



## **S.F. No. 510 – Establishing an academic acceleration pilot program (as proposed to be amended by the A-2 amendment)**

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### **Section 1. Academic acceleration pilot program.**

**Subd. 1. Pilot program established.** Establishes the pilot program to increase access to rigorous coursework in participating schools in the 2026-2027 to 2028-2029 school years.

**Subd. 2. Definitions.** Defines “rigorous coursework” to mean an advanced placement (AP) course, postsecondary enrollment options (PSEO) or concurrent enrollment course, or international baccalaureate (IB) course. Provides other relevant definitions.

**Subd. 3. Automatic enrollment.** Requires participating schools to adopt a policy to automatically enroll students under the pilot program. Establishes criteria for automatically enrolling students in rigorous coursework. Requires that the policy allow a parent to opt the student out of automatic enrollment in a course under the pilot program.

**Subd. 4. Participation requirements.** Requires participating schools to engage in certain teacher recruitment and training for teachers of color, parental notification of automatic enrollment in rigorous coursework, tutoring and other supports, and data collection.

**Subd. 5. Application process.** Establishes a process for districts to apply to the commissioner of education for participation in the pilot program. Requires the commissioner to select for participation at least one district enrolling a high percentage of American Indian students and select other participants to ensure a representative participation. Provides other selection criteria.

**Subd. 6. Grant uses.** Requires a participating school to use grant funding to pay for advanced placement (AP) fees for all students automatically enrolled in an AP course. Authorizes participants to use pilot program grant funds to pay for teacher training, textbooks, tutoring, administrative expenses, and teacher bonuses.

**Subd. 7. State report.** Requires the commissioner to report to the legislature on the pilot program, including information about student eligibility, enrollment and coursework completion; teacher recruitment and demographics; rigorous coursework offerings; and

feedback from participating districts. Requires the report to make recommendations on implementation of a statewide academic acceleration program.

**Sec. 2. Appropriations.** Appropriates money for the pilot program. Authorizes the commissioner to retain amounts for administrative costs.