43.4 engage all students and support successful learning; and

43.5 (3) conduct a needs assessment by December 31, 2023. The needs assessment must fully
43.6 inform the development of future resources for Indigenous education for all students by
43.7 using information from Minnesota's American Indian Tribes and communities, including
43.8 urban Indigenous communities, Minnesota's Tribal Nations Education Committee, schools
43.9 and districts, students, and educational organizations. The commissioner must submit a
43.10 report on the findings and recommendations from the needs assessment to the chairs and
43.11 ranking minority members of legislative committees with jurisdiction over education; to
43.12 the American Indian Tribes and communities in Minnesota, including urban Indigenous
43.13 communities; and to all schools and districts in the state by February 1, 2024.

43.14 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.

43.15 **Sec. 5. [121A.041] AMERICAN INDIAN MASCOTS PROHIBITED.**

43.16 Subdivision 1. **Definitions.** (a) For purposes of this section, the following terms have
43.17 the meanings given.

43.18 (b) "American Indian" means an individual who is:

43.19 (1) a member of an Indian Tribe or band, as membership is defined by the Tribe or band,
43.20 including:

43.21 (i) any Tribe or band terminated since 1940; and

43.22 (ii) any Tribe or band recognized by the state in which the Tribe or band resides;

43.23 (2) a descendant, in the first or second degree, of an individual described in clause (1);

43.24 (3) considered by the Secretary of the Interior to be an Indian for any purpose;

43.25 (4) an Eskimo, Aleut, or other Alaska Native; or

43.26 (5) a member of an organized Indian group that received a grant under the Indian
43.27 Education Act of 1988 as in effect the day preceding October 20, 1994.

43.28 (c) "District" means a district under section 120A.05, subdivision 8.

43.29 (d) "Mascot" means any human, nonhuman animal, or object used to represent a school
43.30 and its population.

44.1 (e) "Public school" or "school" means a public school under section 120A.05, subdivisions
44.2 9, 11, 13, and 17, and a charter school under chapter 124E.

44.3 Subd. 2. **Prohibition on American Indian mascots.** (a) A public school may not have
44.4 or adopt a name, symbol, or image that depicts or refers to an American Indian Tribe,
44.5 individual, custom, or tradition to be used as a mascot, nickname, logo, letterhead, or team
44.6 name of the district or school within the district.

44.7 (b) A public school may seek an exemption to paragraph (a) by submitting a request in
44.8 writing to all eleven federally recognized Tribal Nations in Minnesota and to the Tribal
44.9 Nations Education Committee. The exemption is denied if any of the eleven Tribal Nations
44.10 or the Tribal Nations Education Committee opposes the exemption. A public school whose
44.11 exemption is denied must comply with paragraph (a) by September 1 of the following
44.12 calendar year after which the exemption request was made.

44.13 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective June 30, 2024.

44.14 Sec. 6. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 124D.73, is amended by adding a subdivision to
44.15 read:

44.16 Subd. 5. **American Indian student.** "American Indian student" means a student who
44.17 identifies as American Indian or Alaska Native, as defined by the state on October 1 of the
44.18 previous school year.

44.19 Sec. 7. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 124D.74, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

44.20 Subdivision 1. **Program described.** American Indian education programs are programs
44.21 in public elementary and secondary schools, nonsectarian nonpublic, community, tribal,
44.22 charter, or alternative schools enrolling American Indian children designed to:

44.23 (1) support postsecondary preparation for American Indian pupils;

44.24 (2) support the academic achievement of American Indian ~~students~~ pupils;

44.25 (3) make the curriculum relevant to the needs, interests, and cultural heritage of American
44.26 Indian pupils;

44.27 (4) provide positive reinforcement of the self-image of American Indian pupils;

44.28 (5) develop intercultural awareness among pupils, parents, and staff; and

44.29 (6) supplement, not supplant, state and federal educational and cocurricular programs.

45.1 Program services designed to increase completion and graduation rates of American Indian
45.2 students must emphasize academic achievement, retention, and attendance; development
45.3 of support services for staff, including in-service training and technical assistance in methods
45.4 of teaching American Indian pupils; research projects, including innovative teaching
45.5 approaches and evaluation of methods of relating to American Indian pupils; provision of
45.6 career counseling to American Indian pupils; modification of curriculum, instructional
45.7 methods, and administrative procedures to meet the needs of American Indian pupils; and
45.8 ~~supplemental~~ instruction in American Indian language, literature, history, and culture.
45.9 Districts offering programs may make contracts for the provision of program services by
45.10 establishing cooperative liaisons with tribal programs and American Indian social service
45.11 agencies. These programs may also be provided as components of early childhood and
45.12 family education programs.

45.13 Sec. 8. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 124D.74, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

45.14 Subd. 3. **Enrollment of other children; shared time enrollment.** To the extent it is
45.15 economically feasible, a district or participating school may make provision for the voluntary
45.16 enrollment of non-American Indian children in the instructional components of an American
45.17 Indian education program in order that they may acquire an understanding of the cultural
45.18 heritage of the American Indian children for whom that particular program is designed.
45.19 However, in determining eligibility to participate in a program, priority must be given to
45.20 American Indian children. American Indian children ~~and other children~~ enrolled in an
45.21 existing nonpublic school system may be enrolled on a shared time basis in American Indian
45.22 education programs.

45.23 Sec. 9. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 124D.74, subdivision 4, is amended to read:

45.24 Subd. 4. **Location of programs.** American Indian education programs must be located
45.25 in ~~facilities~~ educational settings in which regular classes in a variety of subjects are offered
45.26 on a daily basis. Programs may operate on an extended day or extended year basis, including
45.27 school districts, charter schools, and Tribal contract schools that offer virtual learning
45.28 environments.

45.29 Sec. 10. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 124D.74, is amended by adding a subdivision
45.30 to read:

45.31 Subd. 7. **American Indian culture and language classes.** Any district or participating
45.32 school that conducts American Indian education programs under sections 124D.71 to
45.33 124D.82, and serves a student population of which: (1) at least five percent of the total

46.1 student population meets the state definition of American Indian students; or (2) 100 or
 46.2 more students enrolled in the district are state-identified American Indian students must
 46.3 provide American Indian culture and language classes.

46.4 Sec. 11. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 124D.76, is amended to read:

46.5 **124D.76 COMMUNITY COORDINATORS, INDIAN HOME/SCHOOL LIAISONS**
 46.6 **AMERICAN INDIAN EDUCATION PROGRAM COORDINATORS,**
 46.7 **PARAPROFESSIONALS.**

46.8 In addition to employing American Indian language and culture education teachers, each
 46.9 district or participating school providing programs pursuant to sections 124D.71 to 124D.82
 46.10 may employ paraprofessionals. Paraprofessionals must not be employed for the purpose of
 46.11 supplanting American Indian language and culture education teachers.

46.12 Any district or participating school ~~which~~ that conducts American Indian education
 46.13 programs pursuant to sections 124D.71 to 124D.82 must employ one or more full-time or
 46.14 part-time ~~community coordinators or Indian home/school liaisons if there are~~ dedicated
 46.15 American Indian education program coordinators in a district with 100 or more
 46.16 state-identified American Indian students enrolled in the district. ~~Community coordinators~~
 46.17 ~~shall~~ A dedicated American Indian education program coordinator must promote
 46.18 communication, understanding, and cooperation between the schools and the community
 46.19 and shall must visit the homes of children who are to be enrolled in an American Indian
 46.20 education program in order to convey information about the program.

46.21 Sec. 12. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 124D.78, is amended to read:

46.22 **124D.78 PARENT AND COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION.**

46.23 Subdivision 1. **Parent committee.** ~~School boards and American Indian schools~~ School
 46.24 districts, charter schools, Tribal contract schools, and the respective school boards must
 46.25 provide for the maximum involvement of parents of American Indian children enrolled in
 46.26 American Indian education programs, programs for elementary and secondary grades,
 46.27 special education programs, and support services. Accordingly, the board of a school district
 46.28 school districts, charter schools, and Tribal contract schools in which there are ten or more
 46.29 state-identified American Indian students enrolled and each American Indian school must
 46.30 establish an American Indian education Parent Advisory Committee. If a committee whose
 46.31 membership consists of a majority of parents of American Indian children has been or is
 46.32 established according to federal, tribal, or other state law, that committee may serve as the

47.1 committee required by this section and is subject to, at least, the requirements of this
47.2 subdivision and subdivision 2.

47.3 The American Indian ~~education~~ Parent Advisory Committee must develop its
47.4 recommendations in consultation with the curriculum advisory committee required by
47.5 section 120B.11, subdivision 3. This committee must afford parents the necessary information
47.6 and the opportunity effectively to express their views concerning all aspects of American
47.7 Indian education and the educational needs of the American Indian children enrolled in the
47.8 school or program. ~~The school board or American Indian school~~ School districts, charter
47.9 schools, and Tribal contract schools must ensure that programs are planned, operated, and
47.10 evaluated with the involvement of and in consultation with parents of the American Indian
47.11 students served by the programs.

47.12 Subd. 2. ~~Resolution of concurrence~~ Annual compliance. Prior to March 1, the ~~school~~
47.13 ~~board or American Indian school~~ must submit to the department a copy of a resolution
47.14 adopted by the American Indian education parent advisory committee. The copy must be
47.15 signed by the chair of the committee and must state whether the committee concurs with
47.16 the educational programs for American Indian students offered by the school board or
47.17 American Indian school. If the committee does not concur with the educational programs,
47.18 the reasons for nonconcurrence and recommendations shall be submitted directly to the
47.19 school board with the resolution. By resolution, the board must respond in writing within
47.20 60 days, in cases of nonconcurrence, to each recommendation made by the committee and
47.21 state its reasons for not implementing the recommendations. American Indian Parent
47.22 Advisory Committee must meet to discuss whether or not they concur with the educational
47.23 offerings that have been extended by the district to American Indian students. If the
47.24 committee finds that the district, charter school, Tribal contract school, and the school board
47.25 have been meeting the needs of American Indian students, they issue a vote and resolution
47.26 of concurrence. If they find that the needs of American Indian students are not being met,
47.27 they issue a vote and resolution of nonconcurrence. The vote and resolution must be presented
47.28 to the school board by one or more members of the American Indian Parent Advisory
47.29 Committee. The vote is formally reflected on documentation provided by the Department
47.30 of Education and must be submitted annually on March 1.

47.31 If the vote is one of nonconcurrence, the committee must provide written
47.32 recommendations for improvement to the school board at the time of the presentation. In
47.33 the case of nonconcurrence, the school board is given 60 days in which to respond, in writing,
47.34 to the committee's recommendations. The board response must be signed by the entire
47.35 school board and submitted to both the American Indian Parent Advisory Committee and

48.1 to the Department of Education. The resolution must be accompanied by Parent Advisory
 48.2 Committee meeting minutes that show they have been appraised by the district on the goals
 48.3 of the Indian Education Program Plan and the measurement of progress toward those goals.

48.4 Subd. 3. **Membership.** The American Indian ~~education~~ Parent Advisory Committee
 48.5 must be composed of parents or guardians of American Indian children eligible to be enrolled
 48.6 in American Indian education programs; American Indian secondary students ~~eligible to~~
 48.7 ~~be served~~; American Indian family members of students eligible to be enrolled in American
 48.8 Indian education programs; American Indian language and culture education teachers and
 48.9 paraprofessionals; American Indian teachers; American Indian district employees; American
 48.10 Indian counselors; adult American Indian people enrolled in educational programs; and
 48.11 ~~representatives from community groups. A~~ American Indian community members. The
 48.12 majority of each committee must be the parents or guardians of the American Indian children
 48.13 enrolled or eligible to be enrolled in the programs. ~~The number of parents of American~~
 48.14 ~~Indian and non-American Indian children shall reflect approximately the proportion of~~
 48.15 ~~children of those groups enrolled in the programs.~~

48.16 Subd. 4. **Alternate committee.** If the organizational membership or the board of directors
 48.17 ~~of an American Indian school~~ a Tribal contract school consists of parents of children attending
 48.18 the school, that membership or board may serve also as the American Indian ~~education~~
 48.19 Parent Advisory Committee.

48.20 Subd. 5. **State-identified American Indian.** For the purposes of sections 124D.71 to
 48.21 124D.82, the number of students who identify as American Indian or Alaska Native, as
 48.22 defined by the state of Minnesota on October 1 of the previous school year, will be used to
 48.23 determine the state-identified American Indian student counts for school districts, charter
 48.24 schools, and Tribal contract schools for the subsequent school year.

48.25 Sec. 13. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 124D.79, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

48.26 Subd. 2. **Technical assistance.** The commissioner shall provide technical assistance to
 48.27 districts, schools and postsecondary institutions for preservice and in-service training for
 48.28 teachers, American Indian education teachers and paraprofessionals specifically designed
 48.29 to implement culturally responsive teaching methods, culturally based curriculum
 48.30 development, testing and testing mechanisms, ~~and~~ the development of materials for American
 48.31 Indian education programs, and the annual report of American Indian student data using
 48.32 the state count.

49.1 Sec. 14. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 124D.791, subdivision 4, is amended to read:

49.2 Subd. 4. **Duties; powers.** The American Indian education director shall:

49.3 (1) ~~serve as the liaison for the department~~ work collaboratively and in conjunction with
49.4 the Tribal Liaison, the Tribal Nations Education Committee, the 11 Tribal communities
49.5 nations in Minnesota, the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe, and the Minnesota Indian Affairs
49.6 Council;

49.7 (2) evaluate the state of American Indian education in Minnesota;

49.8 (3) engage the tribal bodies, community groups, parents of children eligible to be served
49.9 by American Indian education programs, American Indian administrators and teachers,
49.10 persons experienced in the training of teachers for American Indian education programs,
49.11 the tribally controlled schools, and other persons knowledgeable in the field of American
49.12 Indian education and seek their advice on policies that can improve the quality of American
49.13 Indian education;

49.14 (4) advise the commissioner on American Indian education issues, including:

49.15 (i) issues facing American Indian students;

49.16 (ii) policies for American Indian education;

49.17 (iii) awarding scholarships to eligible American Indian students and in administering
49.18 the commissioner's duties regarding awarding of American Indian education grants to school
49.19 districts; and

49.20 (iv) administration of the commissioner's duties under sections 124D.71 to 124D.82 and
49.21 other programs for the education of American Indian people;

49.22 (5) propose to the commissioner legislative changes that will improve the quality of
49.23 American Indian education;

49.24 (6) develop a strategic plan and a long-term framework for American Indian education,
49.25 in conjunction with the Minnesota Indian Affairs Council, that is updated every five years
49.26 and implemented by the commissioner, with goals to:

49.27 (i) increase American Indian student achievement, including increased levels of
49.28 proficiency and growth on statewide accountability assessments;

49.29 (ii) increase the number of American Indian teachers in public schools;

49.30 (iii) close the achievement gap between American Indian students and their more
49.31 advantaged peers;

50.1 (iv) increase the statewide graduation rate for American Indian students; and

50.2 (v) increase American Indian student placement in postsecondary programs and the
50.3 workforce; and

50.4 (7) keep the American Indian community informed about the work of the department
50.5 by reporting to the Tribal Nations Education Committee at each committee meeting.

50.6 **Sec. 15. [124D.792] GRADUATION CEREMONIES; TRIBAL REGALIA AND**
50.7 **OBJECTS OF CULTURAL SIGNIFICANCE.**

50.8 A school district or charter school must not prohibit an American Indian student from
50.9 wearing American Indian regalia, Tribal regalia, or objects of cultural significance at a
50.10 graduation ceremony.

50.11 Sec. 16. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 124D.81, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

50.12 Subdivision 1. **Procedures.** A school district, charter school, or American
50.13 Indian-controlled tribal contract or grant school enrolling at least 20 American Indian
50.14 students identified by the state count on October 1 of the previous school year and operating
50.15 an American Indian education program according to section 124D.74 is eligible for Indian
50.16 education aid if it meets the requirements of this section. Programs may provide for contracts
50.17 for the provision of program components by nonsectarian nonpublic, community, tribal,
50.18 charter, or alternative schools. The commissioner shall prescribe the form and manner of
50.19 application for aids, and no aid shall be made for a program not complying with the
50.20 requirements of sections 124D.71 to 124D.82.

50.21 Sec. 17. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 124D.81, subdivision 5, is amended to read:

50.22 Subd. 5. **Records.** Participating schools and districts must keep records and afford access
50.23 to them as the commissioner finds necessary to ensure that American Indian education
50.24 programs are implemented in conformity with sections 124D.71 to 124D.82. Each school
50.25 district or participating school must keep accurate, detailed, and separate revenue and
50.26 expenditure accounts for ~~pilot~~ American Indian education programs funded under this
50.27 section.

51.1 Sec. 18. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 144.4165, is amended to read:

51.2 **144.4165 TOBACCO PRODUCTS PROHIBITED IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS.**

51.3 (a) No person shall at any time smoke, chew, or otherwise ingest tobacco, or carry or
 51.4 use an activated electronic delivery device as defined in section 609.685, subdivision 1, in
 51.5 a public school, as defined in section 120A.05, subdivisions 9, 11, and 13, or in a charter
 51.6 school governed by chapter 124E. This prohibition extends to all facilities, whether owned,
 51.7 rented, or leased, and all vehicles that a school district owns, leases, rents, contracts for, or
 51.8 controls.

51.9 (b) Nothing in this section shall prohibit the lighting of tobacco by an adult as a part of
 51.10 a traditional Indian spiritual or cultural ceremony. An American Indian student may carry
 51.11 a medicine pouch containing loose tobacco intended as observance of traditional spiritual
 51.12 or cultural practices. For purposes of this section, an Indian is a person who is a member
 51.13 of an Indian tribe as defined in section 260.755, subdivision 12.

51.14 **ARTICLE 4**

51.15 **CHARTER SCHOOLS**

51.16 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 124E.02, is amended to read:

51.17 **124E.02 DEFINITIONS.**

51.18 (a) For purposes of this chapter, the terms defined in this section have the meanings
 51.19 given them.

51.20 (b) "Affidavit" means a written statement the authorizer submits to the commissioner
 51.21 for approval to establish a charter school under section 124E.06, subdivision 4, attesting to
 51.22 its review and approval process before chartering a school.

51.23 (c) "Affiliate" means a person that directly or indirectly, through one or more
 51.24 intermediaries, controls, is controlled by, or is under common control with another person.

51.25 (d) "Charter management organization" or "CMO" means any nonprofit or for-profit
 51.26 entity that contracts with a charter school board of directors to provide, manage, or oversee
 51.27 all or substantially all of a school's education program or a school's administrative, financial,
 51.28 business, or operational functions.

51.29 ~~(d)~~ (e) "Control" means the ability to affect the management, operations, or policy actions
 51.30 or decisions of a person, whether by owning voting securities, by contract, or otherwise.

52.1 (f) "Educational management organization" or "EMO" means a nonprofit or for-profit
 52.2 entity that provides, manages, or oversees all or substantially all of the education program,
 52.3 or the school's administrative, financial, business, or operational functions.

52.4 ~~(e)~~ (g) "Immediate family" means an individual whose relationship by blood, marriage,
 52.5 adoption, or partnership is no more remote than first cousin.

52.6 (h) "Market need and demand study" means a study that includes the following for the
 52.7 proposed locations of the school or additional site:

52.8 (1) current and projected demographic information;

52.9 (2) student enrollment patterns;

52.10 (3) information on existing schools and types of educational programs currently available;

52.11 (4) characteristics of proposed students and families;

52.12 (5) availability of properly zoned and classified facilities; and

52.13 (6) quantification of existing demand for the school or site.

52.14 ~~(f)~~ (i) "Person" means an individual or entity of any kind.

52.15 ~~(g)~~ (j) "Related party" means an affiliate or immediate relative of the other interested
 52.16 party, an affiliate of an immediate relative who is the other interested party, or an immediate
 52.17 relative of an affiliate who is the other interested party.

52.18 ~~(h)~~ (k) For purposes of this chapter, the terms defined in section 120A.05 have the same
 52.19 meanings.

52.20 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 124E.03, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

52.21 Subd. 2. **Certain federal, state, and local requirements.** (a) A charter school shall
 52.22 meet all federal, state, and local health and safety requirements applicable to school districts.

52.23 (b) A school must comply with statewide accountability requirements governing standards
 52.24 and assessments in chapter 120B.

52.25 (c) A charter school must comply with the Minnesota Public School Fee Law, sections
 52.26 123B.34 to 123B.39.

52.27 (d) A charter school is a district for the purposes of tort liability under chapter 466.

52.28 (e) A charter school must comply with the Pledge of Allegiance requirement under
 52.29 section 121A.11, subdivision 3.

53.1 (f) A charter school and charter school board of directors must comply with chapter 181
53.2 governing requirements for employment.

53.3 (g) A charter school must comply with continuing truant notification under section
53.4 260A.03.

53.5 (h) A charter school must develop and implement a teacher evaluation and peer review
53.6 process under section 122A.40, subdivision 8, paragraph (b), clauses (2) to (13), and place
53.7 students in classrooms in accordance with section 122A.40, subdivision 8, paragraph (d).
53.8 The teacher evaluation process in this paragraph does not create any additional employment
53.9 rights for teachers.

53.10 (i) A charter school must adopt a policy, plan, budget, and process, consistent with
53.11 section 120B.11, to review curriculum, instruction, and student achievement and strive for
53.12 the world's best workforce.

53.13 (j) A charter school is subject to and must comply with the Pupil Fair Dismissal Act,
53.14 sections 121A.40 to 121A.56 and 121A.575.

53.15 Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 124E.03, is amended by adding a subdivision to
53.16 read:

53.17 Subd. 9. **English learners.** A charter school is subject to and must comply with the
53.18 Education for English Learners Act under sections 124D.58 to 124D.64 as though the charter
53.19 school were a district.

53.20 Sec. 4. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 124E.05, subdivision 4, is amended to read:

53.21 Subd. 4. **Application content.** (a) To be approved as an authorizer, an applicant must
53.22 include in its application to the commissioner at least the following:

53.23 (1) how the organization carries out its mission by chartering schools;

53.24 (2) a description of the capacity of the organization to serve as an authorizer, including
53.25 the positions allocated to authorizing duties, the qualifications for those positions, the
53.26 full-time equivalencies of those positions, and the financial resources available to fund the
53.27 positions;

53.28 (3) the application and review process the authorizer uses to decide whether to grant
53.29 charters;

53.30 (4) the type of contract it arranges with the schools it charters to meet the provisions of
53.31 section 124E.10;

54.1 (5) the process for overseeing the school, consistent with clause (4), to ensure that the
54.2 schools chartered comply with applicable law and rules and the contract;

54.3 (6) the criteria and process the authorizer uses to approve applications adding grades or
54.4 sites under section 124E.06, subdivision 5;

54.5 (7) the process for renewing or terminating the school's charter based on evidence
54.6 showing the academic, organizational, and financial competency of the school, including
54.7 its success in increasing student achievement and meeting the goals of the charter school
54.8 agreement; and

54.9 (8) an assurance specifying that the organization is committed to serving as an authorizer
54.10 for the full five-year term until the commissioner terminates the organization's ability to
54.11 authorize charter schools under subdivision 6 or the organization formally withdraws as an
54.12 approved authorizer under subdivision 7.

54.13 (b) Notwithstanding paragraph (a), an authorizer that is a school district may satisfy the
54.14 requirements of paragraph (a), clauses (1) and (2), and any requirement governing a conflict
54.15 of interest between an authorizer and its charter schools or ongoing evaluation or continuing
54.16 education of an administrator or other professional support staff by submitting to the
54.17 commissioner a written promise to comply with the requirements.

54.18 Sec. 5. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 124E.05, subdivision 7, is amended to read:

54.19 Subd. 7. **Withdrawal.** If the governing board of an approved authorizer votes to withdraw
54.20 as an approved authorizer for a reason unrelated to any cause under ~~section 124E.10,~~
54.21 ~~subdivision 4~~ subdivision 6, the authorizer must notify all its chartered schools and the
54.22 commissioner in writing by March 1 of its intent to withdraw as an authorizer on June 30
54.23 in the next calendar year, ~~regardless of when the authorizer's five-year term of approval~~
54.24 ~~ends.~~ Upon notification of the schools and commissioner, the authorizer must provide a
54.25 letter to the school for distribution to families of students enrolled in the school that explains
54.26 the decision to withdraw as an authorizer. The commissioner may approve the transfer of
54.27 a charter school to a new authorizer under section 124E.10, subdivision 5.

54.28 Sec. 6. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 124E.06, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

54.29 Subdivision 1. **Individuals eligible to organize.** (a) An authorizer, after receiving an
54.30 application from a charter school developer, may charter either a licensed teacher under
54.31 section 122A.18, subdivision 1, or a group of individuals that includes one or more licensed

55.1 teachers under section 122A.18, subdivision 1, to operate a school subject to the
55.2 commissioner's approval of the authorizer's affidavit under subdivision 4.

55.3 (b) "Application" under this section means the charter school business plan a charter
55.4 school developer submits to an authorizer for approval to establish a charter school. This
55.5 application must include:

55.6 (1) ~~the school developer's~~ proposed school's:

55.7 (i) ~~mission statement~~ and vision statements;

55.8 (ii) ~~school~~ purposes and goals;

55.9 (iii) educational program design and how the program will improve student learning,
55.10 success, and achievement;

55.11 (iv) plan to address the social and emotional learning needs of students and student
55.12 support services;

55.13 (v) plan to provide special education management and services;

55.14 (vi) plan for staffing the school with appropriately qualified and licensed personnel;

55.15 ~~(iv)~~ (vii) financial plan;

55.16 ~~(v)~~ (viii) governance and management structure and plan; ~~and~~

55.17 ~~(vi)~~ background and experience;

55.18 (ix) market need and demand study; and

55.19 (x) plan for ongoing outreach and dissemination of information about the school's
55.20 offerings and enrollment procedure to families that reflect the diversity of Minnesota's
55.21 population and targeted groups under section 124E.17, subdivision 1, paragraph (a);

55.22 (2) the school developer's experience and background, including criminal history and
55.23 bankruptcy background checks;

55.24 ~~(2)~~ (3) any other information the authorizer requests; and

55.25 ~~(3)~~ (4) a "statement of assurances" of legal compliance prescribed by the commissioner.

55.26 (c) An authorizer shall not approve an application submitted by a charter school developer
55.27 under paragraph (a) if the application does not comply with subdivision 3, paragraph (e),
55.28 and section 124E.01, subdivision 1. The commissioner shall not approve an affidavit
55.29 submitted by an authorizer under subdivision 4 if the affidavit does not comply with
55.30 subdivision 3, paragraph (e), and section 124E.01, subdivision 1.

56.1 Sec. 7. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 124E.06, subdivision 4, is amended to read:

56.2 Subd. 4. **Authorizer's affidavit; approval process.** (a) Before an operator may establish
56.3 and operate a school, the authorizer must file an affidavit with the commissioner stating its
56.4 intent to charter a school. An authorizer must file a separate affidavit for each school it
56.5 intends to charter. An authorizer must file an affidavit at least 14 months before July 1 of
56.6 the year the new charter school plans to serve students. The affidavit must state:

56.7 (1) the terms and conditions under which the authorizer would charter a school, including
56.8 a market need and demand study; and

56.9 (2) how the authorizer intends to oversee:

56.10 (i) the fiscal and student performance of the charter school; and

56.11 (ii) compliance with the terms of the written contract between the authorizer and the
56.12 charter school board of directors under section 124E.10, subdivision 1.

56.13 (b) The commissioner must approve or disapprove the authorizer's affidavit within 60
56.14 business days of receiving the affidavit. If the commissioner disapproves the affidavit, the
56.15 commissioner shall notify the authorizer of the deficiencies in the affidavit and the authorizer
56.16 then has 20 business days to address the deficiencies. The commissioner must notify the
56.17 authorizer of the commissioner's final approval or final disapproval within 15 business days
56.18 after receiving the authorizer's response to the deficiencies in the affidavit. If the authorizer
56.19 does not address deficiencies to the commissioner's satisfaction, the commissioner's
56.20 disapproval is final. An authorizer who fails to obtain the commissioner's approval is
56.21 precluded from chartering the school that is the subject of this affidavit.

56.22 Sec. 8. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 124E.06, subdivision 5, is amended to read:

56.23 Subd. 5. **Adding grades or sites.** (a) A charter school may apply to the authorizer to
56.24 amend the school charter to add grades or primary enrollment sites beyond those defined
56.25 in the original affidavit approved by the commissioner. After approving the school's
56.26 application, the authorizer shall submit a supplemental affidavit in the form and manner
56.27 prescribed by the commissioner. The authorizer must file a supplemental affidavit to the
56.28 commissioner by October 1 to be eligible to add grades or sites in the next school year. The
56.29 supplemental affidavit must document to the authorizer's satisfaction:

56.30 (1) the need for the additional grades or sites with supporting long-range enrollment
56.31 projections;

57.1 (2) a longitudinal record of student academic performance and growth on statewide
 57.2 assessments under chapter 120B or on other academic assessments that measure longitudinal
 57.3 student performance and growth approved by the charter school's board of directors and
 57.4 agreed upon with the authorizer;

57.5 (3) a history of sound school finances and a plan to add grades or sites that sustains the
 57.6 school's finances; ~~and~~

57.7 (4) board capacity to administer and manage the additional grades or sites; and

57.8 (5) for site expansion, a market need and demand study.

57.9 (b) The commissioner shall have 30 business days to review and comment on the
 57.10 supplemental affidavit. The commissioner shall notify the authorizer in writing of any
 57.11 deficiencies in the supplemental affidavit and the authorizer then has 20 business days to
 57.12 address any deficiencies in the supplemental affidavit to the commissioner's satisfaction.
 57.13 The commissioner must notify the authorizer of final approval or final disapproval within
 57.14 15 business days after receiving the authorizer's response to the deficiencies in the affidavit.
 57.15 The school may not add grades or sites until the commissioner has approved the supplemental
 57.16 affidavit. The commissioner's approval or disapproval of a supplemental affidavit is final.

57.17 Sec. 9. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 124E.10, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

57.18 Subdivision 1. **Contents.** (a) To authorize a charter school, the authorizer and the charter
 57.19 school board of directors must sign a written contract within 45 business days of the
 57.20 commissioner's approval of the authorizer's affidavit. The authorizer shall submit a copy of
 57.21 the charter contract to the commissioner within ten business days after the contract is signed
 57.22 by the contracting parties. The contract must include at least the following:

57.23 (1) a declaration that the charter school will carry out the primary purpose in section
 57.24 124E.01, subdivision 1, and indicate how the school will report its implementation of the
 57.25 primary purpose to its authorizer;

57.26 (2) a declaration of the additional purpose or purposes in section 124E.01, subdivision
 57.27 1, that the school intends to carry out and indicate how the school will report its
 57.28 implementation of those purposes to its authorizer;

57.29 (3) a description of the school program and the specific academic and nonacademic
 57.30 outcomes that pupils must achieve;

57.31 (4) a statement of the school's admission policies and procedures;

57.32 (5) a school governance, management, and administration plan;

58.1 (6) signed agreements from charter school board members to comply with the federal
58.2 and state laws governing organizational, programmatic, and financial requirements applicable
58.3 to charter schools;

58.4 (7) the criteria, processes, and procedures the authorizer will use to monitor and evaluate
58.5 the fiscal, operational, and academic performance, consistent with subdivision 3, paragraphs
58.6 (a) and (b);

58.7 (8) for contract renewal, the formal written performance evaluation that is a prerequisite
58.8 for reviewing a charter contract under subdivision 3;

58.9 (9) types and amounts of insurance liability coverage the charter school must obtain,
58.10 consistent with section 124E.03, subdivision 2, paragraph (d);

58.11 (10) consistent with section 124E.09, paragraph (d), a provision to indemnify and hold
58.12 harmless from any suit, claim, or liability arising from any charter school operation:

58.13 (i) the authorizer and its officers, agents, and employees; and

58.14 (ii) notwithstanding section 3.736, the commissioner and department officers, agents,
58.15 and employees;

58.16 (11) the term of the contract, which, for an initial contract, may be up to five years plus
58.17 a preoperational planning period, or for a renewed contract or a contract with a new authorizer
58.18 after a transfer of authorizers, may be up to five years, if warranted by the school's academic,
58.19 financial, and operational performance;

58.20 (12) how the charter school board of directors or the charter school operators will provide
58.21 special instruction and services for children with a disability under sections 125A.03 to
58.22 125A.24, and 125A.65, and a description of the financial parameters within which the charter
58.23 school will provide the special instruction and services to children with a disability;

58.24 (13) the specific conditions for contract renewal that identify the performance of all
58.25 students under the primary purpose of section 124E.01, subdivision 1, as the most important
58.26 factor in determining whether to renew the contract; and

58.27 (14) the additional purposes under section 124E.01, subdivision 1, and related
58.28 performance obligations under clause (7) contained in the charter contract as additional
58.29 factors in determining whether to renew the contract.

58.30 (b) In addition to the requirements of paragraph (a), the charter contract must contain
58.31 the plan for an orderly closing of the school under chapter 317A, that establishes the
58.32 responsibilities of the school board of directors and the authorizer, whether the closure is a

59.1 termination for cause, a voluntary termination, or a nonrenewal of the contract. The plan
59.2 must establish who is responsible for:

59.3 (1) notifying the commissioner, school district in which the charter school is located,
59.4 and parents of enrolled students about the closure;

59.5 (2) providing parents of enrolled students information and assistance to enable the student
59.6 to re-enroll in another school;

59.7 (3) transferring student records under section 124E.03, subdivision 5, paragraph (b), to
59.8 the student's resident school district; and

59.9 (4) closing financial operations.

59.10 (c) A charter school must design its programs to at least meet the outcomes adopted by
59.11 the commissioner for public school students, including world's best workforce goals under
59.12 section 120B.11, subdivision 1. In the absence of the commissioner's requirements governing
59.13 state standards and benchmarks, the school must meet the outcomes contained in the contract
59.14 with the authorizer. The achievement levels of the outcomes contained in the contract may
59.15 exceed the achievement levels of any outcomes adopted by the commissioner for public
59.16 school students.

59.17 Sec. 10. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 124E.11, is amended to read:

59.18 **124E.11 ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS AND ENROLLMENT.**

59.19 (a) A charter school, including its preschool or prekindergarten program established
59.20 under section 124E.06, subdivision 3, paragraph (b), may limit admission to:

59.21 (1) pupils within an age group or grade level;

59.22 (2) pupils who are eligible to participate in the graduation incentives program under
59.23 section 124D.68; or

59.24 (3) residents of a specific geographic area in which the school is located when the
59.25 majority of students served by the school are members of underserved populations.

59.26 (b) A charter school, including its preschool or prekindergarten program established
59.27 under section 124E.06, subdivision 3, paragraph (b), ~~shall~~ must enroll an eligible pupil who
59.28 submits a timely application, unless the number of applications exceeds the capacity of a
59.29 program, class, grade level, or building. In this case, pupils must be accepted by lot. The
59.30 charter school must develop and publish, including on its website, a lottery policy and
59.31 process that it must use when accepting pupils by lot.

60.1 (c) Admission to a charter school must be free to any eligible pupil who resides within
60.2 the state of Minnesota. A charter school must give enrollment preference to a Minnesota
60.3 resident pupil over out-of-state residents. A charter school shall must give enrollment
60.4 preference to a sibling of an enrolled pupil and to a foster child of that pupil's parents and
60.5 may give preference for enrolling children of the school's staff before accepting other pupils
60.6 by lot. A charter school that is located in Duluth township in St. Louis County and admits
60.7 students in kindergarten through grade 6 must give enrollment preference to students residing
60.8 within a five-mile radius of the school and to the siblings of enrolled children. ~~A charter~~
60.9 ~~school may give enrollment preference to children currently enrolled in the school's free~~
60.10 ~~preschool or prekindergarten program under section 124E.06, subdivision 3, paragraph (b),~~
60.11 ~~who are eligible to enroll in kindergarten in the next school year.~~

60.12 (d) A person ~~shall~~ may not be admitted to a charter school (1) as a kindergarten pupil,
60.13 unless the pupil is at least five years of age on September 1 of the calendar year in which
60.14 the school year for which the pupil seeks admission commences; or (2) as a first grade
60.15 student, unless the pupil is at least six years of age on September 1 of the calendar year in
60.16 which the school year for which the pupil seeks admission commences or has completed
60.17 kindergarten; except that a charter school may establish and publish on its website a policy
60.18 for admission of selected pupils at an earlier age, consistent with the enrollment process in
60.19 paragraphs (b) and (c).

60.20 (e) Except as permitted in ~~paragraph (d)~~ paragraphs (d) and (i), a charter school, including
60.21 its preschool or prekindergarten program established under section 124E.06, subdivision
60.22 3, paragraph (b), may not limit admission to pupils on the basis of intellectual ability,
60.23 measures of achievement or aptitude, or athletic ability and may not establish any criteria
60.24 or requirements for admission that are inconsistent with this section.

60.25 (f) The charter school ~~shall~~ must not distribute any services or goods of value to students,
60.26 parents, or guardians as an inducement, term, or condition of enrolling a student in a charter
60.27 school.

60.28 (g) Once a student is enrolled in the school, the student is considered enrolled in the
60.29 school until the student formally withdraws or is expelled under the Pupil Fair Dismissal
60.30 Act in sections 121A.40 to 121A.56, except that: (1) a pupil currently enrolled in the school's
60.31 fee-based preschool or prekindergarten program under section 124E.06, subdivision 3,
60.32 paragraph (b), who is eligible to enroll in kindergarten in the next school year must apply
60.33 to and be admitted into kindergarten according to the provisions of this section; and (2)
60.34 out-of-state residents must annually apply to and be admitted by the school according to
60.35 the provisions of this section.

61.1 (h) A charter school with at least 90 percent of enrolled students who are eligible for
 61.2 special education services and have a primary disability of deaf or hard-of-hearing may
 61.3 enroll prekindergarten pupils with a disability under section 126C.05, subdivision 1,
 61.4 paragraph (a), and must comply with the federal Individuals with Disabilities Education
 61.5 Act under Code of Federal Regulations, title 34, section 300.324, subsection (2), clause
 61.6 (iv).

61.7 (i) A charter school serving at least 90 percent of enrolled students who are eligible for
 61.8 special education services and have a primary disability of deaf, deafblind, or hard-of-hearing
 61.9 may give enrollment preference to students who are eligible for special education services
 61.10 and have a primary disability of deaf, deafblind, or hard-of-hearing. The charter school may
 61.11 not limit admission based on the student's eligibility for additional special education services.

61.12 Sec. 11. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 124E.12, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

61.13 Subdivision 1. **Teachers.** A charter school, excluding its preschool or prekindergarten
 61.14 program established under section 124E.06, subdivision 3, must employ or contract with
 61.15 necessary teachers, as defined by section ~~122A.15, subdivision 1,~~ 122A.06, subdivision 2,
 61.16 or contract with a cooperative formed under chapter 308A to provide necessary teachers,
 61.17 who hold valid licenses to perform the particular service for which they are employed in
 61.18 the school. A charter school's preschool or prekindergarten program must employ or contract
 61.19 with teachers knowledgeable in early childhood curriculum content, assessment, native and
 61.20 English language programs, and instruction established under section 124E.06, subdivision
 61.21 3. The commissioner may reduce the charter school's state aid under section 127A.43 if the
 61.22 school employs a teacher who is not appropriately licensed or approved by the Professional
 61.23 Educator Licensing and Standards Board. The school may employ necessary employees
 61.24 who are not required to hold teaching licenses to perform duties other than teaching and
 61.25 may contract for other services. The school may discharge teachers and nonlicensed
 61.26 employees. The charter school board is subject to section 181.932 governing whistle-blowers.
 61.27 When offering employment to a prospective employee, a charter school must give that
 61.28 employee a written description of the terms and conditions of employment and the school's
 61.29 personnel policies.

61.30 Sec. 12. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 124E.13, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

61.31 Subdivision 1. **Leased space.** A charter school may lease space from: an independent
 61.32 or special school board; other public organization; private, nonprofit, nonsectarian
 61.33 organization; private property owner; or a sectarian organization if the leased space is

62.1 constructed as a school facility. In all cases, the eligible lessor must also be the building
62.2 owner. The commissioner must review and approve or disapprove leases in a timely manner
62.3 to determine eligibility for lease aid under section 124E.22.

62.4 Sec. 13. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 124E.13, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

62.5 Subd. 3. **Affiliated nonprofit building corporation.** (a) An affiliated nonprofit building
62.6 corporation may purchase, expand, or renovate an existing facility to serve as a school or
62.7 may construct a new school facility. ~~A~~ One charter school may organize an affiliated
62.8 nonprofit building corporation that serves only that charter school if the charter school:

62.9 (1) has operated for at least six consecutive years;

62.10 (2) as of June 30, has a net positive unreserved general fund balance in the preceding
62.11 three fiscal years;

62.12 (3) has long-range strategic and financial plans that include enrollment projections for
62.13 at least five years;

62.14 (4) completes a feasibility study of facility options that outlines the benefits and costs
62.15 of each option; and

62.16 (5) has a plan that describes project parameters and budget.

62.17 (b) An affiliated nonprofit building corporation under this subdivision must:

62.18 (1) be incorporated under section 317A;

62.19 (2) comply with applicable Internal Revenue Service regulations, including regulations
62.20 for "supporting organizations" as defined by the Internal Revenue Service;

62.21 (3) post on the school website the name, mailing address, bylaws, minutes of board
62.22 meetings, and names of the current board of directors of the affiliated nonprofit building
62.23 corporation;

62.24 (4) submit to the commissioner a copy of its annual audit by December 31 of each year;
62.25 and

62.26 (5) comply with government data practices law under chapter 13.

62.27 (c) An affiliated nonprofit building corporation must not serve as the leasing agent for
62.28 property or facilities it does not own. A charter school that leases a facility from an affiliated
62.29 nonprofit building corporation that does not own the leased facility is ineligible to receive
62.30 charter school lease aid. The state is immune from liability resulting from a contract between
62.31 a charter school and an affiliated nonprofit building corporation.

63.1 (d) The board of directors of the charter school must ensure the affiliated nonprofit
63.2 building corporation complies with all applicable legal requirements. The charter school's
63.3 authorizer must oversee the efforts of the board of directors of the charter school to ensure
63.4 legal compliance of the affiliated building corporation. A school's board of directors that
63.5 fails to ensure the affiliated nonprofit building corporation's compliance violates its
63.6 responsibilities and an authorizer must consider that failure when evaluating the charter
63.7 school.

63.8 Sec. 14. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 124E.16, is amended to read:

63.9 **124E.16 REPORTS.**

63.10 Subdivision 1. **Audit report.** (a) A charter school is subject to the same financial audits,
63.11 audit procedures, and audit requirements as a district, except as required under this
63.12 subdivision. Audits must be conducted in compliance with generally accepted governmental
63.13 auditing standards, the federal Single Audit Act, if applicable, and section 6.65 governing
63.14 auditing procedures. A charter school is subject to and must comply with sections 15.054;
63.15 118A.01; 118A.02; 118A.03; 118A.04; 118A.05; 118A.06 governing government property
63.16 and financial investments; and sections 471.38; 471.391; 471.392; and 471.425 governing
63.17 municipal contracting. The audit must comply with the requirements of sections 123B.75
63.18 to 123B.83 governing school district finance, except when the commissioner and authorizer
63.19 approve a deviation made necessary because of school program finances. The commissioner,
63.20 state auditor, legislative auditor, or authorizer may conduct financial, program, or compliance
63.21 audits. A charter school in statutory operating debt under sections 123B.81 to 123B.83 must
63.22 submit a plan under section 123B.81, subdivision 4.

63.23 (b) The charter school must submit an audit report to the commissioner and its authorizer
63.24 annually by December 31.

63.25 (c) The charter school, with the assistance of the auditor conducting the audit, must
63.26 include with the report, as supplemental information: (1) a copy of a new management
63.27 agreements agreement or an amendment to a current agreement with a charter management
63.28 organization or an educational management organization and (2) service agreements or
63.29 contracts over the lesser of \$100,000 or ten percent of the school's most recent annual audited
63.30 expenditures CMO or EMO signed during the audit year; and (2) a copy of a service
63.31 agreement or contract with a company or individual totaling over five percent of the audited
63.32 expenditures for the most recent audit year. The agreements must detail the terms of the
63.33 agreement, including the services provided and the annual costs for those services. ~~If the~~
63.34 ~~entity that provides the professional services to the charter school is exempt from taxation~~

64.1 ~~under section 501 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, that entity must file with the~~
64.2 ~~commissioner by February 15 a copy of the annual return required under section 6033 of~~
64.3 ~~the Internal Revenue Code of 1986.~~

64.4 (d) A charter school independent audit report shall include audited financial data of an
64.5 affiliated building corporation under section 124E.13, subdivision 3, or other component
64.6 unit.

64.7 (e) If the audit report finds that a material weakness exists in the financial reporting
64.8 systems of a charter school, the charter school must submit a written report to the
64.9 commissioner explaining how the charter school will resolve that material weakness. An
64.10 auditor, as a condition of providing financial services to a charter school, must agree to
64.11 make available information about a charter school's financial audit to the commissioner and
64.12 authorizer upon request.

64.13 Subd. 2. **Annual public reports.** (a) A charter school must publish an annual report
64.14 approved by the board of directors. The annual report must at least include information on
64.15 school enrollment, student attrition, governance and management, staffing, finances,
64.16 management agreements with a CMO or EMO, academic performance, innovative practices
64.17 and implementation, and future plans. A charter school may combine this report with the
64.18 reporting required under section 120B.11 governing the world's best workforce. A charter
64.19 school must post the annual report on the school's official website. A charter school also
64.20 must distribute the annual report by publication, mail, or electronic means to its authorizer,
64.21 school employees, and parents and legal guardians of students enrolled in the charter school.
64.22 The reports are public data under chapter 13.

64.23 (b) An authorizer must submit an annual public report in a manner specified by the
64.24 commissioner by January 15 for the previous school year ending June 30 that shall at least
64.25 include key indicators of school academic, operational, and financial performance. The
64.26 report is part of the system to evaluate authorizer performance under section 124E.05,
64.27 subdivision 5.

64.28 Subd. 3. **Public accounting and reporting CMO and EMO agreements.** (a) A charter
64.29 school that enters into a management agreement with a CMO or EMO must:

64.30 (1) publish on its website for at least 20 business days the proposed final agreement for
64.31 public review and comment before the school board may adopt the contract or agreement.
64.32 Any changes made to the posted agreement during the public review period or any proposed
64.33 amendments to the agreement once adopted must be posted for 20 business days before the
64.34 board may adopt the amendments to the contract;

65.1 (2) annually publish on its website a statement of assurance that no member of the school
65.2 board, staff, or any agent of the school has been promised or received any form of
65.3 compensation or gifts from the CMO or EMO and that no board member, employee, or
65.4 agent of the CMO or EMO or any of the organization affiliates or providers serve on the
65.5 charter school board; and

65.6 (3) conduct an independent review and evaluation of the services provided by the CMO
65.7 or EMO and publish the evaluation on the school's website at least 30 business days before
65.8 the end of the current contract.

65.9 (b) A management agreement with a CMO or EMO must contain the following:

65.10 (1) the term of the contract, not to exceed five years;

65.11 (2) the total dollar value of the contract including the annual projected costs of services;

65.12 (3) a description and terms of the services to be provided during the term of the contract;

65.13 (4) notice that a charter school closure during the term of the contract by action of the
65.14 authorizer or the school's board results in the balance of the current contract becoming null
65.15 and void;

65.16 (5) an annual statement of assurance to the charter school board that the CMO or EMO
65.17 provided no compensation or gifts to any charter school board member, staff member, or
65.18 agent of the charter school;

65.19 (6) an annual statement of assurance that no charter school board member, employee,
65.20 contractor, or agent of the CMO or EMO or any affiliated organization is a board member
65.21 of the charter school or any other charter school;

65.22 (7) the policies and protocols that meet federal and state laws regarding student and
65.23 personnel data collection, usage, access, retention, disclosure and destruction, and
65.24 indemnification and warranty provisions in case of data breaches by the CMO or EMO;

65.25 (8) the CMO or EMO must annually provide the charter school board a financial report
65.26 by July 31 that accounts for income and expenditures for the previous fiscal year using the
65.27 account categories in uniform financial accounting and reporting standards; and

65.28 (9) an annual assurance that all assets purchased on behalf of the charter school using
65.29 public funds remain assets of the school.

65.30 (c) Any agreement with a CMO or EMO containing any of the following provisions is
65.31 null and void:

66.1 (1) restrictions on the charter school's ability to operate a school upon termination of
66.2 the agreement;

66.3 (2) restrictions on the annual or total amount of the school's operating surplus or fund
66.4 balance;

66.5 (3) authorization to allow a CMO or EMO to withdraw funds from a charter school
66.6 account; or

66.7 (4) authorization to allow a CMO or EMO to loan funds to the charter school.

66.8 (d) A CMO or EMO or its affiliates, employees, or agents may not contract with, be
66.9 employed by, or serve on the board of an authorizer. An authorizer or its affiliates, employees,
66.10 or agents may not contract with, be employed by, serve as a paid consultant for, or serve as
66.11 a board member of a CMO or EMO.

66.12 Sec. 15. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 124E.25, subdivision 1a, is amended to read:

66.13 Subd. 1a. **School closures; payments.** (a) Notwithstanding subdivision 1 and section
66.14 127A.45, for a charter school ceasing operation on or before June 30, for the payment periods
66.15 occurring after the school ceases serving students, the commissioner shall withhold the
66.16 estimated state aid owed the school. The charter school board of directors and authorizer
66.17 must submit to the commissioner a closure plan under chapter ~~308A~~ or 317A, and financial
66.18 information about the school's liabilities and assets. After receiving the closure plan, financial
66.19 information, an audit of pupil counts, and documented lease expenditures from the charter
66.20 school and monitoring special education expenditures, the commissioner may release cash
66.21 withheld and may continue regular payments up to the current year payment percentages
66.22 if further amounts are owed. If, based on audits and monitoring, the school received state
66.23 aid in excess of the amount owed, the commissioner shall retain aid withheld sufficient to
66.24 eliminate the aid overpayment.

66.25 (b) For a charter school ceasing operations before or at the end of a school year,
66.26 notwithstanding section 127A.45, subdivision 3, the commissioner may make preliminary
66.27 final payments after the school submits the closure plan, an audit of pupil counts, documented
66.28 lease expenditures, and Uniform Financial Accounting and Reporting Standards (UFARS)
66.29 financial data and the commissioner monitors special education expenditures for the final
66.30 year of operation. The commissioner may make the final payment after receiving audited
66.31 financial statements under section 123B.77, subdivision 3.

67.1 (c) Notwithstanding sections 317A.701 to 317A.791, after closing a charter school and
67.2 satisfying creditors, remaining cash and investment balances shall be returned by the
67.3 commissioner to the state general fund.

67.4 ARTICLE 5

67.5 DISCIPLINE, RESTRICTIVE PROCEDURES, AND REPORTING REFORM

67.6 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 120A.22, subdivision 7, is amended to read:

67.7 Subd. 7. **Education records.** (a) A district, a charter school, or a nonpublic school that
67.8 receives services or aid under sections 123B.40 to 123B.48 from which a student is
67.9 transferring must transmit the student's educational records, within ten business days of a
67.10 request, to the district, the charter school, or the nonpublic school in which the student is
67.11 enrolling. Districts, charter schools, and nonpublic schools that receive services or aid under
67.12 sections 123B.40 to 123B.48 must make reasonable efforts to determine the district, the
67.13 charter school, or the nonpublic school in which a transferring student is next enrolling in
67.14 order to comply with this subdivision.

67.15 (b) A closed charter school must transfer the student's educational records, within ten
67.16 business days of the school's closure, to the student's school district of residence where the
67.17 records must be retained unless the records are otherwise transferred under this subdivision.

67.18 (c) A school district, a charter school, or a nonpublic school that receives services or aid
67.19 under sections 123B.40 to 123B.48 that transmits a student's educational records to another
67.20 school district or other educational entity, charter school, or nonpublic school to which the
67.21 student is transferring must include in the transmitted records information about any formal
67.22 suspension, expulsion, and exclusion disciplinary action, as well as pupil withdrawals, under
67.23 sections 121A.40 to 121A.56. The transmitted records must include services a pupil needs
67.24 to prevent the inappropriate behavior from recurring. The district, the charter school, or the
67.25 nonpublic school that receives services or aid under sections 123B.40 to 123B.48 must
67.26 provide notice to a student and the student's parent or guardian that formal disciplinary
67.27 records will be transferred as part of the student's educational record, in accordance with
67.28 data practices under chapter 13 and the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974,
67.29 United States Code, title 20, section 1232(g).

67.30 (d) Notwithstanding section 138.17, a principal or chief administrative officer must
67.31 remove from a student's educational record and destroy a probable cause notice received
67.32 under section 260B.171, subdivision 5, or paragraph (e), if one year has elapsed since the
67.33 date of the notice and the principal or chief administrative officer has not received a

68.1 disposition or court order related to the offense described in the notice. This paragraph does
68.2 not apply if the student no longer attends the school when this one-year period expires.

68.3 (e) A principal or chief administrative officer who receives a probable cause notice under
68.4 section 260B.171, subdivision 5, or a disposition or court order, must include a copy of that
68.5 data in the student's educational records if they are transmitted to another school, unless the
68.6 data are required to be destroyed under paragraph (d) or section 121A.75.

68.7 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 121A.41, is amended by adding a subdivision to
68.8 read:

68.9 Subd. 12. **Nonexclusionary disciplinary policies and practices; alternatives to pupil**
68.10 **removal and dismissal.** "Nonexclusionary disciplinary policies and practices" means
68.11 policies and practices that are alternatives to removing a pupil from class or dismissing a
68.12 pupil from school, including evidence-based positive behavior interventions and supports,
68.13 social and emotional services, school-linked mental health services, counseling services,
68.14 social work services, referrals for special education or 504 evaluations, academic screening
68.15 for Title 1 services or reading interventions, and alternative education services.
68.16 Nonexclusionary disciplinary policies and practices require school officials to intervene in,
68.17 redirect, and support a pupil's behavior before removing a pupil from class or beginning
68.18 dismissal proceedings. Nonexclusionary disciplinary policies and practices include but are
68.19 not limited to the policies and practices under sections 120B.12; 121A.575, clauses (1) and
68.20 (2); 121A.031, subdivision 4, paragraph (a), clause (1); 121A.61, subdivision 3, paragraph
68.21 (q); 122A.627, clause (3); and 123A.56.

68.22 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective for the 2023-2024 school year and later.

68.23 Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 121A.41, is amended by adding a subdivision to
68.24 read:

68.25 Subd. 13. **Pupil withdrawal agreement.** "Pupil withdrawal agreement" means a verbal
68.26 or written agreement between a school administrator or district administrator and a pupil's
68.27 parent to withdraw a student from the school district to avoid expulsion or exclusion dismissal
68.28 proceedings. The duration of the withdrawal agreement cannot be for more than a 12-month
68.29 period.

68.30 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective for the 2023-2024 school year and later.

69.1 Sec. 4. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 121A.425, is amended to read:

69.2 **121A.425 FULL AND EQUITABLE PARTICIPATION IN PRESCHOOL AND**
69.3 **PREKINDERGARTEN EARLY LEARNING.**

69.4 Subdivision 1. **Disciplinary dismissals prohibited.** (a) A pupil enrolled in the following
69.5 is not subject to dismissals under this chapter:

69.6 (1) a preschool or prekindergarten program, including ~~a child participating in an~~ early
69.7 childhood family education, school readiness, school readiness plus, voluntary
69.8 prekindergarten, Head Start, or other school-based preschool or prekindergarten program;
69.9 ~~may not be subject to dismissals under this chapter;~~ or

69.10 (2) kindergarten through grade 3.

69.11 (b) Notwithstanding this subdivision, expulsions and exclusions may be used only after
69.12 resources outlined in subdivision 2 have been exhausted, and only in circumstances where
69.13 there is an ongoing serious safety threat to the child or others.

69.14 Subd. 2. **Nonexclusionary discipline.** For purposes of this section, nonexclusionary
69.15 discipline must include at least one of the following:

69.16 (1) collaborating with the pupil's family or guardian, child mental health consultant or
69.17 provider, education specialist, or other community-based support;

69.18 (2) creating a plan, written with the parent or guardian, that details the action and support
69.19 needed for the pupil to fully participate in the current educational program, including a
69.20 preschool or prekindergarten program; or

69.21 (3) providing a referral for needed support services, including parenting education, home
69.22 visits, other supportive education interventions, or, where appropriate, an evaluation to
69.23 determine if the pupil is eligible for special education services or section 504 services.

69.24 Sec. 5. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 121A.45, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

69.25 Subdivision 1. **Provision of alternative programs.** No school shall dismiss any pupil
69.26 without attempting to ~~provide alternative educational services~~ use nonexclusionary
69.27 disciplinary policies and practices before dismissal proceedings or pupil withdrawal
69.28 agreements, except where it appears that the pupil will create an immediate and substantial
69.29 danger to self or to surrounding persons or property.

69.30 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective for the 2023-2024 school year and later.

70.1 Sec. 6. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 121A.46, subdivision 4, is amended to read:

70.2 Subd. 4. **Provision of alternative education services; suspension pending expulsion**
70.3 **or exclusion hearing.** (a) Alternative education services must be provided to a pupil who
70.4 is suspended for more than five consecutive school days.

70.5 (b) Notwithstanding the provisions of subdivisions 1 and 3, the pupil may be suspended
70.6 pending the school board's decision in the expulsion or exclusion hearing; provided that
70.7 alternative educational services are implemented to the extent that suspension exceeds five
70.8 consecutive school days.

70.9 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective for the 2023-2024 school year and later.

70.10 Sec. 7. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 121A.46, is amended by adding a subdivision to
70.11 read:

70.12 Subd. 5. **Minimum education services.** School administration must allow a suspended
70.13 pupil the opportunity to complete all school work assigned during the period of the pupil's
70.14 suspension and to receive full credit for satisfactorily completing the assignments. The
70.15 school principal or other person having administrative control of the school building or
70.16 program is encouraged to designate a district or school employee as a liaison to work with
70.17 the pupil's teachers to allow the suspended pupil to (1) receive timely course materials and
70.18 other information, and (2) complete daily and weekly assignments and receive teachers'
70.19 feedback.

70.20 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective for the 2023-2024 school year and later.

70.21 Sec. 8. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 121A.47, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

70.22 Subd. 2. **Written notice.** Written notice of intent to take action shall:

70.23 (a) be served upon the pupil and the pupil's parent or guardian personally or by mail;

70.24 (b) contain a complete statement of the facts, a list of the witnesses and a description of
70.25 their testimony;

70.26 (c) state the date, time, and place of the hearing;

70.27 (d) be accompanied by a copy of sections 121A.40 to 121A.56;

70.28 (e) describe ~~alternative educational services~~ the nonexclusionary disciplinary practices
70.29 accorded the pupil in an attempt to avoid the expulsion proceedings; and

70.30 (f) inform the pupil and parent or guardian of the right to:

71.1 (1) have a representative of the pupil's own choosing, including legal counsel, at the
71.2 hearing. The district ~~shall~~ must advise the pupil's parent or guardian that free or low-cost
71.3 legal assistance may be available and that a legal assistance resource list is available from
71.4 the Department of Education and is posted on their website;

71.5 (2) examine the pupil's records before the hearing;

71.6 (3) present evidence; and

71.7 (4) confront and cross-examine witnesses.

71.8 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective for the 2023-2024 school year and later.

71.9 Sec. 9. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 121A.47, subdivision 14, is amended to read:

71.10 Subd. 14. **Admission or readmission plan.** (a) A school administrator ~~shall~~ must prepare
71.11 and enforce an admission or readmission plan for any pupil who is excluded or expelled
71.12 from school. The plan ~~may~~ must include measures to improve the pupil's behavior, ~~including~~
71.13 which may include completing a character education program, consistent with section
71.14 120B.232, subdivision 1, ~~and~~ social and emotional learning, counseling, social work services,
71.15 mental health services, referrals for special education or 504 evaluation, and evidence-based
71.16 academic interventions. The plan must require parental involvement in the admission or
71.17 readmission process, and may indicate the consequences to the pupil of not improving the
71.18 pupil's behavior.

71.19 (b) The definition of suspension under section 121A.41, subdivision 10, does not apply
71.20 to a student's dismissal from school for ~~one school day or less than one school day~~, except
71.21 as provided under federal law for a student with a disability. Each suspension action may
71.22 include a readmission plan. A readmission plan must provide, where appropriate, alternative
71.23 education services, which must not be used to extend the student's current suspension period.
71.24 Consistent with section 125A.091, subdivision 5, a readmission plan must not obligate a
71.25 parent or guardian to provide psychotropic drugs to their student as a condition of
71.26 readmission. School officials must not use the refusal of a parent or guardian to consent to
71.27 the administration of psychotropic drugs to their student or to consent to a psychiatric
71.28 evaluation, screening or examination of the student as a ground, by itself, to prohibit the
71.29 student from attending class or participating in a school-related activity, or as a basis of a
71.30 charge of child abuse, child neglect or medical or educational neglect.

71.31 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective for the 2023-2024 school year and later.

72.1 Sec. 10. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 121A.53, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

72.2 Subdivision 1. **Exclusions and expulsions; student withdrawals; physical**
 72.3 **assaults.** Consistent with subdivision 2, the school board must report through the department
 72.4 electronic reporting system each exclusion or expulsion ~~and~~₂ each physical assault of a
 72.5 district employee by a ~~student~~ pupil, and each pupil withdrawal agreement within 30 days
 72.6 of the effective date of the dismissal action, pupil withdrawal, or assault₂ to the commissioner
 72.7 of education. This report must include a statement of ~~alternative educational services~~
 72.8 nonexclusionary disciplinary practices, or other sanction, intervention, or resolution in
 72.9 response to the assault given the pupil and the reason for, the effective date, and the duration
 72.10 of the exclusion or expulsion or other sanction, intervention, or resolution. The report must
 72.11 also include the ~~student's~~ pupil's age, grade, gender, race, and special education status.

72.12 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective for the 2023-2024 school year and later.

72.13 Sec. 11. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 121A.55, is amended to read:

72.14 **121A.55 POLICIES TO BE ESTABLISHED.**

72.15 (a) The commissioner of education ~~shall~~ must promulgate guidelines to assist each school
 72.16 board. Each school board ~~shall~~ must establish uniform criteria for dismissal and adopt written
 72.17 policies and rules to effectuate the purposes of sections 121A.40 to 121A.56. The policies
 72.18 ~~shall~~ must include nonexclusionary disciplinary policies and practices consistent with section
 72.19 121A.41, subdivision 12, and must emphasize preventing dismissals through early detection
 72.20 of problems and shall. The policies must be designed to address students' inappropriate
 72.21 behavior from recurring.

72.22 (b) The policies ~~shall~~ must recognize the continuing responsibility of the school for the
 72.23 education of the pupil during the dismissal period.

72.24 (c) The school is responsible for ensuring that alternative educational services, if the
 72.25 pupil wishes to take advantage of them, must be adequate to allow the pupil to make progress
 72.26 ~~towards~~ toward meeting the graduation standards adopted under section 120B.02 and help
 72.27 prepare the pupil for readmission in accordance with section 121A.46, subdivision 5.

72.28 (d) For expulsion and exclusion dismissals and pupil withdrawal agreements as defined
 72.29 in section 121A.41, subdivision 13:

72.30 (1) a school district's continuing responsibility includes reviewing the pupil's school
 72.31 work and grades on a quarterly basis to ensure the pupil is on track for readmission with
 72.32 the pupil's peers. School districts must communicate on a regular basis with the pupil's

73.1 parent or guardian to ensure the pupil is completing the work assigned through the alternative
 73.2 educational services;

73.3 (2) a pupil receiving school-based or school-linked mental health services in the district
 73.4 under section 245.4889 continues to be eligible for those services until the pupil is enrolled
 73.5 in a new district; and

73.6 (3) a school district must provide to the pupil's parent or guardian information on
 73.7 accessing mental health services, including any free or sliding fee providers in the
 73.8 community. The information must also be posted on the district or charter school website.

73.9 ~~(b)~~ (e) An area learning center under section 123A.05 may not prohibit an expelled or
 73.10 excluded pupil from enrolling solely because a district expelled or excluded the pupil. The
 73.11 board of the area learning center may use the provisions of the Pupil Fair Dismissal Act to
 73.12 exclude a pupil or to require an admission plan.

73.13 ~~(e)~~ (f) Each school district shall develop a policy and report it to the commissioner on
 73.14 the appropriate use of peace officers and crisis teams to remove students who have an
 73.15 individualized education program from school grounds.

73.16 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective for the 2023-2024 school year and later.

73.17 Sec. 12. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 121A.58, is amended to read:

73.18 **121A.58 CORPORAL PUNISHMENT; PRONE RESTRAINT; AND CERTAIN**
 73.19 **PHYSICAL HOLDS.**

73.20 Subdivision 1. ~~Definition~~ **Definitions.** (a) For the purpose of this section, "corporal
 73.21 punishment" means conduct involving:

73.22 (1) hitting or spanking a person with or without an object; or

73.23 (2) unreasonable physical force that causes bodily harm or substantial emotional harm.

73.24 (b) For the purpose of this section, "prone restraint" means placing a child in a face-down
 73.25 position.

73.26 Subd. 2. **Corporal punishment not allowed.** An employee or agent of a district shall
 73.27 not inflict corporal punishment or cause corporal punishment to be inflicted upon a pupil
 73.28 to reform unacceptable conduct or as a penalty for unacceptable conduct.

73.29 **Subd. 2a. Prone restraint and certain physical holds not allowed.** (a) An employee
 73.30 or agent of a district, including a school resource officer or police officer contracted with
 73.31 a district, shall not use prone restraint.

74.1 (b) An employee or agent of a district, including a school resource officer or police
74.2 officer contracted with a district, shall not inflict any form of physical holding that restricts
74.3 or impairs a pupil's ability to breathe; restricts or impairs a pupil's ability to communicate
74.4 distress; places pressure or weight on a pupil's head, throat, neck, chest, lungs, sternum,
74.5 diaphragm, back, or abdomen; or results in straddling a pupil's torso.

74.6 Subd. 3. **Violation.** Conduct that violates subdivision 2 is not a crime under section
74.7 645.241, but may be a crime under chapter 609 if the conduct violates a provision of chapter
74.8 609.

74.9 Sec. 13. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 121A.61, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

74.10 Subdivision 1. **Required policy.** Each school board must adopt a written districtwide
74.11 school discipline policy which includes written rules of conduct for students, minimum
74.12 consequences for violations of the rules, and grounds and procedures for removal of a student
74.13 from class. The policy must contain the discipline complaint procedure that any member
74.14 of the school community may use to file a complaint regarding the application of discipline
74.15 policies and seek corrective action. The policy must be developed in consultation with
74.16 administrators, teachers, employees, pupils, parents, community members, law enforcement
74.17 agencies, county attorney offices, social service agencies, and such other individuals or
74.18 organizations as the board determines appropriate. A school site council may adopt additional
74.19 provisions to the policy subject to the approval of the school board.

74.20 Sec. 14. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 121A.61, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

74.21 Subd. 3. **Policy components.** The policy must include at least the following components:

74.22 (a) rules governing student conduct and procedures for informing students of the rules;

74.23 (b) the grounds for removal of a student from a class;

74.24 (c) the authority of the classroom teacher to remove students from the classroom pursuant
74.25 to procedures and rules established in the district's policy;

74.26 (d) the procedures for removal of a student from a class by a teacher, school administrator,
74.27 or other school district employee;

74.28 (e) the period of time for which a student may be removed from a class, which may not
74.29 exceed five class periods for a violation of a rule of conduct;

74.30 (f) provisions relating to the responsibility for and custody of a student removed from
74.31 a class;

- 75.1 (g) the procedures for return of a student to the specified class from which the student
75.2 has been removed;
- 75.3 (h) the procedures for notifying a student and the student's parents or guardian of
75.4 violations of the rules of conduct and of resulting disciplinary actions;
- 75.5 (i) any procedures determined appropriate for encouraging early involvement of parents
75.6 or guardians in attempts to improve a student's behavior;
- 75.7 (j) any procedures determined appropriate for encouraging early detection of behavioral
75.8 problems;
- 75.9 (k) any procedures determined appropriate for referring a student in need of special
75.10 education services to those services;
- 75.11 (l) any procedures determined appropriate for ensuring victims of bullying who respond
75.12 with behavior not allowed under the school's behavior policies have access to a remedial
75.13 response, consistent with section 121A.031;
- 75.14 ~~(m)~~ (m) the procedures for consideration of whether there is a need for a further assessment
75.15 or of whether there is a need for a review of the adequacy of a current individualized
75.16 education program of a student with a disability who is removed from class;
- 75.17 ~~(n)~~ (n) procedures for detecting and addressing chemical abuse problems of a student
75.18 while on the school premises;
- 75.19 ~~(o)~~ (o) the minimum consequences for violations of the code of conduct;
- 75.20 ~~(p)~~ (p) procedures for immediate and appropriate interventions tied to violations of the
75.21 code;
- 75.22 ~~(q)~~ (q) a provision that states that a teacher, school employee, school bus driver, or other
75.23 agent of a district may use reasonable force in compliance with section 121A.582 and other
75.24 laws;
- 75.25 ~~(r)~~ (r) an agreement regarding procedures to coordinate crisis services to the extent funds
75.26 are available with the county board responsible for implementing sections 245.487 to
75.27 245.4889 for students with a serious emotional disturbance or other students who have an
75.28 individualized education program whose behavior may be addressed by crisis intervention;
75.29 ~~and~~
- 75.30 ~~(s)~~ (s) a provision that states a student must be removed from class immediately if the
75.31 student engages in assault or violent behavior. For purposes of this paragraph, "assault" has

76.1 the meaning given it in section 609.02, subdivision 10. The removal shall be for a period
76.2 of time deemed appropriate by the principal, in consultation with the teacher;

76.3 (t) a prohibition on the use of exclusionary practices for early learners as defined in
76.4 section 121A.425; and

76.5 (u) a prohibition on the use of exclusionary practices to address attendance and truancy
76.6 issues.

76.7 Sec. 15. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 121A.61, is amended by adding a subdivision
76.8 to read:

76.9 Subd. 4. **Discipline complaint procedure.** The discipline policy must contain procedures
76.10 for students, parents and other guardians, and school staff to file a complaint and seek
76.11 corrective action when the requirements of sections 121A.40 to 121A.61, including the
76.12 implementation of the local behavior and discipline policies, are not being implemented
76.13 appropriately or are being discriminately applied. Each district and school policy implemented
76.14 under this section must, at a minimum:

76.15 (1) provide procedures for communicating this policy including the ability for a parent
76.16 to appeal a decision under section 121A.49 that contains explicit instructions for filing the
76.17 complaint;

76.18 (2) provide an opportunity for involved parties to submit additional information related
76.19 to the complaint;

76.20 (3) provide a procedure to begin to investigate complaints within three school days of
76.21 receipt, and identify personnel who will manage the investigation and any resulting record
76.22 and are responsible for keeping and regulating access to any record;

76.23 (4) provide procedures for issuing a written determination to the complainant that
76.24 addresses each allegation and contains findings and conclusions;

76.25 (5) if the investigation finds the requirements of sections 121A.40 to 121A.61, including
76.26 any local policies that were not implemented appropriately, contain procedures that require
76.27 a corrective action plan to correct a student's record and provide relevant staff with training,
76.28 coaching, or other accountability practices to ensure appropriate compliance with policies
76.29 in the future; and

76.30 (6) prohibit reprisals or retaliation against any person who asserts, alleges, or reports a
76.31 complaint, and provide procedures for applying appropriate consequences for a person who
76.32 engages in reprisal or retaliation.

77.1 Sec. 16. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 125A.0942, is amended to read:

77.2 **125A.0942 STANDARDS FOR RESTRICTIVE PROCEDURES.**

77.3 Subdivision 1. **Restrictive procedures plan.** (a) Schools that intend to use restrictive
77.4 procedures shall maintain and make publicly accessible in an electronic format on a school
77.5 or district website or make a paper copy available upon request describing a restrictive
77.6 procedures plan for children with disabilities that at least:

77.7 (1) lists the restrictive procedures the school intends to use;

77.8 (2) describes how the school will implement a range of positive behavior strategies and
77.9 provide links to mental health services;

77.10 (3) describes how the school will provide training on de-escalation techniques, consistent
77.11 with section 122A.187, subdivision 4;

77.12 (4) describes how the school will monitor and review the use of restrictive procedures,
77.13 including:

77.14 (i) conducting post-use debriefings, consistent with subdivision 3, paragraph (a), clause
77.15 (5); and

77.16 (ii) convening an oversight committee to undertake a quarterly review of the use of
77.17 restrictive procedures based on patterns or problems indicated by similarities in the time of
77.18 day, day of the week, duration of the use of a procedure, the individuals involved, or other
77.19 factors associated with the use of restrictive procedures; the number of times a restrictive
77.20 procedure is used schoolwide and for individual children; the number and types of injuries,
77.21 if any, resulting from the use of restrictive procedures; whether restrictive procedures are
77.22 used in nonemergency situations; the need for additional staff training; and proposed actions
77.23 to minimize the use of restrictive procedures; any disproportionate use of restrictive
77.24 procedures based on race, gender, or disability status; the role of the school resource officer
77.25 or police in emergencies and the use of restrictive procedures; and documentation to
77.26 determine if the standards for using restrictive procedures as described in sections 125A.0941
77.27 and 125A.0942 are met; and

77.28 (5) includes a written description and documentation of the training staff completed
77.29 under subdivision 5.

77.30 (b) Schools annually must publicly identify oversight committee members who must at
77.31 least include:

77.32 (1) a mental health professional, school psychologist, or school social worker;

78.1 (2) an expert in positive behavior strategies;

78.2 (3) a special education administrator; and

78.3 (4) a general education administrator.

78.4 Subd. 2. **Restrictive procedures.** (a) Restrictive procedures may be used only by a
78.5 licensed special education teacher, school social worker, school psychologist, behavior
78.6 analyst certified by the National Behavior Analyst Certification Board, a person with a
78.7 master's degree in behavior analysis, other licensed education professional, paraprofessional
78.8 under section 120B.363, or mental health professional under section 245.4871, subdivision
78.9 27, who has completed the training program under subdivision 5.

78.10 (b) A school shall make reasonable efforts to notify the parent on the same day a
78.11 restrictive procedure is used on the child, or if the school is unable to provide same-day
78.12 notice, notice is sent within two days by written or electronic means or as otherwise indicated
78.13 by the child's parent under paragraph (f).

78.14 (c) The district must hold a meeting of the individualized education program or
78.15 individualized family service plan team, conduct or review a functional behavioral analysis,
78.16 review data, consider developing additional or revised positive behavioral interventions and
78.17 supports, consider actions to reduce the use of restrictive procedures, and modify the
78.18 individualized education program, individualized family service plan, or behavior intervention
78.19 plan as appropriate. The district must hold the meeting: within ten calendar days after district
78.20 staff use restrictive procedures on two separate school days within 30 calendar days or a
78.21 pattern of use emerges and the child's individualized education program, individualized
78.22 family service plan, or behavior intervention plan does not provide for using restrictive
78.23 procedures in an emergency; or at the request of a parent or the district after restrictive
78.24 procedures are used. The district must review use of restrictive procedures at a child's annual
78.25 individualized education program or individualized family service plan meeting when the
78.26 child's individualized education program or individualized family service plan provides for
78.27 using restrictive procedures in an emergency.

78.28 (d) If the individualized education program or individualized family service plan team
78.29 under paragraph (c) determines that existing interventions and supports are ineffective in
78.30 reducing the use of restrictive procedures or the district uses restrictive procedures on a
78.31 child on ten or more school days during the same school year, the team, as appropriate,
78.32 either must consult with other professionals working with the child; consult with experts in
78.33 behavior analysis, mental health, communication, or autism; consult with culturally competent

79.1 professionals; review existing evaluations, resources, and successful strategies; or consider
79.2 whether to reevaluate the child.

79.3 (e) At the individualized education program or individualized family service plan meeting
79.4 under paragraph (c), the team must review any known medical or psychological limitations,
79.5 including any medical information the parent provides voluntarily, that contraindicate the
79.6 use of a restrictive procedure, consider whether to prohibit that restrictive procedure, and
79.7 document any prohibition in the individualized education program, individualized family
79.8 service plan, or behavior intervention plan.

79.9 (f) An individualized education program or individualized family service plan team may
79.10 plan for using restrictive procedures and may include these procedures in a child's
79.11 individualized education program, individualized family service plan, or behavior intervention
79.12 plan; however, the restrictive procedures may be used only in response to behavior that
79.13 constitutes an emergency, consistent with this section. The individualized education program,
79.14 individualized family service plan, or behavior intervention plan shall indicate how the
79.15 parent wants to be notified when a restrictive procedure is used.

79.16 Subd. 3. **Physical holding or seclusion.** (a) Physical holding or seclusion may be used
79.17 only in an emergency. A school that uses physical holding or seclusion shall meet the
79.18 following requirements:

79.19 (1) physical holding or seclusion is the least intrusive intervention that effectively
79.20 responds to the emergency;

79.21 (2) physical holding or seclusion is not used to discipline a noncompliant child;

79.22 (3) physical holding or seclusion ends when the threat of harm ends and the staff
79.23 determines the child can safely return to the classroom or activity;

79.24 (4) staff directly observes the child while physical holding or seclusion is being used;

79.25 (5) each time physical holding or seclusion is used, the staff person who implements or
79.26 oversees the physical holding or seclusion documents, as soon as possible after the incident
79.27 concludes, the following information:

79.28 (i) a description of the incident that led to the physical holding or seclusion;

79.29 (ii) why a less restrictive measure failed or was determined by staff to be inappropriate
79.30 or impractical;

79.31 (iii) the time the physical holding or seclusion began and the time the child was released;

79.32 ~~and~~

- 80.1 (iv) a brief record of the child's behavioral and physical status; and
- 80.2 (v) a brief description of the post-use debriefing that occurred as a result of the use of
- 80.3 the physical hold or seclusion;
- 80.4 (6) the room used for seclusion must:
- 80.5 (i) be at least six feet by five feet;
- 80.6 (ii) be well lit, well ventilated, adequately heated, and clean;
- 80.7 (iii) have a window that allows staff to directly observe a child in seclusion;
- 80.8 (iv) have tamperproof fixtures, electrical switches located immediately outside the door,
- 80.9 and secure ceilings;
- 80.10 (v) have doors that open out and are unlocked, locked with keyless locks that have
- 80.11 immediate release mechanisms, or locked with locks that have immediate release mechanisms
- 80.12 connected with a fire and emergency system; and
- 80.13 (vi) not contain objects that a child may use to injure the child or others; and
- 80.14 (7) before using a room for seclusion, a school must:
- 80.15 (i) receive written notice from local authorities that the room and the locking mechanisms
- 80.16 comply with applicable building, fire, and safety codes; and
- 80.17 (ii) register the room with the commissioner, who may view that room.
- 80.18 (b) By February 1, 2015, and annually thereafter, stakeholders may, as necessary,
- 80.19 recommend to the commissioner specific and measurable implementation and outcome
- 80.20 goals for reducing the use of restrictive procedures and the commissioner must submit to
- 80.21 the legislature a report on districts' progress in reducing the use of restrictive procedures
- 80.22 that recommends how to further reduce these procedures and eliminate the use of seclusion.
- 80.23 The statewide plan includes the following components: measurable goals; the resources,
- 80.24 training, technical assistance, mental health services, and collaborative efforts needed to
- 80.25 significantly reduce districts' use of seclusion; and recommendations to clarify and improve
- 80.26 the law governing districts' use of restrictive procedures. The commissioner must consult
- 80.27 with interested stakeholders when preparing the report, including representatives of advocacy
- 80.28 organizations, special education directors, teachers, paraprofessionals, intermediate school
- 80.29 districts, school boards, day treatment providers, county social services, state human services
- 80.30 department staff, mental health professionals, and autism experts. Beginning with the
- 80.31 2016-2017 school year, in a form and manner determined by the commissioner, districts
- 80.32 must report data quarterly to the department by January 15, April 15, July 15, and October

81.1 15 about individual students who have been secluded. By July 15 each year, districts must
81.2 report summary data on their use of restrictive procedures to the department for the prior
81.3 school year, July 1 through June 30, in a form and manner determined by the commissioner.
81.4 The summary data must include information about the use of restrictive procedures, including
81.5 use of reasonable force under section 121A.582.

81.6 Subd. 4. **Prohibitions.** The following actions or procedures are prohibited:

81.7 (1) engaging in conduct prohibited under section 121A.58;

81.8 (2) requiring a child to assume and maintain a specified physical position, activity, or
81.9 posture that induces physical pain;

81.10 (3) totally or partially restricting a child's senses as punishment;

81.11 (4) presenting an intense sound, light, or other sensory stimuli using smell, taste,
81.12 substance, or spray as punishment;

81.13 (5) denying or restricting a child's access to equipment and devices such as walkers,
81.14 wheelchairs, hearing aids, and communication boards that facilitate the child's functioning,
81.15 except when temporarily removing the equipment or device is needed to prevent injury to
81.16 the child or others or serious damage to the equipment or device, in which case the equipment
81.17 or device shall be returned to the child as soon as possible;

81.18 (6) interacting with a child in a manner that constitutes sexual abuse, neglect, or physical
81.19 abuse under chapter 260E;

81.20 (7) withholding regularly scheduled meals or water;

81.21 (8) denying access to bathroom facilities;

81.22 (9) physical holding that restricts or impairs a child's ability to breathe, restricts or impairs
81.23 a child's ability to communicate distress, places pressure or weight on a child's head, throat,
81.24 neck, chest, lungs, sternum, diaphragm, back, or abdomen, or results in straddling a child's
81.25 torso; ~~and~~

81.26 (10) prone restraint; and

81.27 (11) the use of seclusion on children from birth through prekindergarten.

81.28 Subd. 5. **Training for staff.** (a) To meet the requirements of subdivision 1, staff who
81.29 use restrictive procedures, including paraprofessionals, shall complete training in the
81.30 following skills and knowledge areas:

81.31 (1) positive behavioral interventions;

- 82.1 (2) communicative intent of behaviors;
- 82.2 (3) relationship building;
- 82.3 (4) alternatives to restrictive procedures, including techniques to identify events and
- 82.4 environmental factors that may escalate behavior;
- 82.5 (5) de-escalation methods;
- 82.6 (6) standards for using restrictive procedures only in an emergency;
- 82.7 (7) obtaining emergency medical assistance;
- 82.8 (8) the physiological and psychological impact of physical holding and seclusion;
- 82.9 (9) monitoring and responding to a child's physical signs of distress when physical
- 82.10 holding is being used;
- 82.11 (10) recognizing the symptoms of and interventions that may cause positional asphyxia
- 82.12 when physical holding is used;
- 82.13 (11) district policies and procedures for timely reporting and documenting each incident
- 82.14 involving use of a restricted procedure; and
- 82.15 (12) schoolwide programs on positive behavior strategies.
- 82.16 (b) The commissioner, after consulting with the commissioner of human services, must
- 82.17 develop and maintain a list of training programs that satisfy the requirements of paragraph
- 82.18 (a). The commissioner also must develop and maintain a list of experts to help individualized
- 82.19 education program or individualized family service plan teams reduce the use of restrictive
- 82.20 procedures. The district shall maintain records of staff who have been trained and the
- 82.21 organization or professional that conducted the training. The district may collaborate with
- 82.22 children's community mental health providers to coordinate trainings.
- 82.23 Subd. 6. **Behavior supports; reasonable force.** (a) School districts are encouraged to
- 82.24 establish effective schoolwide systems of positive behavior interventions and supports.
- 82.25 (b) Nothing in this section or section 125A.0941 precludes the use of reasonable force
- 82.26 under sections 121A.582; 609.06, subdivision 1; and 609.379. ~~For the 2014-2015 school~~
- 82.27 ~~year and later, districts must collect and submit to the commissioner summary data, consistent~~
- 82.28 ~~with subdivision 3, paragraph (b), on district use of reasonable force that is consistent with~~
- 82.29 ~~the definition of physical holding or seclusion for a child with a disability under this section.~~
- 82.30 Any reasonable force used under sections 121A.582; 609.06, subdivision 1; and 609.379
- 82.31 which intends to hold a child immobile or limit a child's movement where body contact is
- 82.32 the only source of physical restraint or confines a child alone in a room from which egress

83.1 is barred shall be reported to the Department of Education as a restrictive procedure, including
83.2 physical holding or seclusion used by an unauthorized or untrained staff person.

83.3 ARTICLE 6

83.4 SUPPORTING TEACHER RECRUITMENT, RETENTION, PROFESSIONAL 83.5 EXPERIENCE

83.6 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 120B.11, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

83.7 Subdivision 1. **Definitions.** For the purposes of this section and section 120B.10, the
83.8 following terms have the meanings given them.

83.9 (a) "Instruction" means methods of providing learning experiences that enable a student
83.10 to meet state and district academic standards and graduation requirements including applied
83.11 and experiential learning.

83.12 (b) "Curriculum" means district or school adopted programs and written plans for
83.13 providing students with learning experiences that lead to expected knowledge and skills
83.14 and career and college readiness.

83.15 (c) "World's best workforce" means striving to: meet school readiness goals; have all
83.16 third grade students achieve grade-level literacy; close the academic achievement gap among
83.17 all racial and ethnic groups of students and between students living in poverty and students
83.18 not living in poverty; have all students attain career and college readiness before graduating
83.19 from high school; and have all students graduate from high school.

83.20 (d) "Experiential learning" means learning for students that includes career exploration
83.21 through a specific class or course or through work-based experiences such as job shadowing,
83.22 mentoring, entrepreneurship, service learning, volunteering, internships, other cooperative
83.23 work experience, youth apprenticeship, or employment.

83.24 (e) "Ethnic studies curriculum" means the critical and interdisciplinary study of race,
83.25 ethnicity, and indigeneity with a focus on the experiences and perspectives of People of
83.26 Color within and beyond the United States. Ethnic studies analyzes the ways in which race
83.27 and racism have been and continue to be powerful social, cultural, and political forces, and
83.28 the connection of race to the stratification of other groups, including stratification based on
83.29 gender, class, sexual orientation, gender identity, and legal status. The ethnic studies
83.30 curriculum may be integrated in existing curricular opportunities or provided through
83.31 additional curricular offerings.

83.32 (f) "Antiracist" means actively working to identify and eliminate racism in all forms so
83.33 that power and resources are redistributed and shared equitably among racial groups.

84.1 (g) "Culturally sustaining" means integrating content and practices that infuse the culture
84.2 and language of Black, Indigenous, and People of Color communities who have been and
84.3 continue to be harmed and erased through schooling.

84.4 (h) "Institutional racism" means structures, policies, and practices within and across
84.5 institutions that produce outcomes that chronically favor white people and disadvantage
84.6 those who are Black, Indigenous, and People of Color.

84.7 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 120B.11, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

84.8 Subd. 2. **Adopting plans and budgets.** A school board, at a public meeting, ~~shall~~ must
84.9 adopt a comprehensive, long-term strategic plan to support and improve teaching and
84.10 learning that is aligned with creating the world's best workforce and includes:

84.11 (1) clearly defined district and school site goals and benchmarks for instruction and
84.12 student achievement for all student subgroups identified in section 120B.35, subdivision 3,
84.13 paragraph (b), clause (2);

84.14 (2) a process to: assess and evaluate each student's progress toward meeting state and
84.15 local academic standards; assess and identify students to participate in gifted and talented
84.16 programs and accelerate their instruction, ~~and~~; adopt early-admission procedures consistent
84.17 with section 120B.15; assess ethnic studies curriculum needs to determine priorities for
84.18 integrating ethnic studies into existing courses or developing new courses; and identifying
84.19 identify the strengths and weaknesses of instruction in pursuit of student and school success
84.20 and curriculum affecting students' progress and growth toward career and college readiness
84.21 and leading to the world's best workforce;

84.22 (3) a system to periodically review and evaluate the effectiveness of all instruction and
84.23 curriculum, including ethnic studies curriculum, taking into account strategies and best
84.24 practices, student outcomes, school principal evaluations under section 123B.147, subdivision
84.25 3, students' access to effective teachers who are members of populations underrepresented
84.26 among the licensed teachers in the district or school and who reflect the diversity of enrolled
84.27 students under section 120B.35, subdivision 3, paragraph (b), clause (2), and teacher
84.28 evaluations under section 122A.40, subdivision 8, or 122A.41, subdivision 5;

84.29 (4) strategies for improving instruction, curriculum, and student achievement, including:

84.30 (i) the English and, where practicable, the native language development and the academic
84.31 achievement of English learners; and

84.32 (ii) access to ethnic studies curriculum using culturally responsive methodologies for
84.33 all learners;

85.1 (5) a process to examine the equitable distribution of teachers and strategies to ensure
 85.2 children in low-income and minority children families, children in families of People of
 85.3 Color, and children in American Indian families are not taught at higher rates than other
 85.4 children by inexperienced, ineffective, or out-of-field teachers;

85.5 (6) education effectiveness practices that:

85.6 (i) integrate high-quality instruction, rigorous curriculum, technology, and curriculum
 85.7 that is rigorous, accurate, antiracist, and culturally sustaining;

85.8 (ii) ensure learning and work environments validate, affirm, embrace, and integrate
 85.9 cultural and community strengths for all students, families, and employees; and

85.10 (iii) provide a collaborative professional culture that develops and supports seeks to
 85.11 retain qualified, racially and ethnically diverse staff effective at working with diverse students
 85.12 while developing and supporting teacher quality, performance, and effectiveness; and

85.13 (7) an annual budget for continuing to implement the district plan; and

85.14 (8) identifying a list of suggested and required materials, resources, sample curricula,
 85.15 and pedagogical skills for use in kindergarten through grade 12 that accurately reflect the
 85.16 diversity of the state of Minnesota.

85.17 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective for all strategic plans reviewed and
 85.18 updated after June 30, 2024.

85.19 Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 120B.11, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

85.20 Subd. 3. **District advisory committee.** Each school board ~~shall~~ must establish an advisory
 85.21 committee to ensure active community participation in all phases of planning and improving
 85.22 the instruction and curriculum affecting state and district academic standards, consistent
 85.23 with subdivision 2. A district advisory committee, to the extent possible, ~~shall~~ must reflect
 85.24 the diversity of the district and its school sites, include teachers, parents, support staff,
 85.25 students, and other community residents, and provide translation to the extent appropriate
 85.26 and practicable. The district advisory committee ~~shall~~ must pursue community support to
 85.27 accelerate the academic and native literacy and achievement of English learners with varied
 85.28 needs, from young children to adults, consistent with section 124D.59, subdivisions 2 and
 85.29 2a. The district may establish site teams as subcommittees of the district advisory committee
 85.30 under subdivision 4. The district advisory committee ~~shall~~ must recommend to the school
 85.31 board: rigorous academic standards; student achievement goals and measures consistent
 85.32 with subdivision 1a and sections 120B.022, subdivisions 1a and 1b, and 120B.35; district
 85.33 assessments; means to improve students' equitable access to effective and more diverse

86.1 teachers; strategies to ensure the curriculum is rigorous, accurate, antiracist, and culturally
86.2 sustaining; strategies to ensure that curriculum and learning and work environments validate,
86.3 affirm, embrace, and integrate the cultural and community strengths of all racial and ethnic
86.4 groups; and program evaluations. School sites may expand upon district evaluations of
86.5 instruction, curriculum, assessments, or programs. Whenever possible, parents and other
86.6 community residents ~~shall~~ must comprise at least two-thirds of advisory committee members.

86.7 **Sec. 4. [120B.117] INCREASING PERCENTAGE OF TEACHERS OF COLOR**
86.8 **AND AMERICAN INDIAN TEACHERS IN MINNESOTA.**

86.9 **Subdivision 1. Purpose.** This section sets short-term and long-term attainment goals for
86.10 increasing the percentage of teachers of color and who are American Indian teachers in
86.11 Minnesota and for ensuring all students have equitable access to effective and racially and
86.12 ethnically diverse teachers who reflect the diversity of students. The goals and report required
86.13 under this section are important for meeting attainment goals for the world's best workforce
86.14 under section 120B.11, achievement and integration under section 124D.861, and higher
86.15 education attainment under section 135A.012, all of which have been established to close
86.16 persistent opportunity and achievement gaps that limit students' success in school and life
86.17 and impede the state's economic growth.

86.18 **Subd. 2. Equitable access to racially and ethnically diverse teachers.** The percentage
86.19 of teachers in Minnesota who are of color or who are American Indian should increase at
86.20 least two percentage points per year to have a teaching workforce that more closely reflects
86.21 the state's increasingly diverse student population and to ensure all students have equitable
86.22 access to effective and diverse teachers by 2040.

86.23 **Subd. 3. Rights not created.** The attainment goal in this section is not to the exclusion
86.24 of any other goals and does not confer a right or create a claim for any person.

86.25 **Subd. 4. Reporting.** Beginning in 2024 and every even-numbered year thereafter, the
86.26 Professional Educator Licensing and Standards Board must collaborate with the Department
86.27 of Education and the Office of Higher Education to publish a summary report of each of
86.28 the programs they administer and any other programs receiving state appropriations that
86.29 have or include an explicit purpose of increasing the racial and ethnic diversity of the state's
86.30 teacher workforce to more closely reflect the diversity of students. The report must include
86.31 programs under sections 122A.59, 122A.63, 122A.635, 122A.70, 122A.73, 124D.09,
86.32 124D.861, 136A.1274, 136A.1276, and 136A.1791, along with any other programs or
86.33 initiatives that receive state appropriations to address the shortage of teachers of color and
86.34 American Indian teachers. The board must, in coordination with the Office of Higher

87.1 Education and Department of Education, provide policy and funding recommendations
87.2 related to state-funded programs to increase the recruitment, preparation, licensing, hiring,
87.3 and retention of racially and ethnically diverse teachers and the state's progress toward
87.4 meeting or exceeding the goals of this section. The report must include recommendations
87.5 for state policy and funding needed to achieve the goals of this section, plans for sharing
87.6 the report and activities of grant recipients, and opportunities among grant recipients of
87.7 various programs to share effective practices with each other. The 2024 report must include
87.8 a recommendation of whether a state advisory council should be established to address the
87.9 shortage of racially and ethnically diverse teachers and what the composition and charge
87.10 of such an advisory council would be if established. The board must consult with the Indian
87.11 Affairs Council and other ethnic councils along with other community partners, including
87.12 students of color and American Indian students, in developing the report. By November 3
87.13 of each odd-numbered year, the board must submit the report to the chairs and ranking
87.14 minority members of the legislative committees with jurisdiction over education and higher
87.15 education policy and finance. The report must be available to the public on the board's
87.16 website.

87.17 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.

87.18 **Sec. 5. [120B.25] CURRICULUM POLICY.**

87.19 A school board must adopt a written policy that prohibits discrimination or discipline
87.20 for a teacher or principal on the basis of incorporating into curriculum contributions by
87.21 persons in a federally protected class or protected class under section 363A.13 consistent
87.22 with local collective bargaining agreements.

87.23 **Sec. 6.** Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 121A.031, subdivision 6, is amended to read:

87.24 **Subd. 6. State model policy.** (a) The commissioner, in consultation with the
87.25 commissioner of human rights, shall develop and maintain a state model policy. A district
87.26 or school that does not adopt and implement a local policy under subdivisions 3 to 5 must
87.27 implement and may supplement the provisions of the state model policy. The commissioner
87.28 must assist districts and schools under this subdivision to implement the state policy. The
87.29 state model policy must:

87.30 (1) define prohibited conduct, consistent with this section;

87.31 (2) apply the prohibited conduct policy components in this section;

88.1 (3) for a child with a disability, whenever an evaluation by an individualized education
88.2 program team or a section 504 team indicates that the child's disability affects the child's
88.3 social skills development or the child is vulnerable to prohibited conduct because of the
88.4 child's disability, the child's individualized education program or section 504 plan may
88.5 address the skills and proficiencies the child needs to not engage in and respond to such
88.6 conduct; and

88.7 (4) encourage violence prevention and character development education programs under
88.8 section 120B.232, subdivision 1.

88.9 (b) The commissioner shall develop and post departmental procedures for:

88.10 (1) periodically reviewing district and school programs and policies for compliance with
88.11 this section;

88.12 (2) investigating, reporting, and responding to noncompliance with this section, which
88.13 may include an annual review of plans to improve and provide a safe and supportive school
88.14 climate; and

88.15 (3) allowing students, parents, and educators to file a complaint about noncompliance
88.16 with the commissioner.

88.17 (c) The commissioner must post on the department's website information indicating that
88.18 when districts and schools allow non-curriculum-related student groups access to school
88.19 facilities, the district or school must give all student groups equal access to the school
88.20 facilities regardless of the content of the group members' speech.

88.21 (d) The commissioner must develop and maintain resources to assist a district or school
88.22 in implementing strategies for creating a positive school climate and use evidence-based,
88.23 social-emotional learning to prevent and reduce discrimination and other improper conduct.

88.24 Sec. 7. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 122A.181, subdivision 5, is amended to read:

88.25 Subd. 5. **Limitations on license.** (a) A Tier 1 license is limited to the content matter
88.26 indicated on the application for the initial Tier 1 license under subdivision 1, clause (2), and
88.27 limited to the district or charter school that requested the initial Tier 1 license.

88.28 (b) A Tier 1 license does not bring an individual within the definition of a teacher for
88.29 purposes of section 122A.40, subdivision 1, or 122A.41, subdivision 1, clause (a).

88.30 ~~(c) A Tier 1 license does not bring an individual within the definition of a teacher under~~
88.31 ~~section 179A.03, subdivision 18.~~

89.1 Sec. 8. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 122A.183, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

89.2 Subd. 2. **Coursework.** A candidate for a Tier 3 license must meet the coursework
89.3 requirement by demonstrating one of the following:

89.4 (1) completion of a Minnesota-approved teacher preparation program;

89.5 (2) completion of a state-approved teacher preparation program that includes field-specific
89.6 student teaching equivalent to field-specific student teaching in Minnesota-approved teacher
89.7 preparation programs. The field-specific student teaching requirement does not apply to a
89.8 candidate that has two years of teaching experience;

89.9 (3) submission of a content-specific licensure portfolio; or

89.10 (4) a professional teaching license from another state, evidence that the candidate's
89.11 license is in good standing, and two years of teaching experience; ~~or~~

89.12 ~~(5) three years of teaching experience under a Tier 2 license and evidence of summative
89.13 teacher evaluations that did not result in placing or otherwise keeping the teacher on an
89.14 improvement process pursuant to section 122A.40, subdivision 8, or section 122A.41,
89.15 subdivision 5.~~

89.16 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective for all licenses issued after July 1, 2023.
89.17 All Tier 2 license holders as of June 30, 2023, may continue to apply their years of teaching
89.18 experience to obtain their Tier 3 license through June 30, 2026.

89.19 Sec. 9. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 122A.185, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

89.20 Subdivision 1. **Tests.** ~~(a) The Professional Educator Licensing and Standards Board
89.21 must adopt rules requiring a candidate to demonstrate a passing score on a board-adopted
89.22 examination of skills in reading, writing, and mathematics before being granted a Tier 4
89.23 teaching license under section 122A.184 to provide direct instruction to pupils in elementary,
89.24 secondary, or special education programs. Candidates may obtain a Tier 1, Tier 2, or Tier
89.25 3 license to provide direct instruction to pupils in elementary, secondary, or special education
89.26 programs if candidates meet the other requirements in section 122A.181, 122A.182, or
89.27 122A.183, respectively.~~

89.28 ~~(b)~~ (a) The board must adopt and revise rules requiring candidates applicants for Tier 3
89.29 and Tier 4 licenses to pass an examination or assessment of general pedagogical knowledge
89.30 and examinations or assessments of licensure field specific content. An applicant is exempt
89.31 from the examination requirements if: (1) the applicant completed a board-approved teacher
89.32 preparation program; or (2) the applicant completed a state-approved teacher preparation

90.1 program in another state and passed licensure examinations in that state. The content
 90.2 examination requirement does not apply if no relevant content exam exists.

90.3 ~~(e) Candidates~~ (b) Applicants for initial ~~Tier 3 and~~ Tier 4 licenses to teach elementary
 90.4 students must pass test items assessing the ~~candidates'~~ applicants' knowledge, skill, and
 90.5 ability in comprehensive, scientifically based reading instruction under section 122A.06,
 90.6 subdivision 4, knowledge and understanding of the foundations of reading development,
 90.7 development of reading comprehension and reading assessment and instruction, and the
 90.8 ability to integrate that knowledge and understanding into instruction strategies under section
 90.9 122A.06, subdivision 4.

90.10 ~~(d) The requirement to pass a board-adopted reading, writing, and mathematics skills~~
 90.11 ~~examination does not apply to nonnative English speakers, as verified by qualified Minnesota~~
 90.12 ~~school district personnel or Minnesota higher education faculty, who, after meeting the~~
 90.13 ~~content and pedagogy requirements under this subdivision, apply for a teaching license to~~
 90.14 ~~provide direct instruction in their native language or world language instruction under section~~
 90.15 ~~120B.022, subdivision 1.~~

90.16 Sec. 10. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 122A.26, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

90.17 Subd. 2. **Exceptions.** (a) A person who teaches in a community education program
 90.18 ~~which that~~ qualifies for aid pursuant to section 124D.52 shall continue to meet licensure
 90.19 requirements as a teacher. A person who teaches in an early childhood and family education
 90.20 program ~~which that~~ is offered through a community education program and ~~which that~~
 90.21 qualifies for community education aid pursuant to section 124D.20 or early childhood and
 90.22 family education aid pursuant to section 124D.135 shall continue to meet licensure
 90.23 requirements as a teacher. A person who teaches in a community education course ~~which~~
 90.24 that is offered for credit for graduation to persons under 18 years of age shall continue to
 90.25 meet licensure requirements as a teacher.

90.26 (b) A person who teaches a driver training course ~~which that~~ is offered through a
 90.27 community education program to persons under 18 years of age shall be licensed by the
 90.28 Professional Educator Licensing and Standards Board or be subject to section 171.35. A
 90.29 license ~~which that~~ is required for an instructor in a community education program pursuant
 90.30 to this ~~subdivision~~ paragraph shall not be construed to bring an individual within the
 90.31 definition of a teacher for purposes of section 122A.40, subdivision 1, or 122A.41,
 90.32 subdivision 1, ~~clause~~ paragraph (a).

91.1 Sec. 11. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 122A.40, subdivision 8, is amended to read:

91.2 Subd. 8. **Development, evaluation, and peer coaching for continuing contract**
91.3 **teachers.** (a) To improve student learning and success, a school board and an exclusive
91.4 representative of the teachers in the district, consistent with paragraph (b), may develop a
91.5 teacher evaluation and peer review process for probationary and continuing contract teachers
91.6 through joint agreement. If a school board and the exclusive representative of the teachers
91.7 do not agree to an annual teacher evaluation and peer review process, then the school board
91.8 and the exclusive representative of the teachers must implement the state teacher evaluation
91.9 plan under paragraph (c). The process must include having trained observers serve as peer
91.10 coaches or having teachers participate in professional learning communities, consistent with
91.11 paragraph (b).

91.12 (b) To develop, improve, and support qualified teachers and effective teaching practices,
91.13 improve student learning and success, and provide all enrolled students in a district or school
91.14 with improved and equitable access to more effective and diverse teachers, the annual
91.15 evaluation process for teachers:

91.16 (1) must, for probationary teachers, provide for all evaluations required under subdivision
91.17 5;

91.18 (2) must establish a three-year professional review cycle for each teacher that includes
91.19 an individual growth and development plan, a peer review process, and at least one
91.20 summative evaluation performed by a qualified and trained evaluator such as a school
91.21 administrator. For the years when a tenured teacher is not evaluated by a qualified and
91.22 trained evaluator, the teacher must be evaluated by a peer review;

91.23 (3) ~~must be based on professional teaching standards established in rule~~ include a rubric
91.24 of performance standards for teacher practice that: (i) is based on professional teaching
91.25 standards established in rule; (ii) includes culturally responsive methodologies; and (iii)
91.26 provides common descriptions of effectiveness using at least three levels of performance;

91.27 (4) must coordinate staff development activities under sections 122A.60 and 122A.61
91.28 with this evaluation process and teachers' evaluation outcomes;

91.29 (5) may provide time during the school day and school year for peer coaching and teacher
91.30 collaboration;

91.31 (6) may include job-embedded learning opportunities such as professional learning
91.32 communities;

92.1 (7) may include mentoring and induction programs for teachers, including teachers who
92.2 are members of populations underrepresented among the licensed teachers in the district or
92.3 school and who reflect the diversity of students under section 120B.35, subdivision 3,
92.4 paragraph (b), clause (2), who are enrolled in the district or school;

92.5 (8) must include an option for teachers to develop and present a portfolio demonstrating
92.6 evidence of reflection and professional growth, consistent with section 122A.187, subdivision
92.7 3, and include teachers' own performance assessment based on student work samples and
92.8 examples of teachers' work, which may include video among other activities for the
92.9 summative evaluation;

92.10 (9) must use data from valid and reliable assessments aligned to state and local academic
92.11 standards and must use state and local measures of student growth and literacy that may
92.12 include value-added models or student learning goals to determine 35 percent of teacher
92.13 evaluation results;

92.14 (10) must use longitudinal data on student engagement and connection, and other student
92.15 outcome measures explicitly aligned with the elements of curriculum for which teachers
92.16 are responsible, including academic literacy, oral academic language, and achievement of
92.17 content areas of English learners;

92.18 (11) must require qualified and trained evaluators such as school administrators to
92.19 perform summative evaluations and ensure school districts and charter schools provide for
92.20 effective evaluator training specific to teacher development and evaluation;

92.21 (12) must give teachers not meeting professional teaching standards under clauses (3)
92.22 through (11) support to improve through a teacher improvement process that includes
92.23 established goals and timelines; and

92.24 (13) must discipline a teacher for not making adequate progress in the teacher
92.25 improvement process under clause (12) that may include a last chance warning, termination,
92.26 discharge, nonrenewal, transfer to a different position, a leave of absence, or other discipline
92.27 a school administrator determines is appropriate.

92.28 Data on individual teachers generated under this subdivision are personnel data under
92.29 section 13.43. The observation and interview notes of peer coaches may only be disclosed
92.30 to other school officials with the consent of the teacher being coached.

92.31 (c) The department, in consultation with parents who may represent parent organizations
92.32 and teacher and administrator representatives appointed by their respective organizations,
92.33 representing the Professional Educator Licensing and Standards Board, the Minnesota

93.1 Association of School Administrators, the Minnesota School Boards Association, the
93.2 Minnesota Elementary and Secondary Principals Associations, Education Minnesota, and
93.3 representatives of the Minnesota Assessment Group, the Minnesota Business Partnership,
93.4 the Minnesota Chamber of Commerce, and Minnesota postsecondary institutions with
93.5 research expertise in teacher evaluation, must create and publish a teacher evaluation process
93.6 that complies with the requirements in paragraph (b) and applies to all teachers under this
93.7 section and section 122A.41 for whom no agreement exists under paragraph (a) for an annual
93.8 teacher evaluation and peer review process. The teacher evaluation process created under
93.9 this subdivision does not create additional due process rights for probationary teachers under
93.10 subdivision 5.

93.11 (d) Consistent with the measures of teacher effectiveness under this subdivision:

93.12 (1) for students in kindergarten through grade 4, a school administrator must not place
93.13 or approve the placement of a student in the classroom of a teacher who is in the improvement
93.14 process referenced in paragraph (b), clause (12), or has not had a summative evaluation if,
93.15 in the prior year, that student was in the classroom of a teacher who received discipline
93.16 pursuant to paragraph (b), clause (13), unless no other teacher at the school teaches that
93.17 grade; and

93.18 (2) for students in grades 5 through 12, a school administrator must not place or approve
93.19 the placement of a student in the classroom of a teacher who is in the improvement process
93.20 referenced in paragraph (b), clause (12), or has not had a summative evaluation if, in the
93.21 prior year, that student was in the classroom of a teacher who received discipline pursuant
93.22 to paragraph (b), clause (13), unless no other teacher at the school teaches that subject area
93.23 and grade.

93.24 All data created and used under this paragraph retains its classification under chapter 13.

93.25 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 1, 2025.

93.26 Sec. 12. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 122A.41, subdivision 5, is amended to read:

93.27 Subd. 5. **Development, evaluation, and peer coaching for continuing contract**
93.28 **teachers.** (a) To improve student learning and success, a school board and an exclusive
93.29 representative of the teachers in the district, consistent with paragraph (b), may develop an
93.30 annual teacher evaluation and peer review process for probationary and nonprobationary
93.31 teachers through joint agreement. If a school board and the exclusive representative of the
93.32 teachers in the district do not agree to an annual teacher evaluation and peer review process,
93.33 then the school board and the exclusive representative of the teachers must implement the

94.1 state teacher evaluation plan developed under paragraph (c). The process must include
94.2 having trained observers serve as peer coaches or having teachers participate in professional
94.3 learning communities, consistent with paragraph (b).

94.4 (b) To develop, improve, and support qualified teachers and effective teaching practices
94.5 and improve student learning and success, and provide all enrolled students in a district or
94.6 school with improved and equitable access to more effective and diverse teachers, the annual
94.7 evaluation process for teachers:

94.8 (1) must, for probationary teachers, provide for all evaluations required under subdivision
94.9 2;

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94.11 an individual growth and development plan, a peer review process, and at least one
94.12 summative evaluation performed by a qualified and trained evaluator such as a school
94.13 administrator;

94.14 (3) ~~must be based on professional teaching standards established in rule~~ include a rubric
94.15 of performance standards for teacher practice that: (i) is based on professional teaching
94.16 standards established in rule; (ii) includes culturally responsive methodologies; and (iii)
94.17 provides common descriptions of effectiveness using at least three levels of performance;

94.18 (4) must coordinate staff development activities under sections 122A.60 and 122A.61
94.19 with this evaluation process and teachers' evaluation outcomes;

94.20 (5) may provide time during the school day and school year for peer coaching and teacher
94.21 collaboration;

94.22 (6) may include job-embedded learning opportunities such as professional learning
94.23 communities;

94.24 (7) may include mentoring and induction programs for teachers, including teachers who
94.25 are members of populations underrepresented among the licensed teachers in the district or
94.26 school and who reflect the diversity of students under section 120B.35, subdivision 3,
94.27 paragraph (b), clause (2), who are enrolled in the district or school;

94.28 (8) must include an option for teachers to develop and present a portfolio demonstrating
94.29 evidence of reflection and professional growth, consistent with section 122A.187, subdivision
94.30 3, and include teachers' own performance assessment based on student work samples and
94.31 examples of teachers' work, which may include video among other activities for the
94.32 summative evaluation;

95.1 (9) must use data from valid and reliable assessments aligned to state and local academic
95.2 standards and must use state and local measures of student growth and literacy that may
95.3 include value-added models or student learning goals to determine 35 percent of teacher
95.4 evaluation results;

95.5 (10) must use longitudinal data on student engagement and connection and other student
95.6 outcome measures explicitly aligned with the elements of curriculum for which teachers
95.7 are responsible, including academic literacy, oral academic language, and achievement of
95.8 English learners;

95.9 (11) must require qualified and trained evaluators such as school administrators to
95.10 perform summative evaluations and ensure school districts and charter schools provide for
95.11 effective evaluator training specific to teacher development and evaluation;

95.12 (12) must give teachers not meeting professional teaching standards under clauses (3)
95.13 through (11) support to improve through a teacher improvement process that includes
95.14 established goals and timelines; and

95.15 (13) must discipline a teacher for not making adequate progress in the teacher
95.16 improvement process under clause (12) that may include a last chance warning, termination,
95.17 discharge, nonrenewal, transfer to a different position, a leave of absence, or other discipline
95.18 a school administrator determines is appropriate.

95.19 Data on individual teachers generated under this subdivision are personnel data under
95.20 section 13.43. The observation and interview notes of peer coaches may only be disclosed
95.21 to other school officials with the consent of the teacher being coached.

95.22 (c) The department, in consultation with parents who may represent parent organizations
95.23 and teacher and administrator representatives appointed by their respective organizations,
95.24 representing the Professional Educator Licensing and Standards Board, the Minnesota
95.25 Association of School Administrators, the Minnesota School Boards Association, the
95.26 Minnesota Elementary and Secondary Principals Associations, Education Minnesota, and
95.27 representatives of the Minnesota Assessment Group, the Minnesota Business Partnership,
95.28 the Minnesota Chamber of Commerce, and Minnesota postsecondary institutions with
95.29 research expertise in teacher evaluation, must create and publish a teacher evaluation process
95.30 that complies with the requirements in paragraph (b) and applies to all teachers under this
95.31 section and section 122A.40 for whom no agreement exists under paragraph (a) for an annual
95.32 teacher evaluation and peer review process. The teacher evaluation process created under
95.33 this subdivision does not create additional due process rights for probationary teachers under
95.34 subdivision 2.

96.1 (d) Consistent with the measures of teacher effectiveness under this subdivision:

96.2 (1) for students in kindergarten through grade 4, a school administrator must not place
96.3 or approve the placement of a student in the classroom of a teacher who is in the improvement
96.4 process referenced in paragraph (b), clause (12), or has not had a summative evaluation if,
96.5 in the prior year, that student was in the classroom of a teacher who received discipline
96.6 pursuant to paragraph (b), clause (13), unless no other teacher at the school teaches that
96.7 grade; and

96.8 (2) for students in grades 5 through 12, a school administrator must not place or approve
96.9 the placement of a student in the classroom of a teacher who is in the improvement process
96.10 referenced in paragraph (b), clause (12), or has not had a summative evaluation if, in the
96.11 prior year, that student was in the classroom of a teacher who received discipline pursuant
96.12 to paragraph (b), clause (13), unless no other teacher at the school teaches that subject area
96.13 and grade.

96.14 All data created and used under this paragraph retains its classification under chapter 13.

96.15 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 1, 2025.

96.16 Sec. 13. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 123B.147, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

96.17 Subd. 3. **Duties; evaluation.** (a) The principal shall provide administrative, supervisory,
96.18 and instructional leadership services, under the supervision of the superintendent of schools
96.19 of the district and according to the policies, rules, and regulations of the school board, for
96.20 the planning, management, operation, and evaluation of the education program of the building
96.21 or buildings to which the principal is assigned.

96.22 (b) To enhance a principal's culturally responsive leadership skills and support and
96.23 improve teaching practices, school performance, and student achievement for diverse student
96.24 populations, including at-risk students, children with disabilities, English learners, and gifted
96.25 students, among others, a district must develop and implement a performance-based system
96.26 for annually evaluating school principals assigned to supervise a school building within the
96.27 district. The evaluation must be designed to improve teaching and learning by supporting
96.28 the principal in shaping the school's professional environment and developing teacher
96.29 quality, performance, and effectiveness. The annual evaluation must:

96.30 (1) support and improve a principal's instructional leadership, organizational management,
96.31 and professional development, and strengthen the principal's capacity in the areas of
96.32 instruction, supervision, evaluation, and teacher development;

97.1 (2) support and improve a principal's culturally responsive leadership practices that
 97.2 create inclusive and respectful teaching and learning environments for all students, families,
 97.3 and employees;

97.4 ~~(2)~~ (3) include formative and summative evaluations based on multiple measures of
 97.5 student progress toward career and college readiness;

97.6 ~~(3)~~ (4) be consistent with a principal's job description, a district's long-term plans and
 97.7 goals, and the principal's own professional multiyear growth plans and goals, all of which
 97.8 must support the principal's leadership behaviors and practices, rigorous curriculum, school
 97.9 performance, and high-quality instruction;

97.10 ~~(4)~~ (5) include on-the-job observations and previous evaluations;

97.11 ~~(5)~~ (6) allow surveys to help identify a principal's effectiveness, leadership skills and
 97.12 processes, and strengths and weaknesses in exercising leadership in pursuit of school success;

97.13 ~~(6)~~ (7) use longitudinal data on student academic growth as 35 percent of the evaluation
 97.14 and incorporate district achievement goals and targets;

97.15 ~~(7)~~ (8) be linked to professional development that emphasizes improved teaching and
 97.16 learning, curriculum and instruction, student learning, culturally responsive leadership
 97.17 practices, and a collaborative professional culture; and

97.18 ~~(8)~~ (9) for principals not meeting standards of professional practice or other criteria
 97.19 under this subdivision, implement a plan to improve the principal's performance and specify
 97.20 the procedure and consequence if the principal's performance is not improved.

97.21 The provisions of this paragraph are intended to provide districts with sufficient flexibility
 97.22 to accommodate district needs and goals related to developing, supporting, and evaluating
 97.23 principals.

97.24 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 1, 2024.

97.25 Sec. 14. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 124D.861, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

97.26 Subd. 2. **Plan implementation; components.** (a) The school board of each eligible
 97.27 district must formally develop and implement a long-term plan under this section. The plan
 97.28 must be incorporated into the district's comprehensive strategic plan under section 120B.11.
 97.29 ~~Plan components may include: innovative and integrated prekindergarten through grade 12~~
 97.30 ~~learning environments that offer students school enrollment choices; family engagement~~
 97.31 ~~initiatives that involve families in their students' academic life and success; professional~~
 97.32 ~~development opportunities for teachers and administrators focused on improving the academic~~

98.1 ~~achievement of all students, including teachers and administrators who are members of~~
98.2 ~~populations underrepresented among the licensed teachers or administrators in the district~~
98.3 ~~or school and who reflect the diversity of students under section 120B.35, subdivision 3,~~
98.4 ~~paragraph (b), clause (2), who are enrolled in the district or school; increased programmatic~~
98.5 ~~opportunities and effective and more diverse instructors focused on rigor and college and~~
98.6 ~~career readiness for underserved students, including students enrolled in alternative learning~~
98.7 ~~centers under section 123A.05, public alternative programs under section 126C.05,~~
98.8 ~~subdivision 15, and contract alternative programs under section 124D.69, among other~~
98.9 ~~underserved students; or recruitment and retention of teachers and administrators with~~
98.10 ~~diverse racial and ethnic backgrounds.~~

98.11 (b) The plan must contain goals for:

98.12 (1) reducing the disparities in academic achievement and in equitable access to effective
98.13 and more diverse teachers among all students and specific categories of students under
98.14 section 120B.35, subdivision 3, paragraph (b), excluding the student categories of gender,
98.15 disability, and English learners; and

98.16 (2) increasing racial and economic diversity and integration in schools and districts.

98.17 (c) The plan must include strategies to validate, affirm, embrace, and integrate cultural
98.18 and community strengths of all students, families, and employees in the district's curriculum
98.19 as well as learning and work environments. The plan must address issues of institutional
98.20 racism as defined in section 120B.11, subdivision 1, in schools that create opportunity and
98.21 achievement gaps for students, families, and staff who are of color or who are American
98.22 Indian. Examples of institutional racism experienced by students who are of color or who
98.23 are American Indian include policies and practices that intentionally or unintentionally
98.24 result in disparate discipline referrals and suspension, inequitable access to advanced
98.25 coursework, overrepresentation in lower-level coursework, inequitable participation in
98.26 cocurricular activities, inequitable parent involvement, and lack of equitable access to
98.27 racially and ethnically diverse teachers who reflect the racial or ethnic diversity of students
98.28 because it has not been a priority to hire or retain such teachers.

98.29 (d) School districts must use local data, to the extent practicable, to develop plan
98.30 components and strategies. Plans may include:

98.31 (1) innovative and integrated prekindergarten through grade 12 learning environments
98.32 that offer students school enrollment choices;

98.33 (2) family engagement initiatives that involve families in their students' academic life
98.34 and success and improve relations between home and school;

99.1 (3) opportunities for students, families, staff, and community members who are of color
 99.2 or American Indian to share their experiences in the school setting with school staff and
 99.3 administration and to inform the development of specific proposals for making school
 99.4 environments more validating, affirming, embracing, and integrating of their cultural and
 99.5 community strengths;

99.6 (4) professional development opportunities for teachers and administrators focused on
 99.7 improving the academic achievement of all students, including knowledge, skills, and
 99.8 dispositions needed to be antiracist and culturally sustaining as defined in section 120B.11,
 99.9 subdivision 1, for serving students who are from racially and ethnically diverse backgrounds;

99.10 (5) recruitment and retention of teachers, administrators, cultural and family liaisons,
 99.11 paraprofessionals, and other staff from racial, ethnic, and linguistic backgrounds represented
 99.12 in the student population to strengthen relationships with all students, families, and other
 99.13 members of the community;

99.14 (6) collection, examination, and evaluation of academic and discipline data for
 99.15 institutional racism as defined in section 120B.11, subdivision 1, in structures, policies, and
 99.16 practices that result in the education disparities, in order to propose antiracist changes as
 99.17 defined in section 120B.11, subdivision 1, that increase access, meaningful participation,
 99.18 representation, and positive outcomes for students of color and American Indian students;

99.19 (7) increased programmatic opportunities and effective and more diverse instructors
 99.20 focused on rigor and college and career readiness for students who are impacted by racial,
 99.21 gender, linguistic, and economic disparities, including students enrolled in area learning
 99.22 centers or alternative learning programs under section 123A.05, state-approved alternative
 99.23 programs under section 126C.05, subdivision 15, and contract alternative programs under
 99.24 section 124D.69, among other underserved students;

99.25 (8) ethnic studies curriculum as defined in section 120B.11, subdivision 1, to provide
 99.26 all students with opportunities to learn about their own and others' cultures and historical
 99.27 experiences; or

99.28 (9) examination and revision of district curricula in all subjects to be inclusive of diverse
 99.29 racial and ethnic groups while meeting state academic standards and being culturally
 99.30 sustaining as defined in section 120B.11, subdivision 1, ensuring content being studied
 99.31 about any group is accurate and based in knowledge from that group.

99.32 ~~(b)~~ (e) Among other requirements, an eligible district must implement effective,
 99.33 research-based interventions that include formative multiple measures of assessment practices
 99.34 and engagement in order to reduce the eliminate academic disparities in student academic

100.1 ~~performance among the specific categories of students as measured by student progress and~~
100.2 ~~growth on state reading and math assessments and~~ for students impacted by racial, gender,
100.3 linguistic, and economic inequities as aligned with section 120B.11.

100.4 ~~(e)~~ (f) Eligible districts must create efficiencies and eliminate duplicative programs and
100.5 services under this section, which may include forming collaborations or a single,
100.6 seven-county metropolitan areawide partnership of eligible districts for this purpose.

100.7 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective for all plans reviewed and updated after
100.8 the day following final enactment.

100.9

ARTICLE 7

100.10 **STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES AND STUDENTS IN NEED OF SPECIAL**
100.11 **EDUCATION SERVICES**

100.12 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 121A.17, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

100.13 Subd. 3. **Screening program.** (a) A screening program must include at least the following
100.14 components: developmental assessments, including virtual developmental screening for
100.15 families who make the request based on their immunocompromised health status or other
100.16 health conditions, hearing and vision screening or referral, immunization review and referral,
100.17 the child's height and weight, the date of the child's most recent comprehensive vision
100.18 examination, if any, identification of risk factors that may influence learning, an interview
100.19 with the parent about the child, and referral for assessment, diagnosis, and treatment when
100.20 potential needs are identified. The district and the person performing or supervising the
100.21 screening must provide a parent or guardian with clear written notice that the parent or
100.22 guardian may decline to answer questions or provide information about family circumstances
100.23 that might affect development and identification of risk factors that may influence learning.
100.24 The notice must state "Early childhood developmental screening helps a school district
100.25 identify children who may benefit from district and community resources available to help
100.26 in their development. Early childhood developmental screening includes a vision screening
100.27 that helps detect potential eye problems but is not a substitute for a comprehensive eye
100.28 exam." The notice must clearly state that declining to answer questions or provide information
100.29 does not prevent the child from being enrolled in kindergarten or first grade if all other
100.30 screening components are met. If a parent or guardian is not able to read and comprehend
100.31 the written notice, the district and the person performing or supervising the screening must
100.32 convey the information in another manner. The notice must also inform the parent or guardian
100.33 that a child need not submit to the district screening program if the child's health records
100.34 indicate to the school that the child has received comparable developmental screening

101.1 performed within the preceding 365 days by a public or private health care organization or
101.2 individual health care provider. The notice must be given to a parent or guardian at the time
101.3 the district initially provides information to the parent or guardian about screening and must
101.4 be given again at the screening location.

101.5 (b) All screening components shall be consistent with the standards of the state
101.6 commissioner of health for early developmental screening programs. A developmental
101.7 screening program must not provide laboratory tests or a physical examination to any child.
101.8 The district must request from the public or private health care organization or the individual
101.9 health care provider the results of any laboratory test or physical examination within the 12
101.10 months preceding a child's scheduled screening. For the purposes of this section,
101.11 "comprehensive vision examination" means a vision examination performed by an optometrist
101.12 or ophthalmologist.

101.13 (c) If a child is without health coverage, the school district must refer the child to an
101.14 appropriate health care provider.

101.15 (d) A board may offer additional components such as nutritional, physical and dental
101.16 assessments, review of family circumstances that might affect development, blood pressure,
101.17 laboratory tests, and health history.

101.18 (e) If a statement signed by the child's parent or guardian is submitted to the administrator
101.19 or other person having general control and supervision of the school that the child has not
101.20 been screened because of conscientiously held beliefs of the parent or guardian, the screening
101.21 is not required.

101.22 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 125A.15, is amended to read:

101.23 **125A.15 PLACEMENT IN ANOTHER DISTRICT; RESPONSIBILITY.**

101.24 The responsibility for special instruction and services for a child with a disability
101.25 temporarily placed in another district for care and treatment shall be determined in the
101.26 following manner:

101.27 (a) The district of residence of a child shall be the district in which the child's parent
101.28 resides, if living, or the child's guardian. If there is a dispute between school districts
101.29 regarding residency, the district of residence is the district designated by the commissioner.

101.30 (b) If a district other than the resident district places a pupil for care and treatment, the
101.31 district placing the pupil must notify and give the resident district an opportunity to participate
101.32 in the placement decision. When an immediate emergency placement of a pupil is necessary
101.33 and time constraints foreclose a resident district from participating in the emergency

102.1 placement decision, the district in which the pupil is temporarily placed must notify the
102.2 resident district of the emergency placement within 15 days. The resident district has up to
102.3 five business days after receiving notice of the emergency placement to request an
102.4 opportunity to participate in the placement decision, which the placing district must then
102.5 provide.

102.6 (c) When a child is temporarily placed for care and treatment in a day program located
102.7 in another district and the child continues to live within the district of residence during the
102.8 care and treatment, the district of residence is responsible for providing transportation to
102.9 and from the care and treatment program and an appropriate educational program for the
102.10 child. The resident district may establish reasonable restrictions on transportation, except
102.11 if a Minnesota court or agency orders the child placed at a day care and treatment program
102.12 and the resident district receives a copy of the order, then the resident district must provide
102.13 transportation to and from the program unless the court or agency orders otherwise.
102.14 Transportation shall only be provided by the resident district during regular operating hours
102.15 of the resident district. The resident district may provide the educational program at a school
102.16 within the district of residence, at the child's residence, or in the district in which the day
102.17 treatment center is located by paying tuition to that district. If a child's district of residence,
102.18 district of open enrollment under section 124D.03, or charter school of enrollment under
102.19 section 124E.11 is authorized to provide online learning instruction under state statutes, the
102.20 child's district of residence may utilize that state-approved online learning program in
102.21 fulfilling its educational program responsibility under this section if the child, or the child's
102.22 parent or guardian for a pupil under the age of 18, agrees to that form of instruction.

102.23 (d) When a child is temporarily placed in a residential program for care and treatment,
102.24 the nonresident district in which the child is placed is responsible for providing an appropriate
102.25 educational program for the child and necessary transportation while the child is attending
102.26 the educational program; and must bill the district of the child's residence for the actual cost
102.27 of providing the program, as outlined in section 125A.11, except as provided in paragraph
102.28 (e). However, the board, lodging, and treatment costs incurred in behalf of a child with a
102.29 disability placed outside of the school district of residence by the commissioner of human
102.30 services or the commissioner of corrections or their agents, for reasons other than providing
102.31 for the child's special educational needs must not become the responsibility of either the
102.32 district providing the instruction or the district of the child's residence. For the purposes of
102.33 this section, the state correctional facilities operated on a fee-for-service basis are considered
102.34 to be residential programs for care and treatment. If a child's district of residence, district
102.35 of open enrollment under section 124D.03, or charter school of enrollment under section

103.1 124E.11 is authorized to provide online learning instruction under state statutes, the
103.2 nonresident district may utilize that state-approved online learning program in fulfilling its
103.3 educational program responsibility under this section if the child, or the child's parent or
103.4 guardian for a pupil under the age of 18, agrees to that form of instruction.

103.5 (e) A privately owned and operated residential facility may enter into a contract to obtain
103.6 appropriate educational programs for special education children and services with a joint
103.7 powers entity. The entity with which the private facility contracts for special education
103.8 services shall be the district responsible for providing students placed in that facility an
103.9 appropriate educational program in place of the district in which the facility is located. If a
103.10 privately owned and operated residential facility does not enter into a contract under this
103.11 paragraph, then paragraph (d) applies.

103.12 (f) The district of residence shall pay tuition and other program costs, not including
103.13 transportation costs, to the district providing the instruction and services. The district of
103.14 residence may claim general education aid for the child as provided by law. Transportation
103.15 costs must be paid by the district responsible for providing the transportation and the state
103.16 must pay transportation aid to that district.

103.17 Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 125A.51, is amended to read:

103.18 **125A.51 PLACEMENT OF CHILDREN WITHOUT DISABILITIES; EDUCATION**
103.19 **AND TRANSPORTATION.**

103.20 The responsibility for providing instruction and transportation for a pupil without a
103.21 disability who has a short-term or temporary physical or emotional illness or disability, as
103.22 determined by the standards of the commissioner, and who is temporarily placed for care
103.23 and treatment for that illness or disability, must be determined as provided in this section.

103.24 (a) The school district of residence of the pupil is the district in which the pupil's parent
103.25 or guardian resides. If there is a dispute between school districts regarding residency, the
103.26 district of residence is the district designated by the commissioner.

103.27 (b) When parental rights have been terminated by court order, the legal residence of a
103.28 child placed in a residential or foster facility for care and treatment is the district in which
103.29 the child resides.

103.30 (c) Before the placement of a pupil for care and treatment, the district of residence must
103.31 be notified and provided an opportunity to participate in the placement decision. When an
103.32 immediate emergency placement is necessary and time does not permit resident district
103.33 participation in the placement decision, the district in which the pupil is temporarily placed,

104.1 if different from the district of residence, must notify the district of residence of the
104.2 emergency placement within 15 days of the placement. When a nonresident district makes
104.3 an emergency placement without first consulting with the resident district, the resident
104.4 district has up to five business days after receiving notice of the emergency placement to
104.5 request an opportunity to participate in the placement decision, which the placing district
104.6 must then provide.

104.7 (d) When a pupil without a disability is temporarily placed for care and treatment in a
104.8 day program and the pupil continues to live within the district of residence during the care
104.9 and treatment, the district of residence must provide instruction and necessary transportation
104.10 to and from the care and treatment program for the pupil. The resident district may establish
104.11 reasonable restrictions on transportation, except if a Minnesota court or agency orders the
104.12 child placed at a day care and treatment program and the resident district receives a copy
104.13 of the order, then the resident district must provide transportation to and from the program
104.14 unless the court or agency orders otherwise. Transportation shall only be provided by the
104.15 resident district during regular operating hours of the resident district. The resident district
104.16 may provide the instruction at a school within the district of residence; at the pupil's
104.17 residence; through an authorized online learning program provided by the pupil's resident
104.18 district, district of open enrollment under section 124D.03, or charter school of enrollment
104.19 under section 124E.11 if the child, or the child's parent or guardian for a pupil under the
104.20 age of 18, agrees to that form of instruction; or, in the case of a placement outside of the
104.21 resident district, in the district in which the day treatment program is located by paying
104.22 tuition to that district. The district of placement may contract with a facility to provide
104.23 instruction by teachers licensed by the Professional Educator Licensing and Standards
104.24 Board.

104.25 (e) When a pupil without a disability is temporarily placed in a residential program for
104.26 care and treatment, the district in which the pupil is placed must provide instruction for the
104.27 pupil and necessary transportation while the pupil is receiving instruction, and in the case
104.28 of a placement outside of the district of residence, the nonresident district must bill the
104.29 district of residence for the actual cost of providing the instruction for the regular school
104.30 year and for summer school, excluding transportation costs. If a pupil's district of residence,
104.31 district of open enrollment under section 124D.03, or charter school of enrollment under
104.32 section 124E.11 is authorized to provide online learning instruction under state statutes, the
104.33 district in which the pupil is placed may utilize that state-approved online learning program
104.34 in fulfilling its responsibility to provide instruction under this section if the child, or the
104.35 child's parent or guardian for a pupil under the age of 18, agrees to that form of instruction.

105.1 (f) Notwithstanding paragraph (e), if the pupil is homeless and placed in a public or
105.2 private homeless shelter, then the district that enrolls the pupil under section 120A.20,
105.3 subdivision 2, paragraph (b), shall provide the transportation, unless the district that enrolls
105.4 the pupil and the district in which the pupil is temporarily placed agree that the district in
105.5 which the pupil is temporarily placed shall provide transportation. When a pupil without a
105.6 disability is temporarily placed in a residential program outside the district of residence,
105.7 the administrator of the court placing the pupil must send timely written notice of the
105.8 placement to the district of residence. The district of placement may contract with a
105.9 residential facility to provide instruction by teachers licensed by the Professional Educator
105.10 Licensing and Standards Board. For purposes of this section, the state correctional facilities
105.11 operated on a fee-for-service basis are considered to be residential programs for care and
105.12 treatment.

105.13 (g) The district of residence must include the pupil in its residence count of pupil units
105.14 and pay tuition as provided in section 123A.488 to the district providing the instruction.
105.15 Transportation costs must be paid by the district providing the transportation and the state
105.16 must pay transportation aid to that district. For purposes of computing state transportation
105.17 aid, pupils governed by this subdivision must be included in the disabled transportation
105.18 category if the pupils cannot be transported on a regular school bus route without special
105.19 accommodations.

105.20 Sec. 4. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 125A.515, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

105.21 Subd. 3. **Responsibilities for providing education.** (a) The district in which the children's
105.22 residential facility is located must provide education services, including special education
105.23 if eligible, to all students placed in a facility. If a child's district of residence, district of open
105.24 enrollment under section 124D.03, or charter school of enrollment under section 124E.11
105.25 is authorized to provide online learning instruction under state statutes, the district in which
105.26 the children's residential facility is located may utilize that state-approved online learning
105.27 program in fulfilling its education services responsibility under this section if the child, or
105.28 the child's parent or guardian for a pupil under the age of 18, agrees to that form of
105.29 instruction.

105.30 (b) For education programs operated by the Department of Corrections, the providing
105.31 district shall be the Department of Corrections. For students remanded to the commissioner
105.32 of corrections, the providing and resident district shall be the Department of Corrections.

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106.2

EARLY CHILDHOOD AND EARLY LEARNING

106.3 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 124D.03, subdivision 5a, is amended to read:

106.4 Subd. 5a. **Lotteries.** If a school district has more applications than available seats at a
106.5 specific grade level, it must hold an impartial lottery following the January 15 deadline to
106.6 determine which students will receive seats. The district must give priority to enrolling
106.7 siblings of currently enrolled students, students seeking enrollment into kindergarten who
106.8 were open enrolled in voluntary prekindergarten or school readiness plus programs in the
106.9 district, students whose applications are related to an approved integration and achievement
106.10 plan, and children of the school district's staff, ~~and students residing in that part of a~~
106.11 ~~municipality, defined under section 469.1812, subdivision 3, where:~~

106.12 ~~(1) the student's resident district does not operate a school building;~~

106.13 ~~(2) the municipality is located partially or fully within the boundaries of at least five~~
106.14 ~~school districts;~~

106.15 ~~(3) the nonresident district in which the student seeks to enroll operates one or more~~
106.16 ~~school buildings within the municipality; and~~

106.17 ~~(4) no other nonresident, independent, special, or common school district operates a~~
106.18 ~~school building within the municipality.~~

106.19 The process for the school district lottery must be established in school district policy,
106.20 approved by the school board, and posted on the school district's website.

106.21 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 124D.03, subdivision 12, is amended to read:

106.22 Subd. 12. **Termination of enrollment.** A district may terminate the enrollment of a
106.23 nonresident student enrolled under this section or section 124D.08 at the end of a school
106.24 year if the student meets the definition of a habitual truant under section 260C.007,
106.25 subdivision 19, the student has been provided appropriate services under chapter 260A, and
106.26 the student's case has been referred to juvenile court. A district may also terminate the
106.27 enrollment of a nonresident student over the age of 17 enrolled under this section if the
106.28 student is absent without lawful excuse for one or more periods on 15 school days and has
106.29 not lawfully withdrawn from school under section 120A.22, subdivision 8. Starting in the
106.30 2023-2024 school year, a district may terminate the enrollment of a nonresident preschool
106.31 student under this section or section 125A.13 when the student meets age eligibility
106.32 requirements for kindergarten or reaches age five by September 1.

107.1 Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 124D.141, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

107.2 Subd. 2. **Additional duties.** The following duties are added to those assigned to the
107.3 council under federal law:

107.4 (1) make recommendations on the most efficient and effective way to leverage state and
107.5 federal funding streams for early childhood and child care programs;

107.6 ~~(2) make recommendations on how to coordinate or colocate early childhood and child~~
107.7 ~~care programs in one state Office of Early Learning. The council shall establish a task force~~
107.8 ~~to develop these recommendations. The task force shall include two nonexecutive branch~~
107.9 ~~or nonlegislative branch representatives from the council; six representatives from the early~~
107.10 ~~childhood caucus; two representatives each from the Departments of Education, Human~~
107.11 ~~Services, and Health; one representative each from a local public health agency, a local~~
107.12 ~~county human services agency, and a school district; and two representatives from the~~
107.13 ~~private nonprofit organizations that support early childhood programs in Minnesota. In~~
107.14 ~~developing recommendations in coordination with existing efforts of the council, the task~~
107.15 ~~force shall consider how to:~~

107.16 ~~(i) consolidate and coordinate resources and public funding streams for early childhood~~
107.17 ~~education and child care, and ensure the accountability and coordinated development of all~~
107.18 ~~early childhood education and child care services to children from birth to kindergarten~~
107.19 ~~entrance;~~

107.20 ~~(ii) create a seamless transition from early childhood programs to kindergarten;~~

107.21 ~~(iii) encourage family choice by ensuring a mixed system of high-quality public and~~
107.22 ~~private programs, with local points of entry, staffed by well-qualified professionals;~~

107.23 ~~(iv) ensure parents a decisive role in the planning, operation, and evaluation of programs~~
107.24 ~~that aid families in the care of children;~~

107.25 ~~(v) provide consumer education and accessibility to early childhood education and child~~
107.26 ~~care resources;~~

107.27 ~~(vi) advance the quality of early childhood education and child care programs in order~~
107.28 ~~to support the healthy development of children and preparation for their success in school;~~

107.29 ~~(vii) develop a seamless service delivery system with local points of entry for early~~
107.30 ~~childhood education and child care programs administered by local, state, and federal~~
107.31 ~~agencies;~~

108.1 ~~(viii) ensure effective collaboration between state and local child welfare programs and~~
108.2 ~~early childhood mental health programs and the Office of Early Learning;~~

108.3 ~~(ix) develop and manage an effective data collection system to support the necessary~~
108.4 ~~functions of a coordinated system of early childhood education and child care in order to~~
108.5 ~~enable accurate evaluation of its impact;~~

108.6 ~~(x) respect and be sensitive to family values and cultural heritage; and~~

108.7 ~~(xi) establish the administrative framework for and promote the development of early~~
108.8 ~~childhood education and child care services in order to provide that these services, staffed~~
108.9 ~~by well-qualified professionals, are available in every community for all families that express~~
108.10 ~~a need for them.~~

108.11 ~~In addition, the task force must consider the following responsibilities for transfer to the~~
108.12 ~~Office of Early Learning:~~

108.13 ~~(A) responsibilities of the commissioner of education for early childhood education~~
108.14 ~~programs and financing under sections 119A.50 to 119A.535, 121A.16 to 121A.19, and~~
108.15 ~~124D.129 to 124D.2211;~~

108.16 ~~(B) responsibilities of the commissioner of human services for child care assistance,~~
108.17 ~~child care development, and early childhood learning and child protection facilities programs~~
108.18 ~~and financing under chapter 119B and section 256E.37; and~~

108.19 ~~(C) responsibilities of the commissioner of health for family home visiting programs~~
108.20 ~~and financing under section 145A.17.~~

108.21 ~~Any costs incurred by the council in making these recommendations must be paid from~~
108.22 ~~private funds. If no private funds are received, the council must not proceed in making these~~
108.23 ~~recommendations. The council must report its recommendations to the governor and the~~
108.24 ~~legislature by January 15, 2011;~~

108.25 ~~(3) (2) review program evaluations regarding high-quality early childhood programs;~~

108.26 ~~(4) (3) make recommendations to the governor and legislature, including proposed~~
108.27 ~~legislation on how to most effectively create a high-quality early childhood system in~~
108.28 ~~Minnesota in order to improve the educational outcomes of children so that all children are~~
108.29 ~~school-ready by 2020; and~~

108.30 ~~(5) make recommendations to the governor and the legislature by March 1, 2011, on the~~
108.31 ~~creation and implementation of a statewide school readiness report card to monitor progress~~
108.32 ~~toward the goal of having all children ready for kindergarten by the year 2020. The~~

109.1 ~~recommendations shall include what should be measured including both children and system~~
109.2 ~~indicators, what benchmarks should be established to measure state progress toward the~~
109.3 ~~goal, and how frequently the report card should be published. In making their~~
109.4 ~~recommendations, the council shall consider the indicators and strategies for Minnesota's~~
109.5 ~~early childhood system report, the Minnesota school readiness study, developmental~~
109.6 ~~assessment at kindergarten entrance, and the work of the council's accountability committee.~~
109.7 ~~Any costs incurred by the council in making these recommendations must be paid from~~
109.8 ~~private funds. If no private funds are received, the council must not proceed in making these~~
109.9 ~~recommendations; and~~

109.10 ~~(6) make recommendations to the governor and the legislature on how to screen earlier~~
109.11 ~~and comprehensively assess children for school readiness in order to provide increased early~~
109.12 ~~interventions and increase the number of children ready for kindergarten. In formulating~~
109.13 ~~their recommendations, the council shall consider (i) ways to interface with parents of~~
109.14 ~~children who are not participating in early childhood education or care programs, (ii) ways~~
109.15 ~~to interface with family child care providers, child care centers, and school-based early~~
109.16 ~~childhood and Head Start programs, (iii) if there are age-appropriate and culturally sensitive~~
109.17 ~~screening and assessment tools for three-, four-, and five-year-olds, (iv) the role of the~~
109.18 ~~medical community in screening, (v) incentives for parents to have children screened at an~~
109.19 ~~earlier age, (vi) incentives for early education and care providers to comprehensively assess~~
109.20 ~~children in order to improve instructional practice, (vii) how to phase in increases in screening~~
109.21 ~~and assessment over time, (viii) how the screening and assessment data will be collected~~
109.22 ~~and used and who will have access to the data, (ix) how to monitor progress toward the goal~~
109.23 ~~of having 50 percent of three-year-old children screened and 50 percent of entering~~
109.24 ~~kindergarteners assessed for school readiness by 2015 and 100 percent of three-year-old~~
109.25 ~~children screened and entering kindergarteners assessed for school readiness by 2020, and~~
109.26 ~~(x) costs to meet these benchmarks. The council shall consider the screening instruments~~
109.27 ~~and comprehensive assessment tools used in Minnesota early childhood education and care~~
109.28 ~~programs and kindergarten. The council may survey early childhood education and care~~
109.29 ~~programs in the state to determine the screening and assessment tools being used or rely on~~
109.30 ~~previously collected survey data, if available. For purposes of this subdivision, "school~~
109.31 ~~readiness" is defined as the child's skills, knowledge, and behaviors at kindergarten entrance~~
109.32 ~~in these areas of child development: social; self-regulation; cognitive, including language,~~
109.33 ~~literacy, and mathematical thinking; and physical. For purposes of this subdivision,~~
109.34 ~~"screening" is defined as the activities used to identify a child who may need further~~
109.35 ~~evaluation to determine delay in development or disability. For purposes of this subdivision,~~
109.36 ~~"assessment" is defined as the activities used to determine a child's level of performance in~~

110.1 ~~order to promote the child's learning and development. Work on this duty will begin in~~
 110.2 ~~fiscal year 2012. Any costs incurred by the council in making these recommendations must~~
 110.3 ~~be paid from private funds. If no private funds are received, the council must not proceed~~
 110.4 ~~in making these recommendations. The council must report its recommendations to the~~
 110.5 ~~governor and legislature by January 15, 2013, with an interim report on February 15, 2011.~~

110.6 (4) review and provide input on the recommendations and implementation timelines
 110.7 developed by the Great Start For All Minnesota Children Task Force under Laws 2021,
 110.8 First Special Session chapter 7, article 14, section 18, subdivision 2.

110.9 Sec. 4. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 124D.165, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

110.10 Subd. 2. **Family eligibility.** (a) For a family to receive an early learning scholarship,
 110.11 parents or guardians must have an eligible child and meet at least one of the following
 110.12 eligibility requirements:

110.13 ~~(1) have an eligible child; and~~

110.14 ~~(2) (1) have income equal to or less than 185 200 percent of federal poverty level income~~
 110.15 ~~in the current calendar year; or;~~

110.16 (2) be able to document their child's current participation in the free and reduced-price
 110.17 lunch meal program or Child and Adult Care Food Program, National School Lunch Act,
 110.18 United States Code, title 42, sections 1751 and 1766; the Food Distribution Program on
 110.19 Indian Reservations, Food and Nutrition Act, United States Code, title 7, sections 2011-2036;
 110.20 Head Start under the federal Improving Head Start for School Readiness Act of 2007;
 110.21 Minnesota family investment program under chapter 256J; child care assistance programs
 110.22 under chapter 119B; the supplemental nutrition assistance program; or placement

110.23 (3) have a child referred as in need of child protection services or placed in foster care
 110.24 under section 260C.212.

110.25 (b) An "eligible child" means a child who has not yet enrolled in kindergarten and is:

110.26 ~~(1) at least three but not yet five years of age on September 1 of the current school year;~~

110.27 ~~(2) a sibling from birth to age five of a child who has been awarded a scholarship under~~
 110.28 ~~this section provided the sibling attends the same program as long as funds are available;~~

110.29 ~~(3) the child of a parent under age 21 who is pursuing a high school degree or a course~~
 110.30 ~~of study for a high school equivalency test; or~~

110.31 ~~(4) homeless, in foster care, or in need of child protective services.~~

111.1 (c) A child who has received a scholarship under this section must continue to receive
 111.2 a scholarship each year until that child is eligible for kindergarten under section 120A.20
 111.3 and as long as funds are available.

111.4 (d) Early learning scholarships may not be counted as earned income for the purposes
 111.5 of medical assistance under chapter 256B, MinnesotaCare under chapter 256L, Minnesota
 111.6 family investment program under chapter 256J, child care assistance programs under chapter
 111.7 119B, or Head Start under the federal Improving Head Start for School Readiness Act of
 111.8 2007.

111.9 (e) A child from an adjoining state whose family resides at a Minnesota address as
 111.10 assigned by the United States Postal Service, who has received developmental screening
 111.11 under sections 121A.16 to 121A.19, who intends to enroll in a Minnesota school district,
 111.12 and whose family meets the criteria of paragraph (a) is eligible for an early learning
 111.13 scholarship under this section.

111.14 Sec. 5. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 124D.165, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

111.15 Subd. 3. **Administration.** (a) The commissioner shall establish application timelines
 111.16 and determine the schedule for awarding scholarships that meets operational needs of eligible
 111.17 families and programs. The commissioner must give highest priority to applications from
 111.18 children who:

111.19 (1) are not yet four years of age;

111.20 ~~(1)~~ (2) have a parent under age 21 who is pursuing a high school diploma or a course of
 111.21 study for a high school equivalency test;

111.22 ~~(2)~~ (3) are in foster care ~~or otherwise;~~

111.23 (4) have been referred as in need of child protection or services; or

111.24 (5) have an incarcerated parent; or

111.25 ~~(3)~~ (6) have experienced homelessness in the last 24 months, as defined under the federal
 111.26 McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act, United States Code, title 42, section 11434a.

111.27 (b) The commissioner may prioritize applications on additional factors including family
 111.28 income, geographic location, and whether the child's family is on a waiting list for a publicly
 111.29 funded program providing early education or child care services.

111.30 ~~(b)~~ (c) The commissioner shall establish a target for the average scholarship amount per
 111.31 child based on the results of the rate survey conducted under section 119B.02.

112.1 ~~(e)~~ (d) A four-star rated program that has children eligible for a scholarship enrolled in
112.2 or on a waiting list for a program beginning in July, August, or September may notify the
112.3 commissioner, in the form and manner prescribed by the commissioner, each year of the
112.4 program's desire to enhance program services or to serve more children than current funding
112.5 provides. The commissioner may designate a predetermined number of scholarship slots
112.6 for that program and notify the program of that number. For fiscal year 2018 and later, the
112.7 statewide amount of funding directly designated by the commissioner must not exceed the
112.8 funding directly designated for fiscal year 2017. Beginning July 1, 2016, a school district
112.9 or Head Start program qualifying under this paragraph may use its established registration
112.10 process to enroll scholarship recipients and may verify a scholarship recipient's family
112.11 income in the same manner as for other program participants.

112.12 ~~(d)~~ (e) A scholarship is awarded for a 12-month period. If the scholarship recipient has
112.13 not been accepted and subsequently enrolled in a rated program within ~~ten~~ three months of
112.14 the awarding of the scholarship, the scholarship cancels and the recipient must reapply in
112.15 order to be eligible for another scholarship. An extension can be requested if a program is
112.16 unavailable for the child within the three-month timeline. A child may not be awarded more
112.17 than one scholarship in a 12-month period.

112.18 ~~(e)~~ (f) A child who receives a scholarship who has not completed development screening
112.19 under sections 121A.16 to 121A.19 must complete that screening within 90 days of first
112.20 attending an eligible program or within 90 days after the child's third birthday if awarded
112.21 a scholarship under the age of three.

112.22 ~~(f)~~ (g) For fiscal year 2017 and later, a school district or Head Start program enrolling
112.23 scholarship recipients under paragraph (c) may apply to the commissioner, in the form and
112.24 manner prescribed by the commissioner, for direct payment of state aid. Upon receipt of
112.25 the application, the commissioner must pay each program directly for each approved
112.26 scholarship recipient enrolled under paragraph (c) according to the metered payment system
112.27 or another schedule established by the commissioner.

112.28 Sec. 6. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 125A.13, is amended to read:

112.29 **125A.13 SCHOOL OF PARENTS' CHOICE.**

112.30 (a) Nothing in this chapter must be construed as preventing parents of a child with a
112.31 disability from sending the child to a school of their choice, if they so elect, subject to
112.32 admission standards and policies adopted according to sections 125A.62 to 125A.64 and
112.33 125A.66 to 125A.73, and all other provisions of chapters 120A to 129C.

113.1 (b) The parent of a student with a disability not yet enrolled in kindergarten and not open
113.2 enrolled in a nonresident district may ~~request that the resident district enter into a tuition~~
113.3 ~~agreement with~~ elect a school in the nonresident district ~~if:~~

113.4 ~~(1)~~ where the child is enrolled in a Head Start program or a licensed child care setting
113.5 in the nonresident district; ~~and,~~ provided

113.6 ~~(2)~~ the child can be served in the same setting as other children in the nonresident district
113.7 with the same level of disability."

113.8 Amend the title accordingly