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A bill for an act

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relating to education; requiring state academic standards in health education;

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requiring rulemaking; appropriating money; amending Minnesota Statutes 2023

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Supplement, sections 120B.018, subdivision 6; 120B.021, subdivisions 1, 2, 3, 4;

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120B.024, subdivision 1.

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

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Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2023 Supplement, section 120B.018, subdivision 6, is

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amended to read:

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Subd. 6. **Required standard.** "Required standard" means ~~(1)~~ a statewide adopted

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expectation for student learning in the content areas of language arts, mathematics, science,

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social studies, physical education, health, and the arts, ~~and (2) a locally adopted expectation~~

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~~for student learning in health.~~

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Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2023 Supplement, section 120B.021, subdivision 1, is amended

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to read:

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Subdivision 1. **Required academic standards.** (a) The following subject areas are

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required for statewide accountability:

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(1) language arts;

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(2) mathematics, encompassing algebra II, integrated mathematics III, or an equivalent

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in high school, and to be prepared for the three credits of mathematics in grades 9 through

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12, the grade 8 standards include completion of algebra;

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(3) science, including earth and space science, life science, and the physical sciences,

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including chemistry and physics;

(4) social studies, including history, geography, economics, and government and citizenship that includes civics;

(5) physical education;

(6) health, ~~for which locally developed academic standards apply~~; and

(7) the arts. Public elementary and middle schools must offer at least three and require at least two of the following five arts areas: dance; media arts; music; theater; and visual arts. Public high schools must offer at least three and require at least one of the following five arts areas: media arts; dance; music; theater; and visual arts.

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

(c) The department may modify SHAPE America (Society of Health and Physical Educators) standards and adapt the national standards to accommodate state interest. The modification and adaptations must maintain the purpose and integrity of the national standards. The department must make available sample assessments, which school districts may use as an alternative to local assessments, to assess students' mastery of the physical education standards beginning in the 2018-2019 school year.

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

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

(f) Locally developed academic standards in health apply until the end of the 2025-2026 school year, or until the commissioner adopts statewide rules implementing statewide health standards under subdivision 3, whichever occurs later.

EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective July 1, 2024.

Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 2023 Supplement, section 120B.021, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

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

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

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

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

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

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

(6) representatives from the Tribal Nations Education Committee and Tribal Nations and communities in Minnesota, including both Anishinaabe and Dakota; and

(7) current students, with input from the Minnesota Youth Council.

(b) Academic standards must:

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

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

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

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

Sec. 4. Minnesota Statutes 2023 Supplement, section 120B.021, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

Subd. 3. **Rulemaking.** (a) The commissioner, consistent with the requirements of this section and section 120B.022, must adopt statewide rules under section 14.389 for implementing statewide rigorous core academic standards in language arts, mathematics, science, social studies, physical education, and the arts.

(b) The commissioner must adopt statewide rules for implementing statewide rigorous core academic standards in health.

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

Sec. 5. Minnesota Statutes 2023 Supplement, section 120B.021, subdivision 4, is amended to read:

Subd. 4. **Revisions and reviews required.** (a) The commissioner of education must revise the state's academic standards and graduation requirements and implement a ten-year cycle to review and, consistent with the review, revise state academic standards and related benchmarks, consistent with this subdivision. During each ten-year review and revision cycle, the commissioner also must examine the alignment of each required academic standard and related benchmark with the knowledge and skills students need for career and college readiness and advanced work in the particular subject area. The commissioner must include the contributions of Minnesota American Indian Tribes and communities, including urban Indigenous communities, as related to the academic standards during the review and revision of the required academic standards. The commissioner must embed Indigenous education for all students consistent with recommendations from Tribal Nations and urban Indigenous communities in Minnesota regarding the contributions of American Indian Tribes and communities in Minnesota into the state's academic standards during the review and revision of the required academic standards. The recommendations to embed Indigenous education for all students includes but is not limited to American Indian experiences in Minnesota, including Tribal histories, Indigenous languages, sovereignty issues, cultures, treaty rights, governments, socioeconomic experiences, contemporary issues, and current events.

(b) The commissioner must ensure that the statewide mathematics assessments administered to students in grades 3 through 8 and 11 are aligned with the state academic standards in mathematics, consistent with section 120B.302, subdivision 3, paragraph (a). The commissioner must implement a review of the academic standards and related benchmarks in mathematics beginning in the 2021-2022 school year and every ten years thereafter.

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

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

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

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

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

(h) The commissioner must implement a review of the academic standards and related benchmarks in health education beginning in the 2034-2035 school year and every ten years thereafter.

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

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

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

Sec. 6. Minnesota Statutes 2023 Supplement, section 120B.024, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

Subdivision 1. **Graduation requirements.** (a) Students must successfully complete the following high school level credits for graduation:

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

(2) three credits of mathematics sufficient to satisfy all of the academic standards in mathematics;

(3) three credits of science, including one credit to satisfy all the earth and space science standards for grades 9 through 12, one credit to satisfy all the life science standards for grades 9 through 12, and one credit to satisfy all the chemistry or physics standards for grades 9 through 12;

(4) three and one-half credits of social studies, including credit for a course in government and citizenship in either grade 11 or 12 for students beginning grade 9 in the 2024-2025 school year and later or an advanced placement, international baccalaureate, or other rigorous course on government and citizenship under section 120B.021, subdivision 1a, and a combination of other credits encompassing at least United States history, geography, government and citizenship, world history, and economics sufficient to satisfy all of the academic standards in social studies;

(5) one credit of the arts sufficient to satisfy all of the academic standards in the arts;

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

(7) credits sufficient to satisfy the state standards in health upon adoption of statewide rules for implementing health standards under section 120B.021; and

~~(7)~~ (8) a minimum of seven elective credits.

(b) Students who begin grade 9 in the 2024-2025 school year and later must successfully complete a course for credit in personal finance in grade 10, 11, or 12. A teacher of a personal finance course that satisfies the graduation requirement must have a field license or out-of-field permission in agricultural education, business, family and consumer science, social studies, or math.

EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective July 1, 2024.

Sec. 7. **HEALTH EDUCATION STANDARDS.**

(a) The commissioner of education must begin the rulemaking process to adopt statewide academic standards in health in accordance with Minnesota Statutes, section 120B.021, and Minnesota Statutes, chapter 14. The commissioner must consult with the commissioner of health and the commissioner of human services in developing the proposed rules. The rules

7.1 must include at least the expectations for learning listed in paragraphs (b) and (c), but must
7.2 not require districts to implement the optional expectations in paragraph (c).

7.3 (b) The standards must include expectations for learning in the following areas:

7.4 (1) mental health education in accordance with Minnesota Statutes, section 120B.21;

7.5 (2) cardiopulmonary resuscitation and automatic defibrillator education that allows
7.6 districts to include instruction for grades 7 through 12 that meets the requirements of
7.7 Minnesota Statutes, section 120B.236;

7.8 (3) vaping awareness and prevention education that allows districts to include instruction
7.9 for grades 6 through 8 that meets the requirements of Minnesota Statutes, section 120B.238;

7.10 (4) cannabis use and substance use education that allows districts to include instruction
7.11 for grades 6 through 12 that meets the requirements of Minnesota Statutes, section 120B.215;
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7.13 (5) sexually transmitted infections and diseases education that meets the requirements
7.14 of Minnesota Statutes, section 121A.23.

7.15 (c) The standards must include the following optional expectations for learning:

7.16 (1) child sexual abuse prevention education in accordance with Minnesota Statutes,
7.17 sections 120B.021, subdivision 1, paragraph (d); and 120B.234;

7.18 (2) violence prevention education in accordance with Minnesota Statutes, section
7.19 120B.22;

7.20 (3) character development education in accordance with Minnesota Statutes, section
7.21 120B.232; and

7.22 (4) safe and supportive schools education in accordance with Minnesota Statutes, section
7.23 121A.031, subdivision 5.

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

7.25 Sec. 8. **APPROPRIATION; RULEMAKING.**

7.26 Subdivision 1. **Department of Education.** The sums indicated in this section are
7.27 appropriated from the general fund to the Department of Education in the fiscal years
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7.29 Subd. 2. **Rulemaking.** For rulemaking related to health education standards:

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