

1.1 moves to amend H.F. No. 844 as follows:

1.2 Delete everything after the enacting clause and insert:

1.3 "ARTICLE 1

1.4 GENERAL EDUCATION

1.5 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 120A.41, is amended to read:

1.6 **120A.41 LENGTH OF SCHOOL YEAR; HOURS OF INSTRUCTION.**

1.7 A school board's annual school calendar must include at least 425 hours of
1.8 instruction for a kindergarten student without a disability, 935 hours of instruction for a
1.9 student in grades 1 through 6, and 1,020 hours of instruction for a student in grades 7
1.10 through 12, not including summer school. The school calendar for all-day kindergarten
1.11 must include at least 850 hours of instruction for the school year. A school board's annual
1.12 calendar must include at least 165 days of instruction for a student in grades 1 through
1.13 11 unless a four-day week schedule has been approved by the ~~commissioner~~ board under
1.14 ~~section 124D.126~~ sections 124D.12 to 124D.127.

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

1.16 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 124D.11, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

1.17 Subdivision 1. **General education revenue.** (a) General education revenue must
1.18 be paid to a charter school as though it were a district. The general education revenue
1.19 for each adjusted pupil unit is the state average general education revenue per pupil unit,
1.20 plus the referendum equalization aid allowance in the pupil's district of residence, minus
1.21 an amount equal to the product of the formula allowance according to section 126C.10,
1.22 subdivision 2, times .0466, calculated without declining enrollment revenue, local optional
1.23 revenue, basic skills revenue, extended ~~time~~ support revenue, pension adjustment revenue,
1.24 transition revenue, and transportation sparsity revenue, plus declining enrollment revenue,

2.1 basic skills revenue, extended ~~time~~ support revenue, pension adjustment revenue, and
 2.2 transition revenue as though the school were a school district.

2.3 (b) For a charter school operating an extended day, extended week, or summer
 2.4 program, the general education revenue for each extended time pupil unit equals \$4,794
 2.5 in paragraph (a) is increased by an amount equal to 25 percent of the statewide average
 2.6 extended support revenue per pupil unit.

2.7 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective for fiscal year 2016 and later.

2.8 Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 124D.121, is amended to read:

2.9 **124D.121 DEFINITION OF FLEXIBLE LEARNING YEAR PROGRAM.**

2.10 "Flexible learning year program" means any district plan ~~approved by the~~
 2.11 ~~commissioner~~ that utilizes buildings and facilities during the entire year or that provides
 2.12 forms of optional scheduling of pupils and personnel during the learning year in
 2.13 elementary and secondary schools or residential facilities for children with a disability.

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

2.15 Sec. 4. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 124D.122, is amended to read:

2.16 **124D.122 ESTABLISHMENT OF FLEXIBLE LEARNING YEAR PROGRAM.**

2.17 The board of any district or a consortium of districts, ~~with the approval of the~~
 2.18 ~~commissioner~~, may establish and operate a flexible learning year program in one or more of
 2.19 the day or residential facilities for children with a disability within the district. Consortiums
 2.20 may use a single ~~application and~~ evaluation process, though results, public hearings, and
 2.21 board approvals must be obtained for each district as required under appropriate sections.

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

2.23 Sec. 5. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 124D.126, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

2.24 Subdivision 1. **Powers and duties.** The commissioner must:

2.25 ~~(1) promulgate rules necessary to the operation of sections 124D.12 to 124D.127;~~

2.26 ~~(2) (1) cooperate with and provide supervision of flexible learning year programs~~
 2.27 ~~to determine compliance with the provisions of sections 124D.12 to 124D.127, the~~
 2.28 ~~commissioner's standards and qualifications, and the proposed program as submitted~~
 2.29 ~~and approved;~~

2.30 ~~(3) (2) provide any necessary adjustments of (a) (i) attendance and membership~~
 2.31 ~~computations and (b) (ii) the dates and percentages of apportionment of state aids; and~~

3.1 ~~(4)~~ (3) consistent with the definition of "average daily membership" in section
 3.2 126C.05, subdivision 8, furnish the board of a district implementing a flexible learning
 3.3 year program with a formula for computing average daily membership. This formula must
 3.4 be computed so that tax levies to be made by the district, state aids to be received by the
 3.5 district, and any and all other formulas based upon average daily membership are not
 3.6 affected solely as a result of adopting this plan of instruction.

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

3.8 Sec. 6. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 124D.127, is amended to read:

3.9 **124D.127 TERMINATION OF FLEXIBLE LEARNING YEAR PROGRAM.**

3.10 The board of any district, ~~with the approval of the commissioner of education,~~ may
 3.11 terminate a flexible learning year program in one or more of the day or residential facilities
 3.12 for children with a disability within the district. This section shall not be construed to
 3.13 permit an exception to section 120A.22, 127A.41, subdivision 7, or 127A.43.

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

3.15 Sec. 7. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 124D.128, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

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

3.22 Sec. 8. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 126C.10, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

3.23 Subdivision 1. **General education revenue.** ~~(a) For fiscal years 2013 and 2014, the~~
 3.24 ~~general education revenue for each district equals the sum of the district's basic revenue,~~
 3.25 ~~extended time revenue, gifted and talented revenue, small schools revenue, basic skills~~
 3.26 ~~revenue, secondary sparsity revenue, elementary sparsity revenue, transportation sparsity~~
 3.27 ~~revenue, total operating capital revenue, equity revenue, alternative teacher compensation~~
 3.28 ~~revenue, and transition revenue.~~

3.29 ~~(b) For fiscal year 2015 and later,~~ The general education revenue for each district
 3.30 equals the sum of the district's basic revenue, extended time support revenue, gifted and
 3.31 talented revenue, declining enrollment revenue, local optional revenue, small schools
 3.32 revenue, basic skills revenue, secondary sparsity revenue, elementary sparsity revenue,

4.1 transportation sparsity revenue, total operating capital revenue, equity revenue, pension
4.2 adjustment revenue, and transition revenue.

4.3 Sec. 9. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 126C.10, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

4.4 Subd. 2. **Basic revenue.** For fiscal year 2014, the basic revenue for each district
4.5 equals the formula allowance times the adjusted marginal cost pupil units for the school
4.6 year. For fiscal year 2015 and later, the basic revenue for each district equals the formula
4.7 allowance times the adjusted pupil units for the school year. ~~The formula allowance for~~
4.8 ~~fiscal year 2013 is \$5,224. The formula allowance for fiscal year 2014 is \$5,302. The~~
4.9 ~~formula allowance for fiscal year 2015 and later is \$5,831. The formula allowance for~~
4.10 ~~fiscal year 2016 is \$5,864. The formula allowance for fiscal year 2017 and later is \$5,898.~~

4.11 Sec. 10. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 126C.10, subdivision 2a, is amended to read:

4.12 Subd. 2a. **Extended time support revenue.** ~~(a) A school district's extended time~~
4.13 ~~revenue for fiscal year 2014 is equal to the product of \$4,601 and the sum of the adjusted~~
4.14 ~~marginal cost pupil units of the district for each pupil in average daily membership in~~
4.15 ~~excess of 1.0 and less than 1.2 according to section 126C.05, subdivision 8. A school~~
4.16 ~~district's extended time support revenue for fiscal year 2015 and later is equal to the~~
4.17 ~~product of \$5,017 \$5,163 and the sum of the adjusted pupil units of the district for each~~
4.18 ~~pupil in average daily membership in excess of 1.0 and less than 1.2 according to section~~
4.19 ~~126C.05, subdivision 8.~~

4.20 (b) A school district's extended time support revenue may be used for extended day
4.21 programs, extended week programs, summer school, and other programming authorized
4.22 under the learning year program. Extended support revenue may also be used by alternative
4.23 learning centers serving high school students for academic purposes during the school day.

4.24 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective for fiscal year 2016 and later.

4.25 Sec. 11. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 126C.10, subdivision 2e, is amended to read:

4.26 Subd. 2e. **Local optional revenue.** (a) Local optional revenue for a school district
4.27 equals \$424 times the adjusted pupil units of the district for that school year.

4.28 (b) A district's local optional levy equals its local optional revenue times the lesser
4.29 of one or the ratio of its referendum market value per resident pupil unit to ~~\$510,000~~
4.30 the local optional equalizing factor. The local optional revenue levy must be spread on
4.31 referendum market value. A district may levy less than the permitted amount.

4.32 (c) A district's local optional aid equals its local optional revenue less its local
4.33 optional levy, times the ratio of the actual amount levied to the permitted levy.

5.1 (d) A district's local optional equalizing factor equals \$510,000 times the greater of
 5.2 one or the ratio of the district's seasonal recreational factor to 0.30.

5.3 (e) A district's seasonal recreational factor equals the ratio of the market value of
 5.4 property in the district classified as 4(c)12 under section 273.13 to the district's total
 5.5 taxable market value under section 273.13.

5.6 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective for taxes payable in 2017 and later.

5.7 Sec. 12. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 126C.10, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

5.8 Subd. 3. **Compensatory education revenue.** (a) ~~For fiscal year 2014, the~~
 5.9 ~~compensatory education revenue for each building in the district equals the formula~~
 5.10 ~~allowance minus \$415 times the compensation revenue pupil units computed according to~~
 5.11 ~~section 126C.05, subdivision 3. For fiscal year 2015~~ 2016 ~~and later, the compensatory~~
 5.12 ~~education revenue for each building in the district equals the formula allowance for fiscal~~
 5.13 ~~year 2015~~ minus \$839 times the compensation revenue pupil units computed according to
 5.14 section 126C.05, subdivision 3.

5.15 (b) A district's compensatory revenue under paragraph (a) is increased by an amount
 5.16 equal to the product of (1) the ratio of the statewide compensatory growth revenue to the
 5.17 sum of the number of pupils in the district eligible to receive free lunch plus one-half of the
 5.18 number of pupils eligible to receive reduced-price lunch on October 1 of the previous year,
 5.19 and (2) the district's number of pupils eligible to receive free lunch plus one-half of the
 5.20 number of pupils eligible to receive reduced-price lunch on October 1 of the previous year.

5.21 (c) Revenue shall be paid to the district and must be allocated according to section
 5.22 126C.15, subdivision 2.

5.23 ~~(b)~~ (d) When the district contracting with an alternative program under section
 5.24 124D.69 changes prior to the start of a school year, the compensatory revenue generated
 5.25 by pupils attending the program shall be paid to the district contracting with the alternative
 5.26 program for the current school year, and shall not be paid to the district contracting with
 5.27 the alternative program for the prior school year.

5.28 ~~(e)~~ (e) When the fiscal agent district for an area learning center changes prior to the
 5.29 start of a school year, the compensatory revenue shall be paid to the fiscal agent district
 5.30 for the current school year, and shall not be paid to the fiscal agent district for the prior
 5.31 school year.

5.32 (f) Statewide compensatory growth revenue equals the difference between
 5.33 compensatory revenue computed under paragraph (a) with the formula allowance for the
 5.34 current year and the revenue computed under paragraph (a) using the formula allowance
 5.35 for fiscal year 2015.

6.1 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective for fiscal year 2016 and later.

6.2 Sec. 13. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 126C.10, subdivision 13a, is amended to read:

6.3 Subd. 13a. **Operating capital levy.** To obtain operating capital revenue for fiscal
6.4 year 2015 and later, a district may levy an amount not more than the product of its
6.5 operating capital revenue for the fiscal year times the lesser of one or the ratio of its
6.6 adjusted net tax capacity per adjusted ~~marginal-cost~~ pupil unit to the operating capital
6.7 equalizing factor. The operating capital equalizing factor equals \$14,500.

6.8 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment for
6.9 fiscal year 2015 and later.

6.10 Sec. 14. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 126C.10, subdivision 18, is amended to read:

6.11 Subd. 18. **Transportation sparsity revenue allowance.** (a) A district's
6.12 transportation sparsity allowance equals the greater of zero or the result of the following
6.13 computation:

6.14 (i) Multiply the formula allowance according to subdivision 2, by .141.

6.15 (ii) Multiply the result in clause (i) by the district's sparsity index raised to the
6.16 26/100 power.

6.17 (iii) Multiply the result in clause (ii) by the district's density index raised to the
6.18 13/100 power.

6.19 (iv) Multiply the formula allowance according to subdivision 2, by .0466.

6.20 (v) Subtract the result in clause (iv) from the result in clause (iii).

6.21 (vi) Multiply the result in clause (v) by the greater of (1) one or (2) the ratio of the
6.22 square mile area of the district to 3,000.

6.23 (vii) For a district that does not qualify for secondary sparsity revenue under
6.24 subdivision 7 or elementary sparsity revenue under subdivision 8, multiply the result in
6.25 clause (vi) by the greater of (1) one or (2) the ratio of the square mile area of the district to
6.26 525.

6.27 (b) Transportation sparsity revenue is equal to the transportation sparsity allowance
6.28 times the adjusted pupil units.

6.29 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective for revenue in fiscal year 2016 and
6.30 later.

6.31 Sec. 15. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 126C.10, subdivision 24, is amended to read:

6.32 Subd. 24. **Equity revenue.** (a) A school district qualifies for equity revenue if:

7.1 (1) the school district's adjusted pupil unit amount of basic revenue, transition
 7.2 revenue, and referendum revenue is less than the value of the school district at or
 7.3 immediately above the 95th percentile of school districts in its equity region for those
 7.4 revenue categories; and

7.5 (2) the school district's administrative offices are not located in a city of the first
 7.6 class on July 1, 1999.

7.7 (b) Equity revenue for a qualifying district that receives referendum revenue under
 7.8 section 126C.17, subdivision 4, equals the product of (1) the district's adjusted pupil
 7.9 units for that year; times (2) the sum of (i) \$14, plus (ii) \$80, times the school district's
 7.10 equity index computed under subdivision 27.

7.11 (c) Equity revenue for a qualifying district that does not receive referendum revenue
 7.12 under section 126C.17, subdivision 4, equals the product of the district's adjusted pupil
 7.13 units for that year times \$14.

7.14 (d) A school district's equity revenue is increased by the greater of zero or an amount
 7.15 equal to the district's adjusted pupil units times the difference between ten percent of the
 7.16 statewide average amount of referendum revenue per adjusted pupil unit for that year and
 7.17 the district's referendum revenue per adjusted pupil unit. A school district's revenue under
 7.18 this paragraph must not exceed \$100,000 for that year.

7.19 (e) A school district's equity revenue ~~for a school district located in the metro-equity~~
 7.20 ~~region~~ equals the amount computed in paragraphs (b), (c), and (d) multiplied by 1.25.

7.21 (f) A school district's additional equity revenue equals \$50 times its adjusted pupil
 7.22 units.

7.23 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective for fiscal year 2017 and later.

7.24 Sec. 16. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 126C.13, subdivision 4, is amended to read:

7.25 Subd. 4. **General education aid.** ~~(a) For fiscal years 2013 and 2014 only, a district's~~
 7.26 ~~general education aid is the sum of the following amounts:~~

7.27 ~~(1) general education revenue, excluding equity revenue, total operating capital~~
 7.28 ~~revenue, alternative teacher compensation revenue, and transition revenue;~~

7.29 ~~(2) operating capital aid under section 126C.10, subdivision 13b;~~

7.30 ~~(3) equity aid under section 126C.10, subdivision 30;~~

7.31 ~~(4) alternative teacher compensation aid under section 126C.10, subdivision 36;~~

7.32 ~~(5) transition aid under section 126C.10, subdivision 33;~~

7.33 ~~(6) shared time aid under section 126C.01, subdivision 7;~~

7.34 ~~(7) referendum aid under section 126C.17, subdivisions 7 and 7a; and~~

7.35 ~~(8) online learning aid according to section 124D.096.~~

- 8.1 ~~(b) For fiscal year 2015 and later, A district's general education aid equals:~~
- 8.2 (1) general education revenue, excluding operating capital revenue, equity revenue,
- 8.3 local optional revenue, and transition revenue, ~~minus the student achievement levy,~~
- 8.4 ~~multiplied times the ratio of the actual amount of student achievement levy levied to the~~
- 8.5 ~~permitted student achievement levy; plus~~
- 8.6 (2) operating capital aid under section 126C.10, subdivision 13b;
- 8.7 ~~(2) (3) equity aid under section 126C.10, subdivision 30; plus~~
- 8.8 ~~(3) (4) transition aid under section 126C.10, subdivision 33; plus~~
- 8.9 ~~(4) (5) shared time aid under section 126C.10, subdivision 7; plus~~
- 8.10 ~~(5) (6) referendum aid under section 126C.17, subdivisions 7 and 7a; plus~~
- 8.11 ~~(6) (7) online learning aid under section 124D.096; plus~~
- 8.12 ~~(7) (8) local optional aid according to section 126C.10, subdivision 2d, paragraph (d).~~

8.13 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** Clause (1) of this section is effective for fiscal year 2017 and

8.14 later. Clause (2) of this section is effective for fiscal year 2015 and later.

8.15 Sec. 17. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 126C.15, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

8.16 Subdivision 1. **Use of revenue.** The basic skills revenue under section 126C.10,

8.17 subdivision 4, must be reserved and used to meet the educational needs of pupils who

8.18 enroll under-prepared to learn and whose progress toward meeting state or local content

8.19 or performance standards is below the level that is appropriate for learners of their age.

8.20 Basic skills revenue may also be used for programs designed to prepare children and their

8.21 families for entry into school whether the student first enrolls in kindergarten or first grade.

8.22 Any of the following may be provided to meet these learners' needs:

8.23 (1) direct instructional services under the assurance of mastery program according

8.24 to section 124D.66;

8.25 (2) remedial instruction in reading, language arts, mathematics, other content areas,

8.26 or study skills to improve the achievement level of these learners;

8.27 (3) additional teachers and teacher aides to provide more individualized instruction

8.28 to these learners through individual tutoring, lower instructor-to-learner ratios, or team

8.29 teaching;

8.30 (4) a longer school day or week during the regular school year or through a summer

8.31 program that may be offered directly by the site or under a performance-based contract

8.32 with a community-based organization;

8.33 (5) recruitment and new teacher development activities through quality mentor-led

8.34 induction or "grow your own" initiatives;

9.1 (6) a hiring bonus or other added compensation for a teacher identified as effective
 9.2 or highly effective under the local teacher professional review cycle who agrees to work
 9.3 in a hard-to-fill position or hard-to-staff school setting such as a school with a majority
 9.4 of students whose families meet federal poverty guidelines, a geographically isolated
 9.5 school, or a school identified by the state as eligible for targeted programs or services
 9.6 for its students;

9.7 ~~(5)~~ (7) comprehensive and ongoing staff development consistent with district and
 9.8 site plans according to section 122A.60, for teachers, teacher aides, principals, and other
 9.9 personnel to improve their ability to identify the needs of these learners and provide
 9.10 appropriate remediation, intervention, accommodations, or modifications;

9.11 ~~(6)~~ (8) instructional materials, digital learning, and technology appropriate for
 9.12 meeting the individual needs of these learners;

9.13 ~~(7)~~ (9) programs to reduce truancy, encourage completion of high school, enhance
 9.14 self-concept, provide health services, provide nutrition services, provide a safe and secure
 9.15 learning environment, provide coordination for pupils receiving services from other
 9.16 governmental agencies, provide psychological services to determine the level of social,
 9.17 emotional, cognitive, and intellectual development, and provide counseling services,
 9.18 guidance services, and social work services;

9.19 ~~(8)~~ (10) bilingual programs, bicultural programs, and programs for English learners;

9.20 ~~(9) all-day kindergarten;~~

9.21 ~~(10)~~ (11) prekindergarten programs for four-year-olds and other early education
 9.22 programs, parent-training programs, school readiness programs, kindergarten programs
 9.23 for four-year-olds, voluntary home visits under section 124D.13, subdivision 4, and other
 9.24 outreach efforts designed to prepare children for kindergarten;

9.25 ~~(11)~~ (12) extended school day and extended school year programs including summer
 9.26 academies; and

9.27 ~~(12)~~ (13) substantial parent involvement in developing and implementing remedial
 9.28 education or intervention plans for a learner, including learning contracts between the
 9.29 school, the learner, and the parent that establish achievement goals and responsibilities of
 9.30 the learner and the learner's parent or guardian.

9.31 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 1, 2015.

9.32 Sec. 18. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 126C.15, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

9.33 Subd. 2. **Building allocation.** (a) Unless a plan has been adopted according to
 9.34 paragraph (b), a district or cooperative must allocate its compensatory revenue to each
 9.35 school building in the district or cooperative where the children who have generated the

10.1 revenue are served ~~unless the school district or cooperative has received permission under~~
 10.2 ~~Laws 2005, First Special Session chapter 5, article 1, section 50, to allocate compensatory~~
 10.3 ~~revenue according to student performance measures developed by the school board.~~

10.4 (b) Notwithstanding paragraph (a), the board of a district or cooperative may allocate
 10.5 up to five percent of the amount of reallocate any or all of its compensatory revenue that
 10.6 ~~the district receives to school sites according to a plan adopted by the school board, and a~~
 10.7 ~~district or cooperative may allocate up to an additional five percent of its compensatory~~
 10.8 ~~revenue for activities under subdivision 1, clause (10), according to a plan adopted by the~~
 10.9 ~~school board.~~ The money reallocated under this paragraph must be spent for the purposes
 10.10 listed in subdivision 1, but may be spent on students in any grade, including students
 10.11 attending school readiness or other prekindergarten programs.

10.12 (c) For the purposes of this section and section 126C.05, subdivision 3, "building"
 10.13 means education site as defined in section 123B.04, subdivision 1.

10.14 (d) Notwithstanding section 123A.26, subdivision 1, compensatory revenue
 10.15 generated by students served at a cooperative unit shall be paid to the cooperative unit.

10.16 (e) A district or cooperative with school building openings, school building
 10.17 closings, changes in attendance area boundaries, or other changes in programs or student
 10.18 demographics between the prior year and the current year may reallocate compensatory
 10.19 revenue among sites to reflect these changes. A district or cooperative must report to the
 10.20 department any adjustments it makes according to this paragraph and the department must
 10.21 use the adjusted compensatory revenue allocations in preparing the report required under
 10.22 section 123B.76, subdivision 3, paragraph (c).

10.23 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 1, 2015.

10.24 Sec. 19. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 126C.15, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

10.25 Subd. 3. **Recommendation.** A school site decision-making team, as defined in
 10.26 section 123B.04, subdivision 2, paragraph (a), or the instruction and curriculum advisory
 10.27 committee under section 120B.11, if the school has no school site decision team, ~~shall~~ may
 10.28 recommend to the school board how the compensatory education revenue will be used to
 10.29 carry out the purpose of this section. A school district that has received permission under
 10.30 Laws 2005, First Special Session chapter 5, article 1, section 50, to allocate compensatory
 10.31 revenue according to school performance measures shall share its plan for the distribution
 10.32 of compensatory revenue with the school site decision team.

10.33 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 1, 2015.

11.1 Sec. 20. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 126C.17, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

11.2 Subdivision 1. **Referendum allowance.** (a) A district's initial referendum allowance
11.3 equals the result of the following calculations:

11.4 (1) multiply the referendum allowance the district would have received for fiscal
11.5 year 2015 under Minnesota Statutes 2012, section 126C.17, subdivision 1, based on
11.6 elections held before July 1, 2013, by the resident marginal cost pupil units the district
11.7 would have counted for fiscal year 2015 under Minnesota Statutes 2012, section 126C.05;

11.8 (2) add to the result of clause (1) the adjustment the district would have received
11.9 under Minnesota Statutes 2012, section 127A.47, subdivision 7, paragraphs (a), (b), and
11.10 (c), based on elections held before July 1, 2013;

11.11 (3) divide the result of clause (2) by the district's adjusted pupil units for fiscal
11.12 year 2015;

11.13 (4) add to the result of clause (3) any additional referendum allowance per adjusted
11.14 pupil unit authorized by elections held between July 1, 2013, and December 31, 2013;

11.15 (5) add to the result in clause (4) any additional referendum allowance resulting from
11.16 inflation adjustments approved by the voters prior to January 1, 2014;

11.17 (6) subtract from the result of clause (5), the sum of a district's actual local optional
11.18 levy and local optional aid under section 126C.10, subdivision 2e, divided by the adjusted
11.19 pupil units of the district for that school year; and

11.20 (7) if the result of clause (6) is less than zero, set the allowance to zero.

11.21 (b) A district's referendum allowance equals the sum of the district's initial
11.22 referendum allowance, plus any new referendum allowance authorized between July 1,
11.23 2013, and December 31, 2013, under subdivision 9a, plus any additional referendum
11.24 allowance per adjusted pupil unit authorized after December 31, 2013, minus any
11.25 allowances expiring in fiscal year 2016 or later, provided that the allowance may not be
11.26 less than zero. For a district with more than one referendum allowance for fiscal year
11.27 2015 under Minnesota Statutes 2012, section 126C.17, the allowance calculated under
11.28 paragraph (a), clause (3), must be divided into components such that the same percentage
11.29 of the district's allowance expires at the same time as the old allowances would have
11.30 expired under Minnesota Statutes 2012, section 126C.17. For a district with more than one
11.31 allowance for fiscal year 2015 that expires in the same year, the reduction under paragraph
11.32 (a), clause (6), to offset local optional revenue shall be made first from any allowances that
11.33 do not have an inflation adjustment approved by the voters.

11.34 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment for
11.35 fiscal year 2015 and later.

12.1 Sec. 21. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 126C.17, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

12.2 Subd. 2. **Referendum allowance limit.** (a) Notwithstanding subdivision 1, for
 12.3 fiscal year 2015 and later, a district's referendum allowance must not exceed the annual
 12.4 inflationary increase as calculated under paragraph (b) times the greatest of:

12.5 (1) \$1,845;

12.6 (2) the sum of the referendum revenue the district would have received for fiscal
 12.7 year 2015 under Minnesota Statutes 2012, section 126C.17, subdivision 4, based on
 12.8 elections held before July 1, 2013, and the adjustment the district would have received
 12.9 under Minnesota Statutes 2012, section 127A.47, subdivision 7, paragraphs (a), (b), and
 12.10 (c), based on elections held before July 1, 2013, divided by the district's adjusted pupil
 12.11 units for fiscal year 2015;

12.12 (3) the product of the referendum allowance limit the district would have received
 12.13 for fiscal year 2015 under Minnesota Statutes 2012, section 126C.17, subdivision 2, and
 12.14 the resident marginal cost pupil units the district would have received for fiscal year 2015
 12.15 under Minnesota Statutes 2012, section 126C.05, subdivision 6, plus the adjustment the
 12.16 district would have received under Minnesota Statutes 2012, section 127A.47, subdivision
 12.17 7, paragraphs (a), (b), and (c), based on elections held before July 1, 2013, divided by
 12.18 the district's adjusted pupil units for fiscal year 2015; minus \$424 for a district receiving
 12.19 ~~local optional revenue under section 126C.10, subdivision 2d, paragraph (a), minus~~
 12.20 ~~\$212 for a district receiving local optional revenue under section 126C.10, subdivision~~
 12.21 ~~2d, paragraph (b); or~~

12.22 (4) for a newly reorganized district created after July 1, 2013, the referendum
 12.23 revenue authority for each reorganizing district in the year preceding reorganization
 12.24 divided by its adjusted pupil units for the year preceding reorganization.

12.25 (b) For purposes of this subdivision, for fiscal year 2016 and later, "inflationary
 12.26 increase" means one plus the percentage change in the Consumer Price Index for urban
 12.27 consumers, as prepared by the United States Bureau of Labor Standards, for the current
 12.28 fiscal year to fiscal year 2015. For fiscal year 2016 and later, for purposes of paragraph (a),
 12.29 clause (3), the inflationary increase equals one-fourth of the percentage increase in the
 12.30 formula allowance for that year compared with the formula allowance for fiscal year 2015.

12.31 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment for
 12.32 fiscal year 2015 and later.

12.33 Sec. 22. **APPROPRIATIONS.**

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

13.4 Subd. 2. **General education aid.** For general education aid under Minnesota
 13.5 Statutes, section 126C.13, subdivision 4:

13.6 \$ 6,546,760,000 2016

13.7 \$ 6,609,377,000 2017

13.8 The 2016 appropriation includes \$622,908,000 for 2015 and \$5,923,852,000 for
 13.9 2016.

13.10 The 2017 appropriation includes \$630,151,000 for 2016 and \$5,979,226,000 for
 13.11 2017.

13.12 Subd. 3. **Enrollment options transportation.** For transportation of pupils attending
 13.13 postsecondary institutions under Minnesota Statutes, section 124D.09, or for transportation
 13.14 of pupils attending nonresident districts under Minnesota Statutes, section 124D.03:

13.15 \$ 39,000 2016

13.16 \$ 42,000 2017

13.17 Subd. 4. **Abatement revenue.** For abatement aid under Minnesota Statutes, section
 13.18 127A.49:

13.19 \$ 2,740,000 2016

13.20 \$ 2,932,000 2017

13.21 The 2016 appropriation includes \$278,000 for 2015 and \$2,462,000 for 2016.

13.22 The 2017 appropriation includes \$273,000 for 2016 and \$2,659,000 for 2017.

13.23 Subd. 5. **Consolidation transition.** For districts consolidating under Minnesota
 13.24 Statutes, section 123A.485:

13.25 \$ 292,000 2016

13.26 \$ 165,000 2017

13.27 The 2016 appropriation includes \$22,000 for 2015 and \$270,000 for 2016.

13.28 The 2017 appropriation includes \$30,000 for 2016 and \$135,000 for 2017.

13.29 Subd. 6. **Nonpublic pupil education aid.** For nonpublic pupil education aid under
 13.30 Minnesota Statutes, sections 123B.40 to 123B.43 and 123B.87:

13.31 \$ 16,756,000 2016

13.32 \$ 17,309,000 2017

13.33 The 2016 appropriation includes \$1,575,000 for 2015 and \$15,181,000 for 2016.

14.1 The 2017 appropriation includes \$1,686,000 for 2016 and \$15,623,000 for 2017.

14.2 Subd. 7. **Nonpublic pupil transportation.** For nonpublic pupil transportation aid
 14.3 under Minnesota Statutes, section 123B.92, subdivision 9:

14.4 \$ 17,322,000 2016

14.5 \$ 17,228,000 2017

14.6 The 2016 appropriation includes \$1,816,000 for 2015 and \$15,506,000 for 2016.

14.7 The 2017 appropriation includes \$1,722,000 for 2016 and \$15,506,000 for 2017.

14.8 Subd. 8. **One-room schoolhouse.** For a grant to Independent School District No.
 14.9 690, Warroad, to operate the Angle Inlet School:

14.10 \$ 65,000 2016

14.11 \$ 65,000 2017

14.12 Subd. 9. **Compensatory revenue pilot project.** For grants for participation in the
 14.13 compensatory revenue pilot program under Laws 2005, First Special Session chapter 5,
 14.14 article 1, section 50:

14.15 \$ 7,325,000 2016

14.16 \$ 7,325,000 2017

14.17 Of this amount, \$4,730,000 in each year is for a grant to Independent School District
 14.18 No. 11, Anoka-Hennepin; \$240,000 in each year is for a grant to Independent School
 14.19 District No. 286, Brooklyn Center; \$660,000 in each year is for a grant to Independent
 14.20 School District No. 279, Osseo; \$500,000 in each year is for a grant to Independent
 14.21 School District No. 281, Robbinsdale; \$520,000 in each year is for a grant to Independent
 14.22 School District No. 535, Rochester; \$205,000 in each year is for a grant to Independent
 14.23 School District No. 833, South Washington; and \$470,000 in each year is for a grant to
 14.24 Independent School District No. 241, Albert Lea.

14.25 If a grant to a specific school district is not awarded, the commissioner may increase
 14.26 the aid amounts to any of the remaining participating school districts.

14.27 Subd. 10. **Career and technical aid.** For career and technical aid under Minnesota
 14.28 Statutes, section 124D.4531, subdivision 1b:

14.29 \$ 5,420,000 2016

14.30 \$ 4,405,000 2017

14.31 The 2016 appropriation includes \$574,000 for 2015 and \$4,846,000 for 2016.

14.32 The 2017 appropriation includes \$538,000 for 2016 and \$3,867,000 for 2017.

14.33 Sec. 23. **REPEALER.**

15.1 Minnesota Statutes 2014, sections 126C.12, subdivision 6; 126C.13, subdivisions 3a,
 15.2 3b, and 3c; and 126C.41, subdivision 1, and Minnesota Rules, part 3500.1000, are repealed.

15.3 **ARTICLE 2**

15.4 **EDUCATION EXCELLENCE**

15.5 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 5A.03, is amended to read:

15.6 **5A.03 ORGANIZATION APPLICATION FOR REGISTRATION.**

15.7 Subdivision 1. **Placing high school students in Minnesota.** (a) An application for
 15.8 registration as an international student exchange visitor placement organization must be
 15.9 submitted in the form prescribed by the secretary of state. The application must include:

15.10 (1) evidence that the organization meets the standards established by the secretary of
 15.11 state by rule;

15.12 (2) the name, address, and telephone number of the organization, its chief executive
 15.13 officer, and the person within the organization who has primary responsibility for
 15.14 supervising placements within the state;

15.15 (3) the organization's unified business identification number, if any;

15.16 (4) the organization's Office of Exchange Coordination and Designation, United
 15.17 States Department of State number, if any;

15.18 (5) evidence of Council on Standards for International Educational Travel listing, if
 15.19 any;

15.20 (6) whether the organization is exempt from federal income tax; and

15.21 (7) a list of the organization's placements in Minnesota for the previous academic
 15.22 year including the number of students placed, their home countries, the school districts in
 15.23 which they were placed, and the length of their placements.

15.24 (b) The application must be signed by the chief executive officer of the organization
 15.25 and the person within the organization who has primary responsibility for supervising
 15.26 placements within Minnesota. If the secretary of state determines that the application is
 15.27 complete, the secretary of state shall file the application and the applicant is registered.

15.28 (c) Organizations that have registered shall inform the secretary of state of any
 15.29 changes in the information required under paragraph (a), clause (1), within 30 days of the
 15.30 change. There is no fee to amend a registration.

15.31 (d) Registration under this chapter is valid for one year. The registration may be
 15.32 renewed annually. The fee to renew a registration is \$50 per year.

15.33 (e) Organizations registering for the first time in Minnesota must pay an initial
 15.34 registration fee of \$150.

16.1 (f) Fees collected by the secretary of state under this section must be deposited in the
16.2 state treasury and credited to the general fund.

16.3 **Subd. 2. Placing Minnesota students in travel abroad programs.** (a) A school
16.4 district or charter school with enrolled students who participate in a foreign exchange or
16.5 study or other travel abroad program under a written agreement between the district or
16.6 charter school and the program provider must use a form developed by the Department
16.7 of Education to annually report to the department by November 1 the following data
16.8 from the previous school year:

16.9 (1) the number of Minnesota student deaths that occurred while Minnesota students
16.10 were participating in the foreign exchange or study or other travel abroad program and
16.11 that resulted from Minnesota students participating in the program;

16.12 (2) the number of Minnesota students hospitalized due to accidents and the illnesses
16.13 that occurred while Minnesota students were participating in the foreign exchange or study
16.14 or other travel abroad program and that resulted from Minnesota students participating
16.15 in the program; and

16.16 (3) the name and type of the foreign exchange or study or other travel abroad
16.17 program and the city or region where the reported death, hospitalization due to accident,
16.18 or the illness occurred.

16.19 (b) School districts and charter schools must ask but must not require enrolled
16.20 eligible students and the parents or guardians of other enrolled students who complete
16.21 a foreign exchange or study or other travel abroad program to disclose the information
16.22 under paragraph (a).

16.23 (c) When reporting the data under paragraph (a), a school district or charter school
16.24 may supplement the data with a brief explanatory statement. The Department of Education
16.25 annually must aggregate and publish the reported data on the department Web site in
16.26 a format that facilitates public access to the aggregated data and include links to both
16.27 the United States Department of State's Consular Information Program that informs the
16.28 public of conditions abroad that may affect students' safety and security and the publicly
16.29 available reports on sexual assaults and other criminal acts affecting students participating
16.30 in a foreign exchange or study or other travel abroad program.

16.31 (d) School districts and charter schools with enrolled students who participate in
16.32 foreign exchange or study or other travel abroad programs under a written agreement
16.33 between the district or charter school and the program provider are encouraged to adopt
16.34 policies supporting the programs and to include program standards in their policies to
16.35 ensure students' health and safety.

17.1 (e) To be eligible under this subdivision to provide a foreign exchange or study or
 17.2 other travel abroad program to Minnesota students enrolled in a school district or charter
 17.3 school, a program provider annually must register with the secretary of state and provide
 17.4 the following information on a form developed by the secretary of state: the name,
 17.5 address, and telephone number of the program provider, its chief executive officer, and
 17.6 the person within the provider's organization who is primarily responsible for supervising
 17.7 programs within the state; the program provider's unified business identification number,
 17.8 if any; evidence of Council on Standards for International Educational Travel listing,
 17.9 if any; whether the program provider is exempt from federal income tax; a list of the
 17.10 program provider's placements in foreign countries for the previous school year including
 17.11 the number of Minnesota students placed, where Minnesota students were placed,
 17.12 and the length of their placement; and the signatures of the program provider's chief
 17.13 executive officer and the person primarily responsible for supervising Minnesota students'
 17.14 placements in foreign countries. If the secretary of state determines the registration is
 17.15 complete, the secretary of state shall file the registration and the program provider is
 17.16 registered. Registration with the secretary of state must not be considered or represented
 17.17 as an endorsement of the program provider by the secretary of state. The secretary of
 17.18 state annually must publish on its Web site aggregated data under paragraph (c) received
 17.19 from the Department of Education.

17.20 (f) Program providers, annually by August 1, must provide the data required under
 17.21 paragraph (a), clauses (1) to (3), to the districts and charter schools with enrolled students
 17.22 participating in the provider's program.

17.23 (g) The school district, the charter school, the Department of Education, and their
 17.24 respective employees, when acting in their official capacity, are immune from civil and
 17.25 criminal liability with respect to all activities related to implementing this subdivision.

17.26 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective for the 2015-2016 school year and
 17.27 later.

17.28 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 13.32, subdivision 5, is amended to read:

17.29 Subd. 5. **Directory information.** (a) Information designated as directory
 17.30 information pursuant to the provisions of United States Code, title 20, section 1232g and
 17.31 Code of Federal Regulations, title 34, section 99.37 which are in effect on January 1, 2007,
 17.32 is public data on individuals. When conducting the directory information designation and
 17.33 notice process required by federal law, an educational agency or institution shall give
 17.34 parents and students notice of the right to refuse to let the agency or institution designate

18.1 any or all data about the student as directory information. This notice may be given by any
18.2 means reasonably likely to inform the parents and students of the right.

18.3 (b) An educational agency or institution may not disclose directory information to a
18.4 foreign exchange or study or other travel abroad program provider under section 5A.03,
18.5 subdivision 2, unless the program provider is registered with the Office of the Secretary
18.6 of State.

18.7 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective for the 2015-2016 school year and
18.8 later.

18.9 Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 120B.022, subdivision 1a, is amended to read:

18.10 Subd. 1a. **Foreign language and culture; proficiency certificates.** (a) World
18.11 languages teachers and other school staff should develop and implement world languages
18.12 programs that acknowledge and reinforce the language proficiency and cultural awareness
18.13 that non-English language speakers already possess, and encourage students' proficiency
18.14 in multiple world languages. Programs under this section must encompass indigenous
18.15 American Indian languages and cultures, among other world languages and cultures. The
18.16 department shall consult with postsecondary institutions in developing related professional
18.17 development opportunities for purposes of this section.

18.18 (b) Any Minnesota public, charter, or nonpublic school may award Minnesota
18.19 World Language Proficiency Certificates ~~or Minnesota World Language Proficiency High~~
18.20 ~~Achievement Certificates~~, consistent with this subdivision.

18.21 (c) The Minnesota World Language Proficiency Certificate recognizes students who
18.22 demonstrate listening, speaking, reading, and writing language skills at the American
18.23 Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages' Intermediate-Low level on a valid and
18.24 reliable assessment tool. ~~For languages listed as Category 3 by the United States Foreign~~
18.25 ~~Service Institute or Category 4 by the United States Defense Language Institute, the~~
18.26 ~~standard is Intermediate-Low for listening and speaking and Novice-High for reading~~
18.27 ~~and writing.~~

18.28 (d) ~~The Minnesota World Language Proficiency High Achievement Certificate~~
18.29 ~~recognizes students who demonstrate listening, speaking, reading, and writing language~~
18.30 ~~skills at the American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages' Pre-Advanced level~~
18.31 ~~for K-12 learners on a valid and reliable assessment tool. For languages listed as Category~~
18.32 ~~3 by the United States Foreign Service Institute or Category 4 by the United States~~
18.33 ~~Defense Language Institute, the standard is Pre-Advanced for listening and speaking and~~
18.34 ~~Intermediate-Mid for reading and writing.~~

19.1 Sec. 4. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 120B.022, subdivision 1b, is amended to read:

19.2 Subd. 1b. **State bilingual and multilingual seals.** (a) Consistent with efforts to
 19.3 strive for the world's best workforce under sections 120B.11 and 124D.10, subdivision 8,
 19.4 paragraph (u), and close the academic achievement and opportunity gap under sections
 19.5 124D.861 and 124D.862, voluntary state bilingual and multilingual seals are established
 19.6 to recognize high school ~~graduates~~ students who demonstrate ~~level 3~~ an advanced low
 19.7 level or an intermediate high level of functional native proficiency in listening, speaking,
 19.8 reading, and writing on either ~~the Foreign Services Institute language~~ assessments aligned
 19.9 with American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages' (ACTFL) proficiency
 19.10 tests guidelines or on equivalent valid and reliable assessments in one or more languages
 19.11 in addition to English. American Sign Language is a language other than English for
 19.12 purposes of this subdivision and a world language for purposes of subdivision 1a.

19.13 (b) In addition to paragraph (a), to be eligible to receive a seal:

19.14 (1) students must satisfactorily complete all required English language arts credits;
 19.15 and

19.16 (2) students ~~whose primary language is other than English~~ must demonstrate mastery
 19.17 of Minnesota's English language proficiency standards.

19.18 (c) Consistent with this subdivision, a high school graduate who demonstrates
 19.19 an intermediate high ACTFL level of functional native proficiency in one language
 19.20 in addition to English is eligible to receive the state bilingual gold seal. A high school
 19.21 graduate who demonstrates an intermediate high ACTFL level of functional native
 19.22 proficiency in more than one language in addition to English is eligible to receive the
 19.23 state multilingual gold seal. A high school graduate who demonstrates an advanced low
 19.24 ACTFL level of functional proficiency in one language in addition to English is eligible
 19.25 to receive the state bilingual platinum seal. A high school graduate who demonstrates
 19.26 an advanced-low ACTFL level of functional proficiency in more than one language in
 19.27 addition to English is eligible to receive the state multilingual platinum seal.

19.28 (d) School districts and charter schools, ~~in consultation with regional centers of~~
 19.29 ~~excellence under section 120B.115,~~ must may give students periodic opportunities to
 19.30 demonstrate their level of proficiency in listening, speaking, reading, and writing in a
 19.31 language in addition to English. Where valid and reliable assessments are unavailable, a
 19.32 school district or charter school may rely on a ~~licensed foreign language immersion teacher~~
 19.33 ~~or a nonlicensed community expert under section 122A.25~~ evaluators trained in assessing
 19.34 under ACTFL proficiency guidelines to assess a student's level of foreign, heritage, or
 19.35 indigenous language proficiency under this section. School districts and charter schools
 19.36 must maintain appropriate records to identify high school graduates eligible to receive the

20.1 state bilingual or multilingual ~~seal~~ gold and platinum seals. The school district or charter
 20.2 school must affix the appropriate seal to the transcript of each high school graduate who
 20.3 meets the requirements of this subdivision and may affix the seal to the student's diploma. A
 20.4 school district or charter school must not charge the high school graduate a fee for this seal.

20.5 (e) A school district or charter school may award elective course credits in world
 20.6 languages to a student who demonstrates the requisite proficiency in a language other
 20.7 than English under this section.

20.8 (f) A school district or charter school may award community service credit to a
 20.9 student who demonstrates ~~level 3~~ an intermediate high or advanced low ACTFL level of
 20.10 ~~functional native~~ proficiency in listening, speaking, reading, and writing in a language
 20.11 other than English and who participates in community service activities that are integrated
 20.12 into the curriculum, involve the participation of teachers, and support biliteracy in the
 20.13 school or local community.

20.14 (g) ~~The commissioner must develop a Web page for the electronic delivery of these~~
 20.15 ~~seals.~~ The commissioner must list on the Web page those assessments that are equivalent
 20.16 ~~to the Foreign Services Institute language~~ aligned to ACTFL proficiency tests guidelines.

20.17 (h) By August 1, 2015, the colleges and universities of the Minnesota State Colleges
 20.18 and Universities system must award foreign language credits to a student who receives a
 20.19 state bilingual seal or a state multilingual seal under this subdivision and may establish
 20.20 criteria to translate the seals into college credits based on the world language course
 20.21 equivalencies identified by the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities faculty and
 20.22 staff and, upon request from an enrolled student, the Minnesota State Colleges and
 20.23 Universities may award foreign language credits to a student who receives a Minnesota
 20.24 World Language Proficiency Certificate or a Minnesota World Language Proficiency
 20.25 High Achievement Certificate under subdivision 1a. A student who demonstrated the
 20.26 requisite level of language proficiency in grade 10, 11, or 12 to receive a seal or certificate
 20.27 and is enrolled in a Minnesota State Colleges and Universities institution must request
 20.28 college credits for the student's seal or proficiency certificate within three academic years
 20.29 after graduating from high school. The University of Minnesota is encouraged to award
 20.30 students foreign language academic credits consistent with this paragraph.

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

20.32 Sec. 5. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 120B.12, subdivision 4a, is amended to read:

20.33 Subd. 4a. **Local literacy plan.** (a) Consistent with this section, a school district
 20.34 must adopt a local literacy plan to have every child reading at or above grade level no

21.1 later than the end of grade 3, including English learners. The plan must be consistent with
 21.2 section 122A.06, subdivision 4, and include the following:

21.3 (1) a process to assess students' level of reading proficiency; and data to support the
 21.4 effectiveness of an assessment used to screen and identify a student's level of reading
 21.5 proficiency;

21.6 (2) a process to notify and involve parents; ~~intervene with;~~

21.7 (3) a description of how schools in the district will determine the proper reading
 21.8 intervention strategy for a student and the process for intensifying or modifying the
 21.9 reading strategy in order to obtain measurable reading progress;

21.10 (4) evidence-based intervention methods for students who are not reading at or
 21.11 above grade level; ~~and identify and meet~~ and progress monitoring to provide information
 21.12 on the effectiveness of the intervention; and

21.13 (5) identification of staff development needs, including a program to meet those
 21.14 needs.

21.15 (b) The district must post its literacy plan on the official school district Web site.

21.16 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective for fiscal year 2016 and later.

21.17 Sec. 6. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 120B.13, subdivision 4, is amended to read:

21.18 Subd. 4. **Rigorous course taking information; AP, IB, and PSEO.** The
 21.19 commissioner shall submit the following information on rigorous course taking,
 21.20 disaggregated by student subgroup, school district, and postsecondary institution, to the
 21.21 education committees of the legislature each year by February 1:

21.22 (1) the number of pupils enrolled in postsecondary enrollment options under section
 21.23 124D.09, including concurrent enrollment, career and technical education courses offered
 21.24 as a concurrent enrollment course, advanced placement, and international baccalaureate
 21.25 courses in each school district;

21.26 (2) the number of teachers in each district attending training programs offered by the
 21.27 college board, International Baccalaureate North America, Inc., or Minnesota concurrent
 21.28 enrollment programs;

21.29 (3) the number of teachers in each district participating in support programs;

21.30 (4) recent trends in the field of postsecondary enrollment options under section
 21.31 124D.09, including concurrent enrollment, advanced placement, and international
 21.32 baccalaureate programs;

21.33 (5) expenditures for each category in this section and under sections 124D.09 and
 21.34 124D.091, including career and technical education courses offered as a concurrent
 21.35 enrollment course; and

22.1 (6) other recommendations for the state program or the postsecondary enrollment
22.2 options under section 124D.09, including concurrent enrollment.

22.3 Sec. 7. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 120B.30, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

22.4 Subd. 3. **Reporting.** The commissioner shall report test results publicly and to
22.5 stakeholders, including the performance achievement levels developed from students'
22.6 unweighted test scores in each tested subject and a listing of demographic factors that
22.7 strongly correlate with student performance, including student homelessness, among other
22.8 factors. The test results must not include personally identifiable information as defined in
22.9 Code of Federal Regulations, title 34, section 99.3. The commissioner shall also report
22.10 data that compares performance results among school sites, school districts, Minnesota
22.11 and other states, and Minnesota and other nations. The commissioner shall disseminate to
22.12 schools and school districts a more comprehensive report containing testing information
22.13 that meets local needs for evaluating instruction and curriculum. The commissioner
22.14 shall disseminate to charter school authorizers a more comprehensive report containing
22.15 testing information that contains anonymized data where cell count data are sufficient to
22.16 protect student identity and that meets the authorizer's needs in fulfilling its obligations
22.17 under section 124D.10.

22.18 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment
22.19 and applies to school year reports for the 2015-2016 school year and later.

22.20 Sec. 8. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 120B.31, subdivision 4, is amended to read:

22.21 Subd. 4. **Student performance data.** In developing policies and assessment
22.22 processes to hold schools and districts accountable for high levels of academic standards
22.23 under section 120B.021, the commissioner shall aggregate student data over time to
22.24 report student performance and growth levels measured at the school, school district, and
22.25 statewide level. When collecting and reporting the performance data, the commissioner
22.26 shall organize and report the data so that state and local policy makers can understand the
22.27 educational implications of changes in districts' demographic profiles over time, including
22.28 student homelessness, among other demographic factors. Any report the commissioner
22.29 disseminates containing summary data on student performance must integrate student
22.30 performance and the demographic factors that strongly correlate with that performance.

22.31 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment
22.32 and applies to school year reports for the 2015-2016 school year and later.

23.1 Sec. 9. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 120B.36, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

23.2 Subdivision 1. **School performance reports.** (a) The commissioner shall report
 23.3 student academic performance under section 120B.35, subdivision 2; the percentages of
 23.4 students showing low, medium, and high growth under section 120B.35, subdivision
 23.5 3, paragraph (b); school safety and student engagement and connection under section
 23.6 120B.35, subdivision 3, paragraph (d); rigorous coursework under section 120B.35,
 23.7 subdivision 3, paragraph (c); the percentage of students under section 120B.35,
 23.8 subdivision 3, paragraph (b), clause (2), whose progress and performance levels are
 23.9 meeting career and college readiness benchmarks under sections 120B.30, subdivision 1,
 23.10 and 120B.35, subdivision 3, paragraph (e); longitudinal data on the progress of eligible
 23.11 districts in reducing disparities in students' academic achievement and realizing racial
 23.12 and economic integration under section 124D.861; the acquisition of English, and
 23.13 where practicable, native language academic literacy, including oral academic language,
 23.14 and the academic progress of English learners under section 124D.59, subdivisions
 23.15 2 and 2a; two separate student-to-teacher ratios that clearly indicate the definition of
 23.16 teacher consistent with sections 122A.06 and 122A.15 for purposes of determining these
 23.17 ratios; staff characteristics excluding salaries; student enrollment demographics; student
 23.18 homelessness and district mobility; and extracurricular activities. The report also must
 23.19 indicate a school's adequate yearly progress status under applicable federal law, and must
 23.20 not set any designations applicable to high- and low-performing schools due solely to
 23.21 adequate yearly progress status.

23.22 (b) The commissioner shall develop, annually update, and post on the department
 23.23 Web site school performance reports.

23.24 (c) The commissioner must make available performance reports by the beginning
 23.25 of each school year.

23.26 (d) A school or district may appeal its adequate yearly progress status in writing to
 23.27 the commissioner within 30 days of receiving the notice of its status. The commissioner's
 23.28 decision to uphold or deny an appeal is final.

23.29 (e) School performance data are nonpublic data under section 13.02, subdivision 9,
 23.30 until the commissioner publicly releases the data. The commissioner shall annually post
 23.31 school performance reports to the department's public Web site no later than September 1,
 23.32 except that in years when the reports reflect new performance standards, the commissioner
 23.33 shall post the school performance reports no later than October 1.

23.34 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment
 23.35 and applies to school year reports for the 2015-2016 school year and later.

24.1 Sec. 10. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 122A.09, subdivision 4, is amended to read:

24.2 Subd. 4. **License and rules.** (a) The board must adopt rules to license public school
24.3 teachers and interns subject to chapter 14.

24.4 (b) The board must adopt rules requiring a person to pass a college-level skills
24.5 examination in reading, writing, and mathematics or attain either a ~~composite score~~
24.6 ~~composed of the average of the~~ essentially equivalent passing scores in English and
24.7 writing, reading, and mathematics on the ACT Plus Writing recommended by the board,
24.8 or an ~~equivalent composite score composed of the average of the~~ essentially equivalent
24.9 passing scores in critical reading, mathematics, and writing on the SAT recommended
24.10 by the board, as a requirement for initial teacher licensure, except that the board may
24.11 issue up to two temporary, one-year teaching licenses to an otherwise qualified candidate
24.12 who has not yet passed the college-level skills exam or attained the ~~requisite composite~~
24.13 ~~score~~ essentially equivalent passing scores on the ACT Plus Writing or SAT. Such rules
24.14 must require college and universities offering a board-approved teacher preparation
24.15 program to provide remedial assistance to persons who did not achieve a qualifying
24.16 score on the college-level skills examination or attain the ~~requisite composite score~~
24.17 essentially equivalent passing scores on the ACT Plus Writing or SAT, including those
24.18 for whom English is a second language. The requirement to pass a reading, writing,
24.19 and mathematics college-level skills examination or attain the ~~requisite composite score~~
24.20 essentially equivalent passing scores on the ACT Plus Writing or SAT does not apply to
24.21 nonnative English speakers, as verified by qualified Minnesota school district personnel
24.22 or Minnesota higher education faculty, who, after meeting the content and pedagogy
24.23 requirements under this subdivision, apply for a teaching license to provide direct
24.24 instruction in their native language or world language instruction under section 120B.022,
24.25 subdivision 1. A teacher candidate's official ACT Plus Writing or SAT composite score
24.26 report to the board must not be more than ten years old at the time of licensure.

24.27 (c) The board must adopt rules to approve teacher preparation programs. The board,
24.28 upon the request of a postsecondary student preparing for teacher licensure or a licensed
24.29 graduate of a teacher preparation program, shall assist in resolving a dispute between the
24.30 person and a postsecondary institution providing a teacher preparation program when the
24.31 dispute involves an institution's recommendation for licensure affecting the person or the
24.32 person's credentials. At the board's discretion, assistance may include the application
24.33 of chapter 14.

24.34 (d) The board must provide the leadership and adopt rules for the redesign of teacher
24.35 education programs to implement a research based, results-oriented curriculum that
24.36 focuses on the skills teachers need in order to be effective. Among other components,

25.1 teacher preparation programs are encouraged to provide a school-year-long student
25.2 teaching program that combines clinical opportunities with academic coursework and
25.3 in-depth student teaching experiences to offer students ongoing mentorship, coaching
25.4 and assessment, help to prepare a professional development plan, and structured
25.5 learning experiences. The board shall implement new systems of teacher preparation
25.6 program evaluation to assure program effectiveness based on proficiency of graduates in
25.7 demonstrating attainment of program outcomes. Teacher preparation programs including
25.8 alternative teacher preparation programs under section 122A.245, among other programs,
25.9 must include a content-specific, board-approved, performance-based assessment that
25.10 measures teacher candidates in three areas: planning for instruction and assessment;
25.11 engaging students and supporting learning; and assessing student learning. The board's
25.12 redesign rules must include creating flexible, specialized teaching licenses, credentials,
25.13 and other endorsement forms to increase students' participation in language immersion
25.14 programs, world language instruction, career development opportunities, work-based
25.15 learning, early college courses and careers, career and technical programs, Montessori
25.16 schools, and project and place-based learning, among other career and college ready
25.17 learning offerings.

25.18 (e) The board must adopt rules requiring candidates for initial licenses to pass an
25.19 examination of general pedagogical knowledge and examinations of licensure-specific
25.20 teaching skills. The rules shall be effective by September 1, 2001. The rules under this
25.21 paragraph also must require candidates for initial licenses to teach prekindergarten or
25.22 elementary students to pass, as part of the examination of licensure-specific teaching
25.23 skills, test items assessing the candidates' knowledge, skill, and ability in comprehensive,
25.24 scientifically based reading instruction under section 122A.06, subdivision 4, and their
25.25 knowledge and understanding of the foundations of reading development, the development
25.26 of reading comprehension, and reading assessment and instruction, and their ability to
25.27 integrate that knowledge and understanding.

25.28 (f) The board must adopt rules requiring teacher educators to work directly with
25.29 elementary or secondary school teachers in elementary or secondary schools to obtain
25.30 periodic exposure to the elementary or secondary teaching environment.

25.31 (g) The board must grant licenses to interns and to candidates for initial licenses
25.32 based on appropriate professional competencies that are aligned with the board's licensing
25.33 system and students' diverse learning needs. All teacher candidates must have preparation
25.34 in English language development and content instruction for English learners in order to be
25.35 able to effectively instruct the English learners in their classrooms. The board must include
25.36 these licenses in a statewide differentiated licensing system that creates new leadership

26.1 roles for successful experienced teachers premised on a collaborative professional culture
26.2 dedicated to meeting students' diverse learning needs in the 21st century, recognizes the
26.3 importance of cultural and linguistic competencies, including the ability to teach and
26.4 communicate in culturally competent and aware ways, and formalizes mentoring and
26.5 induction for newly licensed teachers provided through a teacher support framework.

26.6 (h) The board must design and implement an assessment system which requires a
26.7 candidate for an initial license and first continuing license to demonstrate the abilities
26.8 necessary to perform selected, representative teaching tasks at appropriate levels.

26.9 (i) The board must receive recommendations from local committees as established
26.10 by the board for the renewal of teaching licenses. The board must require licensed teachers
26.11 who are renewing a continuing license to include in the renewal requirements further
26.12 preparation in English language development and specially designed content instruction
26.13 in English for English learners.

26.14 (j) The board must grant life licenses to those who qualify according to requirements
26.15 established by the board, and suspend or revoke licenses pursuant to sections 122A.20 and
26.16 214.10. The board must not establish any expiration date for application for life licenses.

26.17 (k) The board must adopt rules that require all licensed teachers who are renewing
26.18 their continuing license to include in their renewal requirements further preparation in
26.19 the areas of using positive behavior interventions and in accommodating, modifying, and
26.20 adapting curricula, materials, and strategies to appropriately meet the needs of individual
26.21 students and ensure adequate progress toward the state's graduation rule.

26.22 (l) In adopting rules to license public school teachers who provide health-related
26.23 services for disabled children, the board shall adopt rules consistent with license or
26.24 registration requirements of the commissioner of health and the health-related boards who
26.25 license personnel who perform similar services outside of the school.

26.26 (m) The board must adopt rules that require all licensed teachers who are renewing
26.27 their continuing license to include in their renewal requirements further reading
26.28 preparation, consistent with section 122A.06, subdivision 4. The rules do not take effect
26.29 until they are approved by law. Teachers who do not provide direct instruction including, at
26.30 least, counselors, school psychologists, school nurses, school social workers, audiovisual
26.31 directors and coordinators, and recreation personnel are exempt from this section.

26.32 (n) The board must adopt rules that require all licensed teachers who are renewing
26.33 their continuing license to include in their renewal requirements further preparation,
26.34 first, in understanding the key warning signs of early-onset mental illness in children
26.35 and adolescents and then, during subsequent licensure renewal periods, preparation may
26.36 include providing a more in-depth understanding of students' mental illness trauma,

27.1 accommodations for students' mental illness, parents' role in addressing students' mental
 27.2 illness, Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders, autism, the requirements of section 125A.0942
 27.3 governing restrictive procedures, and de-escalation methods, among other similar topics.

27.4 (o) The board must adopt rules by January 1, 2016, to license applicants under
 27.5 sections 122A.23 and 122A.245. The rules must permit applicants to demonstrate their
 27.6 qualifications through the board's recognition of a teaching license from another state
 27.7 in a similar content field, completion of a state-approved teacher preparation program,
 27.8 teaching experience as the teacher of record in a similar licensure field, depth of content
 27.9 knowledge, depth of content methods or general pedagogy, subject-specific professional
 27.10 development and contribution to the field, or classroom performance as determined by
 27.11 documented student growth on normed assessments or documented effectiveness on
 27.12 evaluations. The rules must adopt criteria for determining a "similar content field" and
 27.13 "similar licensure area."

27.14 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment
 27.15 and applies to all candidates seeking initial teacher licensure, including those holding a
 27.16 temporary, one-year teaching license.

27.17 Sec. 11. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 122A.09, is amended by adding a
 27.18 subdivision to read:

27.19 Subd. 4a. **Teacher and administrator preparation and performance data;**
 27.20 **report.** (a) The Board of Teaching and the Board of School Administrators, in cooperation
 27.21 with the Minnesota Association of Colleges of Teacher Education and Minnesota colleges
 27.22 and universities offering board-approved teacher or administrator preparation programs,
 27.23 annually must collect and report summary data on teacher and administrator preparation
 27.24 and performance outcomes, consistent with this subdivision. The Board of Teaching
 27.25 and the Board of School Administrators annually by June 1 must update and post the
 27.26 reported summary preparation and performance data on teachers and administrators from
 27.27 the preceding school years on a Web site hosted jointly by the boards.

27.28 (b) Publicly reported summary data on teacher preparation programs must include:
 27.29 student entrance requirements for each Board of Teaching-approved program, including
 27.30 grade point average for enrolling students in the preceding year; the average college-level
 27.31 skills examination or ACT or SAT scores of students entering the program in the preceding
 27.32 year; summary data on faculty qualifications, including at least the content areas of faculty
 27.33 undergraduate and graduate degrees and their years of experience either as kindergarten
 27.34 through grade 12 classroom teachers or school administrators; the average time resident
 27.35 and nonresident program graduates in the preceding year needed to complete the program;

28.1 the current number and percent of students by program who graduated, received a standard
28.2 Minnesota teaching license, and were hired to teach full time in their licensure field in a
28.3 Minnesota district or school in the preceding year; the number of content area credits and
28.4 other credits by undergraduate program that students in the preceding school year needed
28.5 to complete to graduate; students' pass rates on skills and subject matter exams required for
28.6 graduation in each program and licensure area in the preceding school year; survey results
28.7 measuring student and graduate satisfaction with the program in the preceding school
28.8 year; a standard measure of the satisfaction of school principals or supervising teachers
28.9 with the student teachers assigned to a school or supervising teacher; and information
28.10 under paragraphs (d) and (e). Program reporting must be consistent with subdivision 11.

28.11 (c) Publicly reported summary data on administrator preparation programs
28.12 approved by the Board of School Administrators must include: summary data on faculty
28.13 qualifications, including at least the content areas of faculty undergraduate and graduate
28.14 degrees and their years of experience either as kindergarten through grade 12 classroom
28.15 teachers or school administrators; the average time program graduates in the preceding
28.16 year needed to complete the program; the current number and percent of students who
28.17 graduated, received a standard Minnesota administrator license, and were employed as an
28.18 administrator in a Minnesota school district or school in the preceding year; the number of
28.19 credits by graduate program that students in the preceding school year needed to complete
28.20 to graduate; survey results measuring student, graduate, and employer satisfaction with
28.21 the program in the preceding school year; and information under paragraphs (f) and (g).
28.22 Program reporting must be consistent with section 122A.14, subdivision 10.

28.23 (d) School districts annually by October 1 must report to the Board of Teaching
28.24 the following information for all teachers who finished the probationary period and
28.25 accepted a continuing contract position with the district from September 1 of the previous
28.26 year through August 31 of the current year: the effectiveness category or rating of the
28.27 teacher on the summative evaluation under section 122A.40, subdivision 8, or 122A.41,
28.28 subdivision 5; the licensure area in which the teacher primarily taught during the
28.29 three-year evaluation cycle; and the teacher preparation program preparing the teacher in
28.30 the teacher's primary areas of instruction and licensure.

28.31 (e) School districts annually by October 1 must report to the Board of Teaching the
28.32 following information for all probationary teachers in the district who were released or
28.33 whose contracts were not renewed from September 1 of the previous year through August
28.34 31 of the current year: the licensure areas in which the probationary teacher taught; and
28.35 the teacher preparation program preparing the teacher in the teacher's primary areas of
28.36 instruction and licensure.

29.1 (f) School districts annually by October 1 must report to the Board of School
 29.2 Administrators the following information for all school principals and assistant principals
 29.3 who finished the probationary period and accepted a continuing contract position with the
 29.4 district from September 1 of the previous year through August 31 of the current year: the
 29.5 effectiveness category or rating of the principal or assistant principal on the summative
 29.6 evaluation under section 123B.147, subdivision 3; and the principal preparation program
 29.7 providing instruction to the principal or assistant principal.

29.8 (g) School districts annually by October 1 must report to the Board of School
 29.9 Administrators all probationary school principals and assistant principals in the district
 29.10 who were released or whose contracts were not renewed from September 1 of the previous
 29.11 year through August 31 of the current year.

29.12 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 1, 2016.

29.13 Sec. 12. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 122A.09, is amended by adding a
 29.14 subdivision to read:

29.15 Subd. 11. **Teacher preparation program reporting.** By December 31, 2018, and
 29.16 annually thereafter, the Board of Teaching shall report and publish on its Web site the
 29.17 cumulative summary results of at least three consecutive years of data reported to the board
 29.18 under subdivision 4a, paragraph (b). Where the data are sufficient to yield statistically
 29.19 reliable information and the results would not reveal personally identifiable information
 29.20 about an individual teacher, the board shall report the data by teacher preparation program.

29.21 Sec. 13. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 122A.14, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

29.22 Subd. 3. **Rules for continuing education requirements.** The board shall
 29.23 adopt rules establishing continuing education requirements that promote continuous
 29.24 improvement and acquisition of new and relevant skills by school administrators.
 29.25 Continuing education programs, among other things, must provide school administrators
 29.26 with information and training about building coherent and effective English learner
 29.27 strategies that include relevant professional development, accountability for student
 29.28 progress, students' access to the general curriculum, and sufficient staff capacity to effect
 29.29 these strategies. ~~A retired school principal who serves as a substitute principal or assistant~~
 29.30 ~~principal for the same person on a day-to-day basis for no more than 15 consecutive~~
 29.31 ~~school days is not subject to continuing education requirements as a condition of serving~~
 29.32 ~~as a substitute principal or assistant principal.~~

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

30.1 Sec. 14. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 122A.14, is amended by adding a
30.2 subdivision to read:

30.3 Subd. 10. **Principal preparation program reporting.** By December 31, 2018, and
30.4 annually thereafter, the Board of School Administrators shall report and publish on its
30.5 Web site the cumulative summary results of three years of data reported to the board under
30.6 section 122A.09, subdivision 4a, paragraph (c), for each principal preparation program.

30.7 Sec. 15. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 122A.18, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

30.8 Subd. 2. **Teacher and support personnel qualifications.** (a) The Board of
30.9 Teaching must issue licenses under its jurisdiction to persons the board finds to be
30.10 qualified and competent for their respective positions, including those who meet the
30.11 standards adopted under section 122A.09, subdivision 4, paragraph (o).

30.12 (b) The board must require a person to pass an examination of college-level skills
30.13 in reading, writing, and mathematics or attain either ~~a composite score composed of~~
30.14 ~~the average of the~~ passing scores in English and writing, reading, and mathematics on
30.15 the ACT Plus Writing recommended by the board, or ~~an equivalent composite score~~
30.16 ~~composed of the average of the~~ passing scores in critical reading, mathematics, and
30.17 writing on the SAT recommended by the board, before being granted an initial teaching
30.18 license to provide direct instruction to pupils in prekindergarten, elementary, secondary,
30.19 or special education programs, except that the board may issue up to two temporary,
30.20 one-year teaching licenses to an otherwise qualified candidate who has not yet passed the
30.21 college-level skills exam or attained ~~the requisite composite score~~ essentially equivalent
30.22 passing scores on the ACT Plus Writing or SAT. At the request of a school district or
30.23 charter school employer, the Board of Teaching must grant an additional temporary
30.24 one-year teaching license to an otherwise qualified teacher, employed by the district or
30.25 charter school, who held a temporary one-year teaching license in the previous school
30.26 year. The board must require colleges and universities offering a board approved teacher
30.27 preparation program to make available upon request remedial assistance that includes a
30.28 formal diagnostic component to persons enrolled in their institution who did not achieve a
30.29 qualifying score on the college-level skills examination or attain ~~the requisite composite~~
30.30 ACT Plus Writing or SAT ~~score~~ essentially equivalent passing scores, including those for
30.31 whom English is a second language. The colleges and universities must make available
30.32 assistance in the specific academic areas of candidates' deficiency. School districts may
30.33 make available upon request similar, appropriate, and timely remedial assistance that
30.34 includes a formal diagnostic component to those persons employed by the district who
30.35 completed their teacher education program, who did not achieve a qualifying score on the

31.1 college-level skills examination, or attain ~~the requisite composite~~ ACT Plus Writing or
31.2 SAT ~~score~~ essentially equivalent passing scores, and who received a temporary license
31.3 to teach in Minnesota. The Board of Teaching shall report annually to the education
31.4 committees of the legislature on the total number of teacher candidates during the most
31.5 recent school year taking the college-level skills examination, the number who achieve a
31.6 qualifying score on the examination, the number who do not achieve a qualifying score
31.7 on the examination, the distribution of all candidates' scores, ~~the number of candidates~~
31.8 ~~who have taken the examination at least once before, and the number of candidates who~~
31.9 ~~have taken the examination at least once before and achieve a qualifying score~~, and the
31.10 candidates who have not attained ~~the requisite composite~~ ACT Plus Writing or SAT ~~score~~
31.11 essentially equivalent passing scores or have not passed a content or pedagogy exam,
31.12 disaggregated by categories of race, ethnicity, and eligibility for financial aid.

31.13 (c) The Board of Teaching must grant continuing licenses only to those persons
31.14 who ~~have met~~ meet board criteria for granting a continuing license, which includes
31.15 passing the college-level skills examination in reading, writing, and mathematics or
31.16 attaining ~~the requisite composite~~ ACT Plus Writing or SAT ~~score~~ essentially equivalent
31.17 passing scores consistent with paragraph (b), and the exceptions in section 122A.09,
31.18 subdivision 4, paragraph (b), that are consistent with this paragraph. The requirement to
31.19 pass a reading, writing, and mathematics college-level skills examination, or attain ~~the~~
31.20 ~~requisite composite score~~ essentially equivalent passing scores on the ACT Plus Writing
31.21 or SAT does not apply to nonnative English speakers, as verified by qualified Minnesota
31.22 school district personnel or Minnesota higher education faculty, who, after meeting the
31.23 content and pedagogy requirements under this subdivision, apply for a teaching license to
31.24 provide direct instruction in their native language or world language instruction under
31.25 section 120B.022, subdivision 1. A teacher candidate's official ACT Plus Writing or SAT
31.26 ~~composite score~~ passing scores report to the board must not be more than ten years old
31.27 at the time of licensure.

31.28 (d) All colleges and universities approved by the board of teaching to prepare persons
31.29 for teacher licensure must include in their teacher preparation programs a common core
31.30 of teaching knowledge and skills to be acquired by all persons recommended for teacher
31.31 licensure. Among other requirements, teacher candidates must demonstrate the knowledge
31.32 and skills needed to provide appropriate instruction to English learners to support and
31.33 accelerate their academic literacy, including oral academic language, and achievement in
31.34 content areas in a regular classroom setting. This common core shall meet the standards
31.35 developed by the interstate new teacher assessment and support consortium in its 1992
31.36 "model standards for beginning teacher licensing and development." Amendments to

32.1 standards adopted under this paragraph are covered by chapter 14. The board of teaching
 32.2 shall report annually to the education committees of the legislature on the performance
 32.3 of teacher candidates on common core assessments of knowledge and skills under this
 32.4 paragraph during the most recent school year.

32.5 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment
 32.6 and applies to all candidates seeking initial teacher licensure, including those holding a
 32.7 temporary, one-year teaching license.

32.8 Sec. 16. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 122A.20, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

32.9 Subdivision 1. **Grounds for revocation, suspension, or denial.** (a) The Board of
 32.10 Teaching or Board of School Administrators, whichever has jurisdiction over a teacher's
 32.11 licensure, may, on the written complaint of the school board employing a teacher, a teacher
 32.12 organization, or any other interested person, refuse to issue, refuse to renew, suspend, or
 32.13 revoke a teacher's license to teach for any of the following causes:

- 32.14 (1) immoral character or conduct;
 32.15 (2) failure, without justifiable cause, to teach for the term of the teacher's contract;
 32.16 (3) gross inefficiency or willful neglect of duty;
 32.17 (4) failure to meet licensure requirements; or
 32.18 (5) fraud or misrepresentation in obtaining a license.

32.19 The written complaint must specify the nature and character of the charges.

32.20 (b) The Board of Teaching or Board of School Administrators, whichever
 32.21 has jurisdiction over a teacher's licensure, shall refuse to issue, refuse to renew, or
 32.22 automatically revoke a teacher's license to teach without the right to a hearing upon
 32.23 receiving a certified copy of a conviction showing that the teacher has been convicted
 32.24 of child abuse, as defined in section 609.185, sex trafficking in the first degree under
 32.25 section 609.322, subdivision 1, sex trafficking in the second degree under section 609.322,
 32.26 subdivision 1a, engaging in hiring, or agreeing to hire a minor to engage in prostitution
 32.27 under section 609.324, subdivision 1, sexual abuse under section 609.342, 609.343,
 32.28 609.344, 609.345, 609.3451, subdivision 3, or 617.23, subdivision 3, solicitation of
 32.29 children to engage in sexual conduct or communication of sexually explicit materials
 32.30 to children under section 609.352, interference with privacy under section 609.746 or
 32.31 stalking under section 609.749 and the victim was a minor, using minors in a sexual
 32.32 performance under section 617.246, or possessing pornographic works involving a minor
 32.33 under section 617.247, or any other offense not listed in this paragraph that requires the
 32.34 person to register as a predatory offender under section 243.166, or a crime under a similar

33.1 law of another state or the United States. The board shall send notice of this licensing
33.2 action to the district in which the teacher is currently employed.

33.3 (c) A person whose license to teach has been revoked, not issued, or not renewed
33.4 under paragraph (b), may petition the board to reconsider the licensing action if the
33.5 person's conviction for child abuse or sexual abuse is reversed by a final decision of the
33.6 Court of Appeals or the Supreme Court or if the person has received a pardon for the
33.7 offense. The petitioner shall attach a certified copy of the appellate court's final decision or
33.8 the pardon to the petition. Upon receiving the petition and its attachment, the board shall
33.9 schedule and hold a disciplinary hearing on the matter under section 214.10, subdivision 2,
33.10 unless the petitioner waives the right to a hearing. If the board finds that, notwithstanding
33.11 the reversal of the petitioner's criminal conviction or the issuance of a pardon, the
33.12 petitioner is disqualified from teaching under paragraph (a), clause (1), the board shall
33.13 affirm its previous licensing action. If the board finds that the petitioner is not disqualified
33.14 from teaching under paragraph (a), clause (1), it shall reverse its previous licensing action.

33.15 (d) For purposes of this subdivision, the Board of Teaching is delegated the authority
33.16 to suspend or revoke coaching licenses.

33.17 Sec. 17. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 122A.21, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

33.18 Subd. 2. **Licensure via portfolio.** (a) An eligible candidate may use licensure
33.19 via portfolio to obtain an initial licensure or to add a licensure field, consistent with the
33.20 applicable Board of Teaching licensure rules.

33.21 (b) A candidate for initial licensure must submit to the Educator Licensing Division
33.22 at the department one portfolio demonstrating pedagogical competence and one portfolio
33.23 demonstrating content competence.

33.24 (c) A candidate seeking to add a licensure field must submit to the Educator
33.25 Licensing Division at the department one portfolio demonstrating content competence.

33.26 (d) The Board of Teaching must notify a candidate who submits a portfolio under
33.27 paragraph (b) or (c) within 90 calendar days after the portfolio is received whether or not
33.28 the portfolio was approved. If the portfolio was not approved, the board must immediately
33.29 inform the candidate how to revise the portfolio to successfully demonstrate the requisite
33.30 competence. The candidate may resubmit a revised portfolio at any time and the Educator
33.31 Licensing Division at the department must approve or disapprove the portfolio within
33.32 60 calendar days of receiving it.

33.33 (e) A candidate must pay to the executive secretary of the Board of Teaching a
33.34 \$300 fee for the first portfolio submitted for review and a \$200 fee for any portfolio
33.35 submitted subsequently. The fees must be paid to the executive secretary of the Board of

34.1 Teaching. The revenue generated from the fee must be deposited in an education licensure
 34.2 portfolio account in the special revenue fund. The fees set by the Board of Teaching are
 34.3 nonrefundable for applicants not qualifying for a license. The Board of Teaching may
 34.4 waive or reduce fees for candidates based on financial need.

34.5 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment and
 34.6 applies to all portfolios submitted to the Educator Licensing Division at the department
 34.7 after that date.

34.8 Sec. 18. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 122A.23, is amended to read:

34.9 **122A.23 APPLICANTS TRAINED IN OTHER STATES.**

34.10 Subdivision 1. **Preparation equivalency.** When a license to teach is authorized to
 34.11 be issued to any holder of a diploma or a degree of a Minnesota state university, or of the
 34.12 University of Minnesota, or of a liberal arts university, or a technical training institution,
 34.13 such license may also, in the discretion of the Board of Teaching or the commissioner of
 34.14 education, whichever has jurisdiction, be issued to any holder of a diploma or a degree
 34.15 of a teacher training institution of equivalent rank and standing of any other state. The
 34.16 diploma or degree must be granted by virtue of completing ~~a course~~ coursework in teacher
 34.17 preparation ~~essentially equivalent in content to that required by such Minnesota state~~
 34.18 ~~university or the University of Minnesota or a liberal arts university in Minnesota or a~~
 34.19 ~~technical training institution~~ as preliminary to the granting of a diploma or a degree of the
 34.20 same rank and class. For purposes of granting a Minnesota teaching license to a person
 34.21 who receives a diploma or degree from a state-accredited, out-of-state teacher training
 34.22 program leading to licensure, the Board of Teaching must establish criteria and streamlined
 34.23 procedures by January 1, 2016, to recognize the experience and professional credentials of
 34.24 the person holding the out-of-state diploma or degree and allow that person to demonstrate
 34.25 to the board the person's qualifications for receiving a Minnesota teaching license based
 34.26 on performance measures the board adopts by January 1, 2016, under this section.

34.27 Subd. 2. **Applicants licensed in other states.** (a) Subject to the requirements
 34.28 of sections 122A.18, subdivision 8, and 123B.03, the Board of Teaching must issue a
 34.29 teaching license or a temporary teaching license under paragraphs ~~(b)~~ (c) to ~~(e)~~ (f) to an
 34.30 applicant who holds at least a baccalaureate degree from a regionally accredited college
 34.31 or university and holds or held ~~a similar~~ an out-of-state teaching license that requires the
 34.32 applicant to successfully complete a teacher preparation program approved by the issuing
 34.33 state, which includes either (1) field-specific teaching methods ~~and~~ 2 student teaching, or

35.1 ~~essentially~~ equivalent experience, or (2) at least two years of teaching experience as the
 35.2 teacher of record in a similar licensure field.

35.3 (b) The Board of Teaching may issue a standard license on the basis of teaching
 35.4 experience and examination requirements only.

35.5 (c) The Board of Teaching must issue a teaching license to an applicant who:

35.6 (1) successfully completed all exams and human relations preparation components
 35.7 required by the Board of Teaching; and

35.8 (2) holds or held an out-of-state teaching license to teach ~~the same~~ a similar content
 35.9 field and grade levels if the scope of the out-of-state license is no more than two grade
 35.10 levels less than a similar Minnesota license, and either (i) has completed field-specific
 35.11 teaching methods, student teaching, or equivalent experience, or (ii) has at least two years
 35.12 of teaching experience as the teacher of record in a similar licensure field.

35.13 ~~(e)~~ (d) The Board of Teaching, consistent with board rules and paragraph ~~(h)~~ (i),
 35.14 must issue up to three one-year temporary teaching licenses to an applicant who holds or
 35.15 held an out-of-state teaching license to teach ~~the same~~ a similar content field and grade
 35.16 levels, where the scope of the out-of-state license is no more than two grade levels less
 35.17 than a similar Minnesota license, but has not successfully completed all exams and human
 35.18 relations preparation components required by the Board of Teaching.

35.19 ~~(d)~~ (e) The Board of Teaching, consistent with board rules, must issue up to three
 35.20 one-year temporary teaching licenses to an applicant who:

35.21 (1) successfully completed all exams and human relations preparation components
 35.22 required by the Board of Teaching; and

35.23 (2) holds or held an out-of-state teaching license to teach ~~the same~~ a similar content
 35.24 field and grade levels, where the scope of the out-of-state license is no more than two
 35.25 grade levels less than a similar Minnesota license, but has not completed field-specific
 35.26 teaching methods or student teaching or equivalent experience.

35.27 The applicant may complete field-specific teaching methods and student teaching
 35.28 or equivalent experience by successfully participating in a one-year school district
 35.29 mentorship program consistent with board-adopted standards of effective practice and
 35.30 Minnesota graduation requirements.

35.31 ~~(e)~~ (f) The Board of Teaching must issue a temporary teaching license for a term
 35.32 of up to three years only in the content field or grade levels specified in the out-of-state
 35.33 license to an applicant who:

35.34 (1) successfully completed all exams and human relations preparation components
 35.35 required by the Board of Teaching; and

36.1 (2) holds or held an out-of-state teaching license where the out-of-state license is
 36.2 more limited in the content field or grade levels than a similar Minnesota license.

36.3 ~~(f)~~ (g) The Board of Teaching must not issue to an applicant more than three
 36.4 one-year temporary teaching licenses under this subdivision.

36.5 ~~(g)~~ (h) The Board of Teaching ~~must not~~ may issue a license under this subdivision if
 36.6 the applicant has ~~not~~ attained the additional degrees, credentials, or licenses required in
 36.7 a particular licensure field and the applicant can demonstrate competency by obtaining
 36.8 qualifying scores on the college-level skills examination in reading, writing, and
 36.9 mathematics or demonstrating attainment of essentially equivalent passing scores on the
 36.10 ACT Plus Writing or SAT, and on applicable board-approved rigorous content area and
 36.11 pedagogy examinations under section 122A.09, subdivision 4, paragraphs (a) and (e).

36.12 ~~(h)~~ (i) The Board of Teaching must require an applicant for a teaching license
 36.13 or a temporary teaching license under this subdivision to pass a college-level skills
 36.14 examination in reading, writing, and mathematics or demonstrate, consistent with section
 36.15 122A.09, subdivision 4, the applicant's attainment of either ~~the requisite composite~~ ACT
 36.16 Plus Writing or SAT ~~score~~ essentially equivalent passing scores before the board issues
 36.17 the license unless, notwithstanding other provisions of this subdivision, an applicable
 36.18 board-approved National Association of State Directors of Teacher Education interstate
 36.19 reciprocity agreement exists to allow fully certified teachers from other states to transfer
 36.20 their certification to Minnesota.

36.21 **Subd. 3. Teacher licensure agreements with adjoining states.** (a) Notwithstanding
 36.22 other law to the contrary, the Board of Teaching must enter into interstate agreements for
 36.23 teacher licensure to allow fully certified teachers from adjoining states to transfer their
 36.24 certification to Minnesota and receive a full, five-year continuing teaching license without
 36.25 having to complete any additional exams or other preparation requirements. The board
 36.26 must enter into these interstate agreements only after determining that the rigor of the
 36.27 teacher licensure or certification requirements in the adjoining state is commensurate with
 36.28 the rigor of Minnesota's teacher licensure requirements. The board may limit an interstate
 36.29 agreement to particular content fields or grade levels based on established priorities or
 36.30 identified shortages. This subdivision does not apply to out-of-state applicants holding
 36.31 only a provisional teaching license.

36.32 (b) The Board of Teaching is strongly encouraged to work with designated
 36.33 authorities in adjoining states to establish reciprocal interstate teacher licensure
 36.34 agreements under this section.

36.35 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective August 1, 2015.

37.1 Sec. 19. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 122A.245, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

37.2 Subdivision 1. **Requirements.** (a) To improve academic excellence, improve ethnic
37.3 and cultural diversity in the classroom, and close the academic achievement gap, the
37.4 Board of Teaching must approve qualified teacher preparation programs under this section
37.5 that are a means to acquire a two-year limited-term license, which the board may renew
37.6 one time for an additional one-year term, and to prepare for acquiring a standard license.
37.7 The following entities are eligible to participate under this section:

37.8 (1) a school district ~~or~~, charter school, or nonprofit corporation organized under
37.9 chapter 317A for an education-related purpose that forms a partnership with a college or
37.10 university that has a board-approved alternative teacher preparation program; or

37.11 (2) a school district ~~or~~, charter school, or nonprofit corporation organized under
37.12 chapter 317A for an education-related purpose after consulting with a college or university
37.13 with a board-approved teacher preparation program, ~~that forms a partnership with a~~
37.14 ~~nonprofit corporation organized under chapter 317A for an education-related purpose that~~
37.15 ~~has a board-approved teacher preparation program.~~

37.16 (b) Before ~~participating in this program~~ becoming a teacher of record, a candidate
37.17 must:

37.18 (1) have a bachelor's degree with a 3.0 or higher grade point average unless the
37.19 board waives the grade point average requirement based on board-adopted criteria adopted
37.20 by January 1, 2016;

37.21 (2) pass the reading, writing, and mathematics college-level skills examination under
37.22 section 122A.09, subdivision 4, paragraph (b), or demonstrate attainment of either ACT
37.23 Plus Writing or SAT essentially equivalent passing scores; and

37.24 (3) obtain qualifying scores on applicable board-approved rigorous content area and
37.25 pedagogy examinations under section 122A.09, subdivision 4, paragraph (e).

37.26 (c) The Board of Teaching must issue a two-year limited-term license to a person
37.27 who enrolls in an alternative teacher preparation program. This limited term license is not
37.28 a provisional license under section 122A.40 or 122A.41.

37.29 Sec. 20. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 122A.245, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

37.30 Subd. 3. **Program approval; disapproval.** (a) The Board of Teaching must approve
37.31 alternative teacher preparation programs under this section based on board-adopted
37.32 criteria that reflect best practices for alternative teacher preparation programs, consistent
37.33 with this section.

37.34 (b) The board must permit teacher candidates to demonstrate mastery of pedagogy
37.35 and content standards in school-based settings and through other nontraditional means.

38.1 "Nontraditional means" must include a portfolio of previous experiences, teaching
 38.2 experience, educator evaluations, certifications marking the completion of education
 38.3 training programs, and essentially equivalent demonstrations.

38.4 (c) The board must use nontraditional criteria to determine the qualifications of
 38.5 program instructors.

38.6 (d) The board may permit instructors to hold a baccalaureate degree only.

38.7 ~~(b)~~ (e) If the Board of Teaching determines that a teacher preparation program under
 38.8 this section does not meet the requirements of this section, it may revoke its approval
 38.9 of the program after it notifies the program provider of any deficiencies and gives the
 38.10 program provider an opportunity to remedy the deficiencies.

38.11 Sec. 21. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 122A.245, subdivision 7, is amended to read:

38.12 Subd. 7. **Standard license.** The Board of Teaching must issue a standard license
 38.13 to an otherwise qualified teacher candidate under this section who successfully performs
 38.14 throughout a program under this section, ~~successfully completes all required~~ obtains
 38.15 qualifying scores on applicable board-approved rigorous college-level skills, pedagogy,
 38.16 and content area examinations under section 122A.09, subdivision 4, paragraphs (a) and
 38.17 (e), and is recommended for licensure under subdivision 5 or successfully demonstrates to
 38.18 the board qualifications for licensure under subdivision 6.

38.19 Sec. 22. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 122A.25, is amended to read:

38.20 **122A.25 NONLICENSED COMMUNITY EXPERTS; VARIANCE.**

38.21 Subdivision 1. **Authorization.** Notwithstanding any law, Board of Teaching rule, or
 38.22 commissioner of education rule to the contrary, the Board of Teaching may allow school
 38.23 districts or charter schools to may hire nonlicensed community experts to teach in the
 38.24 public schools or charter schools on a limited basis according to this section after making
 38.25 efforts to obtain acceptable licensed teachers for the particular course or subject area,
 38.26 consistent with subdivision 2, clause (3). A school district or charter school must notify a
 38.27 student's parent or guardian before placing the student in the classroom of a nonlicensed
 38.28 community expert hired by the district or school to provide instruction under this section.

38.29 Subd. 2. **Applications Reports; criteria.** The school district or charter school
 38.30 shall ~~apply~~ report to the Board of Teaching ~~for approval~~ when it uses a variance to hire
 38.31 nonlicensed teaching personnel from the community. ~~In approving or disapproving the~~
 38.32 ~~application for each community expert,~~ The board report shall ~~consider~~ include:

38.33 (1) the qualifications of the community person whom the district or charter school
 38.34 ~~proposes to employ~~ employs;

39.1 (2) the unique and compelling reasons for the need for a variance from the teacher
39.2 licensure requirements;

39.3 (3) the district's efforts to obtain licensed teachers, who are acceptable to the school
39.4 board, for the particular course or subject area or the charter school's efforts to obtain
39.5 licensed teachers for the particular course or subject area;

39.6 (4) the amount of teaching time for which the community expert ~~would be~~ is hired;

39.7 (5) the extent to which the district or charter school ~~is utilizing~~ uses other
39.8 nonlicensed community experts under this section;

39.9 (6) the nature of the community expert's ~~proposed~~ teaching responsibility; and

39.10 (7) the ~~proposed~~ level of compensation to be paid to the community expert.

39.11 Subd. 3. ~~Approval of plan~~ Comment on variance. The Board of Teaching shall
39.12 ~~approve or disapprove an application~~ may comment on a district or charter school report
39.13 under subdivision 2 within 60 days of receiving it ~~from a school~~ and the district or charter
39.14 school must post the comment on its official Web site.

39.15 Subd. 4. **Background check**. A school district or charter school shall ~~provide~~
39.16 confirm to the Board of Teaching ~~with confirmation~~ that criminal background checks ~~have~~
39.17 ~~been~~ were completed for all nonlicensed community experts employed by the district or
39.18 charter school ~~and approved by the Board of Teaching~~ under this section.

39.19 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment
39.20 and applies to all nonlicensed community experts hired or sponsored after that date.

39.21 Sec. 23. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 122A.30, is amended to read:

39.22 **122A.30 EXEMPTION FOR TECHNICAL COLLEGE EDUCATION**
39.23 **INSTRUCTORS.**

39.24 Notwithstanding section 122A.15, subdivision 1, and upon approval of the local
39.25 employer school board, a person who teaches in a part-time vocational or career and
39.26 technical education program ~~not more than 61 hours per fiscal year~~ is exempt from a
39.27 license requirement.

39.28 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment
39.29 and applies to all technical education instructors hired after that date.

39.30 Sec. 24. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 122A.40, subdivision 5, is amended to read:

39.31 Subd. 5. **Probationary period.** (a) The first three consecutive years of a teacher's
39.32 first teaching experience in Minnesota in a single district is deemed to be a probationary
39.33 period of employment, and, the probationary period in each district in which the teacher is

40.1 thereafter employed shall be one year. The school board must adopt a plan for written
40.2 evaluation of teachers during the probationary period that is consistent with subdivision
40.3 8. Evaluation must occur at least three times periodically throughout each school year
40.4 for a teacher performing services during that school year; the first evaluation must occur
40.5 within the first 90 days of teaching service. Days devoted to parent-teacher conferences,
40.6 teachers' workshops, and other staff development opportunities and days on which a
40.7 teacher is absent from school must not be included in determining the number of school
40.8 days on which a teacher performs services. Except as otherwise provided in paragraph
40.9 (b), during the probationary period any annual contract with any teacher may or may not
40.10 be renewed (1) as the school board shall see fit, or (2) consistent with the negotiated
40.11 unrequested leave of absence plan in effect under subdivision 10. However, the board
40.12 must give any such teacher whose contract it declines to renew for the following school
40.13 year written notice to that effect before July 1. If the teacher requests reasons for any
40.14 nonrenewal of a teaching contract, the board must give the teacher its reason in writing,
40.15 including a statement that appropriate supervision was furnished describing the nature and
40.16 the extent of such supervision furnished the teacher during the employment by the board,
40.17 within ten days after receiving such request. The school board may, after a hearing held
40.18 upon due notice, discharge a teacher during the probationary period for cause, effective
40.19 immediately, under section 122A.44.

40.20 (b) A board must discharge a probationary teacher, effective immediately, upon
40.21 receipt of notice under section 122A.20, subdivision 1, paragraph (b), that the teacher's
40.22 license has been revoked due to a conviction for child abuse or sexual abuse.

40.23 (c) A probationary teacher whose first three years of consecutive employment are
40.24 interrupted for active military service and who promptly resumes teaching consistent with
40.25 federal reemployment timelines for uniformed service personnel under United States
40.26 Code, title 38, section 4312(e), is considered to have a consecutive teaching experience
40.27 for purposes of paragraph (a).

40.28 (d) A probationary teacher whose first three years of consecutive employment are
40.29 interrupted for maternity, paternity, or medical leave and who resumes teaching within 12
40.30 months of when the leave began is considered to have a consecutive teaching experience
40.31 for purposes of paragraph (a) if the probationary teacher completes a combined total of
40.32 three years of teaching service immediately before and after the leave.

40.33 (e) A probationary teacher must complete at least 120 days of teaching service each
40.34 year during the probationary period. Days devoted to parent-teacher conferences, teachers'
40.35 workshops, and other staff development opportunities and days on which a teacher is
40.36 absent from school do not count as days of teaching service under this paragraph.

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

41.2 Sec. 25. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 122A.40, subdivision 8, is amended to read:

41.3 Subd. 8. **Development, evaluation, and peer coaching for continuing contract**
41.4 **teachers.** (a) To improve student learning and success, a school board and an exclusive
41.5 representative of the teachers in the district, consistent with paragraph (b), may develop
41.6 a teacher evaluation and peer review process for probationary and continuing contract
41.7 teachers through joint agreement. If a school board and the exclusive representative of the
41.8 teachers do not agree to an annual teacher evaluation and peer review process, then the
41.9 school board and the exclusive representative of the teachers must implement the state
41.10 teacher evaluation plan under paragraph (c). The process must include having trained
41.11 observers serve as peer coaches or having teachers participate in professional learning
41.12 communities, consistent with paragraph (b).

41.13 (b) To develop, improve, and support qualified teachers and effective teaching
41.14 practices and improve student learning and success, the annual evaluation process for
41.15 teachers:

41.16 (1) must, for probationary teachers, provide for all evaluations required under
41.17 subdivision 5;

41.18 (2) must establish a three-year professional review cycle for each teacher that
41.19 includes an individual growth and development plan, a peer review process, and at least
41.20 one summative evaluation performed by a qualified and trained evaluator such as a school
41.21 administrator. For the years when a tenured teacher is not evaluated by a qualified and
41.22 trained evaluator, the teacher must be evaluated by a peer review;

41.23 (3) must be based on professional teaching standards established in rule;

41.24 (4) must coordinate staff development activities under sections 122A.60 and
41.25 122A.61 with this evaluation process and teachers' evaluation outcomes;

41.26 (5) may provide time during the school day and school year for peer coaching and
41.27 teacher collaboration;

41.28 (6) may include job-embedded learning opportunities such as professional learning
41.29 communities;

41.30 (7) may include mentoring and induction programs;

41.31 (8) must include an option for teachers to develop and present a portfolio
41.32 demonstrating evidence of reflection and professional growth, consistent with section
41.33 122A.18, subdivision 4, paragraph (b), and include teachers' own performance assessment
41.34 based on student work samples and examples of teachers' work, which may include video
41.35 among other activities for the summative evaluation;

42.1 (9) must use data from valid and reliable assessments aligned to state and local
42.2 academic standards and must use state and local measures of student growth and literacy
42.3 that may include value-added models or student learning goals to determine 35 percent of
42.4 teacher evaluation results;

42.5 (10) must use longitudinal data on student engagement and connection, and other
42.6 student outcome measures explicitly aligned with the elements of curriculum for which
42.7 teachers are responsible, including academic literacy, oral academic language, and
42.8 achievement of content areas of English learners;

42.9 (11) must require qualified and trained evaluators such as school administrators to
42.10 perform summative evaluations and ensure school districts and charter schools provide for
42.11 effective evaluator training specific to teacher development and evaluation;

42.12 (12) must give teachers not meeting professional teaching standards under clauses
42.13 (3) through (11) support to improve through a teacher improvement process that includes
42.14 established goals and timelines; and

42.15 (13) must discipline a teacher for not making adequate progress in the teacher
42.16 improvement process under clause (12) that may include a last chance warning,
42.17 termination, discharge, nonrenewal, transfer to a different position, a leave of absence, or
42.18 other discipline a school administrator determines is appropriate.

42.19 Data on individual teachers generated under this subdivision are personnel data
42.20 under section 13.43. The observation and interview notes of peer coaches may only be
42.21 disclosed to other school officials with the consent of the teacher being coached.

42.22 (c) The department, in consultation with parents who may represent parent
42.23 organizations and teacher and administrator representatives appointed by their respective
42.24 organizations, representing the Board of Teaching, the Minnesota Association of School
42.25 Administrators, the Minnesota School Boards Association, the Minnesota Elementary
42.26 and Secondary Principals Associations, Education Minnesota, and representatives of
42.27 the Minnesota Assessment Group, the Minnesota Business Partnership, the Minnesota
42.28 Chamber of Commerce, and Minnesota postsecondary institutions with research expertise
42.29 in teacher evaluation, must create and publish a teacher evaluation process that complies
42.30 with the requirements in paragraph (b) and applies to all teachers under this section and
42.31 section 122A.41 for whom no agreement exists under paragraph (a) for an annual teacher
42.32 evaluation and peer review process. The teacher evaluation process created under this
42.33 subdivision does not create additional due process rights for probationary teachers under
42.34 subdivision 5.

42.35 (d) Consistent with the measures of teacher effectiveness under this subdivision:

43.1 (1) for students in kindergarten through grade 4, a school administrator must not
 43.2 place a student in consecutive school years in the classroom of a teacher with the lowest
 43.3 evaluation rating in the previous school year unless no other teacher at the school teaches
 43.4 that grade; and

43.5 (2) for students in grades 5 through 12, a school administrator must not place
 43.6 students in consecutive school years in the classroom of a teacher with the lowest
 43.7 evaluation rating in the previous school year unless no other teacher at the school teaches
 43.8 that subject area and grade.

43.9 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective for the 2017-2018 school year and
 43.10 later, except paragraph (b), clause (7), is effective for the 2015-2016 school year and later.

43.11 Sec. 26. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 122A.40, subdivision 10, is amended to read:

43.12 Subd. 10. **Negotiated unrequested leave of absence.** (a) The school board
 43.13 and the exclusive bargaining representative of the teachers ~~may~~ must negotiate a plan,
 43.14 consistent with subdivision 8, providing for unrequested leave of absence without pay or
 43.15 fringe benefits for as many teachers as may be necessary because of discontinuance of
 43.16 position, lack of pupils, financial limitations, or merger of classes caused by consolidation
 43.17 of districts. ~~Failing to successfully negotiate such a plan, the provisions of subdivision~~
 43.18 ~~11 shall apply.~~ The negotiated plan must not include provisions which would result in
 43.19 the exercise of seniority by a teacher holding only a provisional license, other than a
 43.20 vocational education license, ~~contrary to the provisions of subdivision 11, paragraph (e)~~
 43.21 ~~if required for the position,~~ or the reinstatement of a teacher holding only a provisional
 43.22 license, other than a vocational education license, ~~contrary to the provisions of subdivision~~
 43.23 ~~11, paragraph (e) required for the position.~~ The provisions of section 179A.16 do not
 43.24 apply for the purposes of this subdivision.

43.25 (b) Beginning in the 2017-2018 school year and later, and notwithstanding any law
 43.26 to the contrary, a school board must place teachers on unrequested leave of absence based
 43.27 on their subject matter licensure fields, most recent evaluation outcomes and effectiveness
 43.28 category or rating under subdivision 8, and other, locally determined criteria such as
 43.29 teacher seniority, and may include both probationary teachers and continuing contract
 43.30 teachers within an effectiveness category or rating. For purposes of placing a teacher on
 43.31 unrequested leave of absence or recalling a teacher from unrequested leave of absence, a
 43.32 school board is not required to reassign a teacher with more seniority to accommodate the
 43.33 seniority claims of a teacher who is similarly licensed and effective but with less seniority.
 43.34 Nothing in this paragraph permits a school board to use a teacher's remuneration as a basis
 43.35 for making unrequested leave of absence decisions. Any executed employment contract

44.1 between the school board and the exclusive representative of the teachers must contain the
 44.2 negotiated unrequested leave of absence plan. The school board must publish in a readily
 44.3 accessible format the unrequested leave of absence plan it negotiates under this paragraph.

44.4 (c) A teacher who receives notice of being placed on unrequested leave of absence
 44.5 under paragraph (b) may submit to the board, within 14 days of receiving the notice, a
 44.6 written request for a hearing before a neutral hearing officer to establish whether the
 44.7 district met the following teacher evaluation requirements under subdivision 8: if the
 44.8 teacher is a probationary teacher, all evaluations required under subdivision 5 were
 44.9 provided; a three-year professional review cycle was established for the teacher; any
 44.10 summative evaluation of the teacher was performed by a qualified and trained evaluator;
 44.11 a peer review evaluation occurred in any year when the teacher was not evaluated by a
 44.12 qualified and trained evaluator; and if the teacher did not meet professional teaching
 44.13 standards, a teacher improvement process with goals and timelines was established. The
 44.14 school board and the exclusive representative of the teachers must agree on a panel of
 44.15 people and a process to select the person to hear the matter. The hearing officer must issue
 44.16 a decision within 14 days of the request for the hearing. Nothing in this subdivision
 44.17 prevents a school board and the exclusive representative of the teachers from negotiating a
 44.18 different process for determining whether the teacher evaluation requirements listed in
 44.19 this subdivision were met.

44.20 (d) Evaluation outcomes and effectiveness categories under paragraph (b) must not
 44.21 be used to place a teacher on unrequested leave of absence if the principal evaluating the
 44.22 teacher is on an improvement plan under section 123B.147, subdivision 3, paragraph
 44.23 (b), clause (8).

44.24 (e) For purposes of this subdivision, a provisional license is a license to teach issued
 44.25 by the Board of Teaching under a waiver or variance.

44.26 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment and
 44.27 applies to negotiated plans for unrequested leave of absence agreed to on or after that date.

44.28 Sec. 27. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 122A.40, subdivision 11, is amended to read:

44.29 Subd. 11. **Unrequested leave of absence.** (a) The board may place on unrequested
 44.30 leave of absence, without pay or fringe benefits, as many teachers as may be necessary
 44.31 because of discontinuance of position, lack of pupils, financial limitations, or merger of
 44.32 classes caused by consolidation or reorganization of districts under chapter 123A. The
 44.33 unrequested leave is effective at the close of the school year.

44.34 (b) In placing teachers on unrequested leave in the 2014-2015 through 2016-2017
 44.35 school years only, the board is governed by the following provisions: in this subdivision.

45.1 ~~(a)~~ (c) The board may place probationary teachers on unrequested leave first in the
45.2 inverse order of their employment. A teacher who has acquired continuing contract rights
45.3 must not be placed on unrequested leave of absence while probationary teachers are retained
45.4 in positions for which the teacher who has acquired continuing contract rights is licensed;

45.5 ~~(b)~~ (d) Teachers who have acquired continuing contract rights shall be placed on
45.6 unrequested leave of absence in fields in which they are licensed in the inverse order
45.7 in which they were employed by the school district. In the case of equal seniority, the
45.8 order in which teachers who have acquired continuing contract rights shall be placed on
45.9 unrequested leave of absence in fields in which they are licensed is negotiable;

45.10 ~~(e)~~ (e) Notwithstanding the provisions of paragraph ~~(b)~~ (d), a teacher is not entitled
45.11 to exercise any seniority when that exercise results in that teacher being retained by the
45.12 district in a field for which the teacher holds only a provisional license, as defined by the
45.13 board of teaching, unless that exercise of seniority results in the placement on unrequested
45.14 leave of absence of another teacher who also holds a provisional license in the same field.
45.15 The provisions of this paragraph do not apply to vocational education licenses; required
45.16 for the available positions.

45.17 ~~(d)~~ (f) Notwithstanding paragraphs ~~(a)~~, ~~(b)~~, and ~~(c)~~, (d), and (e), if the placing of a
45.18 probationary teacher on unrequested leave before a teacher who has acquired continuing
45.19 rights, the placing of a teacher who has acquired continuing contract rights on unrequested
45.20 leave before another teacher who has acquired continuing contract rights but who has
45.21 greater seniority, or the restriction imposed by the provisions of paragraph ~~(e)~~ (e) would
45.22 place the district in violation of its affirmative action program, the district may retain the
45.23 probationary teacher, the teacher with less seniority, or the provisionally licensed teacher;

45.24 ~~(e)~~ (g) For purposes of placing a teacher on unrequested leave of absence or
45.25 recalling a teacher from unrequested leave of absence, nothing in this subdivision requires
45.26 a school board to reassign a teacher to accommodate the seniority claims of a teacher who
45.27 is similarly licensed and effective but with less seniority.

45.28 (h) Teachers placed on unrequested leave of absence must be reinstated to the
45.29 positions from which they have been given leaves of absence or, if not available, to
45.30 other available positions in the school district in fields in which they are licensed.
45.31 Reinstatement must be in the inverse order of placement on leave of absence. A teacher
45.32 must not be reinstated to a position in a field in which the teacher holds only a provisional
45.33 license, other than a vocational education license, while another teacher who holds a
45.34 nonprovisional license in the same field remains on unrequested leave. The order of
45.35 reinstatement of teachers who have equal seniority and who are placed on unrequested
45.36 leave in the same school year is negotiable;

46.1 ~~(f)~~ (i) Appointment of a new teacher must not be made while there is available, on
 46.2 unrequested leave, a teacher who is properly licensed to fill such vacancy, unless the
 46.3 teacher fails to advise the school board within 30 days of the date of notification that a
 46.4 position is available to that teacher who may return to employment and assume the duties
 46.5 of the position to which appointed on a future date determined by the board;

46.6 ~~(g)~~ (j) A teacher placed on unrequested leave of absence may engage in teaching
 46.7 or any other occupation during the period of this leave;

46.8 ~~(h)~~ (k) The unrequested leave of absence must not impair the continuing contract
 46.9 rights of a teacher or result in a loss of credit for previous years of service;

46.10 ~~(i)~~ (l) Consistent with subdivision 10, the unrequested leave of absence of a teacher
 46.11 who is categorized as effective or better under subdivision 8, who is placed on unrequested
 46.12 leave of absence, and who is not reinstated shall continue for a period of five years,
 46.13 after which the right to reinstatement ~~shall terminate~~ terminates. The teacher's right to
 46.14 reinstatement ~~shall~~ also ~~terminate~~ terminates if the teacher fails to file with the board by
 46.15 April 1 of ~~any~~ each year a written statement requesting reinstatement;

46.16 (m) Consistent with subdivision 10, the unrequested leave of absence of a teacher
 46.17 who is categorized as ineffective or less under subdivision 8, who is placed on unrequested
 46.18 leave of absence, and who is not reinstated continues for the following school year
 46.19 only, after which the teacher's right to reinstatement terminates. The teacher's right to
 46.20 reinstatement also terminates if the teacher fails to file with the board by April 1 in that
 46.21 following school year a written statement requesting reinstatement.

46.22 ~~(j)~~ (n) The same provisions applicable to terminations of probationary or continuing
 46.23 contracts in subdivisions 5 and 7 must apply to placement on unrequested leave of absence;

46.24 ~~(k)~~ (o) Nothing in this subdivision shall be construed to impair the rights of teachers
 46.25 placed on unrequested leave of absence to receive unemployment benefits if otherwise
 46.26 eligible.

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

46.28 Sec. 28. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 122A.40, subdivision 13, is amended to read:

46.29 Subd. 13. **Immediate discharge.** (a) Except as otherwise provided in paragraph
 46.30 (b), a board may discharge a continuing-contract teacher, effective immediately, upon any
 46.31 of the following grounds:

46.32 (1) immoral conduct, insubordination, or conviction of a felony;

46.33 (2) conduct unbecoming a teacher which requires the immediate removal of the
 46.34 teacher from classroom or other duties;

47.1 (3) failure without justifiable cause to teach without first securing the written release
47.2 of the school board;

47.3 (4) gross inefficiency which the teacher has failed to correct after reasonable written
47.4 notice;

47.5 (5) willful neglect of duty; or

47.6 (6) continuing physical or mental disability subsequent to a 12 months leave of
47.7 absence and inability to qualify for reinstatement in accordance with subdivision 12.

47.8 For purposes of this paragraph, conduct unbecoming a teacher includes an unfair
47.9 discriminatory practice described in section 363A.13.

47.10 Prior to discharging a teacher under this paragraph, the board must notify the teacher
47.11 in writing and state its ground for the proposed discharge in reasonable detail. Within
47.12 ten days after receipt of this notification the teacher may make a written request for a
47.13 hearing before the board and it shall be granted before final action is taken. The board
47.14 may suspend a teacher with pay pending the conclusion of the hearing and determination
47.15 of the issues raised in the hearing after charges have been filed which constitute ground for
47.16 discharge. If a teacher has been charged with a felony and the underlying conduct that
47.17 is the subject of the felony charge is a ground for a proposed immediate discharge, the
47.18 suspension pending the conclusion of the hearing and determination of the issues may be
47.19 without pay. If a hearing under this paragraph is held, the board must reimburse the teacher
47.20 for any salary or compensation withheld if the final decision of the board or the arbitrator
47.21 does not result in a penalty to or suspension, termination, or discharge of the teacher.

47.22 (b) A board must discharge a continuing-contract teacher, effective immediately,
47.23 upon receipt of notice under section 122A.20, subdivision 1, paragraph (b), that the
47.24 teacher's license has been revoked due to a conviction for child abuse or, as defined in
47.25 section 609.185; sex trafficking in the first degree under section 609.322, subdivision 1;
47.26 sex trafficking in the second degree under section 609.322, subdivision 1a; engaging
47.27 in hiring or agreeing to hire a minor to engage in prostitution under section 609.324,
47.28 subdivision 1; sexual abuse under section 609.342, 609.343, 609.344, 609.345, 609.3451,
47.29 subdivision 3, or 617.23, subdivision 3; solicitation of children to engage in sexual
47.30 conduct or communication of sexually explicit materials to children under section
47.31 609.352; interference with privacy under section 609.746 or stalking under section
47.32 609.749 and the victim was a minor; using minors in a sexual performance under section
47.33 617.246; possessing pornographic works involving a minor under section 617.247; or
47.34 any other offense not listed in this paragraph that requires the person to register as a
47.35 predatory offender under section 243.166, or a crime under a similar law of another state
47.36 or the United States.

48.1 (c) When a teacher is discharged under paragraph (b) or when the commissioner
48.2 makes a final determination of child maltreatment involving a teacher under section
48.3 626.556, subdivision 11, the school principal or other person having administrative
48.4 control of the school must include in the teacher's employment record the information
48.5 contained in the record of the disciplinary action or the final maltreatment determination,
48.6 consistent with the definition of public data under section 13.41, subdivision 5, and must
48.7 provide the Board of Teaching and the licensing division at the department with the
48.8 necessary and relevant information to enable the Board of Teaching and the department's
48.9 licensing division to fulfill their statutory and administrative duties related to issuing,
48.10 renewing, suspending, or revoking a teacher's license. Information received by the Board
48.11 of Teaching or the licensing division at the department under this paragraph is governed
48.12 by section 13.41 or other applicable law governing data of the receiving entity. In addition
48.13 to the background check required under section 123B.03, a school board or other school
48.14 hiring authority must contact the Board of Teaching and the department to determine
48.15 whether the teacher's license has been suspended or revoked, consistent with the discharge
48.16 and final maltreatment determinations identified in this paragraph. Unless restricted by
48.17 federal or state data practices law or by the terms of a collective bargaining agreement,
48.18 the responsible authority for a school district must disseminate to another school district
48.19 private personnel data on a current or former teacher employee or contractor of the district,
48.20 including the results of background investigations, if the requesting school district seeks
48.21 the information because the subject of the data has applied for employment with the
48.22 requesting school district.

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

48.24 Sec. 29. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 122A.41, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

48.25 Subd. 2. **Probationary period; discharge or demotion.** (a) All teachers in
48.26 the public schools in cities of the first class during the first three years of consecutive
48.27 employment shall be deemed to be in a probationary period of employment during which
48.28 period any annual contract with any teacher may, or may not, be renewed (1) as the school
48.29 board, after consulting with the peer review committee charged with evaluating the
48.30 probationary teachers under subdivision 3, shall see fit, or (2) consistent with the negotiated
48.31 plan for discontinuing or terminating teachers in effect under subdivision 14. The school
48.32 site management team or the school board if there is no school site management team, shall
48.33 adopt a plan for a written evaluation of teachers during the probationary period according
48.34 to subdivisions 3 and 5. Evaluation by the peer review committee charged with evaluating
48.35 probationary teachers under subdivision 3 shall occur at least three times periodically

49.1 throughout each school year for a teacher performing services during that school year; the
49.2 first evaluation must occur within the first 90 days of teaching service. Days devoted to
49.3 parent-teacher conferences, teachers' workshops, and other staff development opportunities
49.4 and days on which a teacher is absent from school shall not be included in determining the
49.5 number of school days on which a teacher performs services. The school board may, during
49.6 such probationary period, discharge or demote a teacher for any of the causes as specified
49.7 in this code. A written statement of the cause of such discharge or demotion shall be given
49.8 to the teacher by the school board at least 30 days before such removal or demotion shall
49.9 become effective, and the teacher so notified shall have no right of appeal therefrom.

49.10 (b) A probationary teacher whose first three years of consecutive employment are
49.11 interrupted for active military service and who promptly resumes teaching consistent with
49.12 federal reemployment timelines for uniformed service personnel under United States
49.13 Code, title 38, section 4312(e), is considered to have a consecutive teaching experience
49.14 for purposes of paragraph (a).

49.15 (c) A probationary teacher whose first three years of consecutive employment are
49.16 interrupted for maternity, paternity, or medical leave and who resumes teaching within 12
49.17 months of when the leave began is considered to have a consecutive teaching experience
49.18 for purposes of paragraph (a) if the probationary teacher completes a combined total of
49.19 three years of teaching service immediately before and after the leave.

49.20 (d) A probationary teacher must complete at least 120 days of teaching service each
49.21 year during the probationary period. Days devoted to parent-teacher conferences, teachers'
49.22 workshops, and other staff development opportunities and days on which a teacher is
49.23 absent from school do not count as days of teaching service under this paragraph.

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

49.25 Sec. 30. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 122A.41, subdivision 5, is amended to read:

49.26 Subd. 5. **Development, evaluation, and peer coaching for continuing contract**
49.27 **teachers.** (a) To improve student learning and success, a school board and an exclusive
49.28 representative of the teachers in the district, consistent with paragraph (b), may develop an
49.29 annual teacher evaluation and peer review process for probationary and nonprobationary
49.30 teachers through joint agreement. If a school board and the exclusive representative of
49.31 the teachers in the district do not agree to an annual teacher evaluation and peer review
49.32 process, then the school board and the exclusive representative of the teachers must
49.33 implement the state teacher evaluation plan developed under paragraph (c). The process
49.34 must include having trained observers serve as peer coaches or having teachers participate
49.35 in professional learning communities, consistent with paragraph (b).

50.1 (b) To develop, improve, and support qualified teachers and effective teaching
50.2 practices and improve student learning and success, the annual evaluation process for
50.3 teachers:

50.4 (1) must, for probationary teachers, provide for all evaluations required under
50.5 subdivision 2;

50.6 (2) must establish a three-year professional review cycle for each teacher that
50.7 includes an individual growth and development plan, a peer review process, and at least
50.8 one summative evaluation performed by a qualified and trained evaluator such as a school
50.9 administrator;

50.10 (3) must be based on professional teaching standards established in rule;

50.11 (4) must coordinate staff development activities under sections 122A.60 and
50.12 122A.61 with this evaluation process and teachers' evaluation outcomes;

50.13 (5) may provide time during the school day and school year for peer coaching and
50.14 teacher collaboration;

50.15 (6) may include job-embedded learning opportunities such as professional learning
50.16 communities;

50.17 (7) may include mentoring and induction programs;

50.18 (8) must include an option for teachers to develop and present a portfolio
50.19 demonstrating evidence of reflection and professional growth, consistent with section
50.20 122A.18, subdivision 4, paragraph (b), and include teachers' own performance assessment
50.21 based on student work samples and examples of teachers' work, which may include video
50.22 among other activities for the summative evaluation;

50.23 (9) must use data from valid and reliable assessments aligned to state and local
50.24 academic standards and must use state and local measures of student growth and literacy
50.25 that may include value-added models or student learning goals to determine 35 percent of
50.26 teacher evaluation results;

50.27 (10) must use longitudinal data on student engagement and connection and other
50.28 student outcome measures explicitly aligned with the elements of curriculum for which
50.29 teachers are responsible, including academic literacy, oral academic language, and
50.30 achievement of English learners;

50.31 (11) must require qualified and trained evaluators such as school administrators to
50.32 perform summative evaluations and ensure school districts and charter schools provide for
50.33 effective evaluator training specific to teacher development and evaluation;

50.34 (12) must give teachers not meeting professional teaching standards under clauses
50.35 (3) through (11) support to improve through a teacher improvement process that includes
50.36 established goals and timelines; and

51.1 (13) must discipline a teacher for not making adequate progress in the teacher
 51.2 improvement process under clause (12) that may include a last chance warning,
 51.3 termination, discharge, nonrenewal, transfer to a different position, a leave of absence, or
 51.4 other discipline a school administrator determines is appropriate.

51.5 Data on individual teachers generated under this subdivision are personnel data
 51.6 under section 13.43. The observation and interview notes of peer coaches may only be
 51.7 disclosed to other school officials with the consent of the teacher being coached.

51.8 (c) The department, in consultation with parents who may represent parent
 51.9 organizations and teacher and administrator representatives appointed by their respective
 51.10 organizations, representing the Board of Teaching, the Minnesota Association of School
 51.11 Administrators, the Minnesota School Boards Association, the Minnesota Elementary
 51.12 and Secondary Principals Associations, Education Minnesota, and representatives of
 51.13 the Minnesota Assessment Group, the Minnesota Business Partnership, the Minnesota
 51.14 Chamber of Commerce, and Minnesota postsecondary institutions with research expertise
 51.15 in teacher evaluation, must create and publish a teacher evaluation process that complies
 51.16 with the requirements in paragraph (b) and applies to all teachers under this section and
 51.17 section 122A.40 for whom no agreement exists under paragraph (a) for an annual teacher
 51.18 evaluation and peer review process. The teacher evaluation process created under this
 51.19 subdivision does not create additional due process rights for probationary teachers under
 51.20 subdivision 2.

51.21 (d) Consistent with the measures of teacher effectiveness under this subdivision:

51.22 (1) for students in kindergarten through grade 4, a school administrator must not
 51.23 place a student in consecutive school years in the classroom of a teacher with the lowest
 51.24 evaluation rating in the previous school year unless no other teacher at the school teaches
 51.25 that grade; and

51.26 (2) for students in grades 5 through 12, a school administrator must not place
 51.27 students in consecutive school years in the classroom of a teacher with the lowest
 51.28 evaluation rating in the previous school year unless no other teacher at the school teaches
 51.29 that subject area and grade.

51.30 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective for the 2017-2018 school year and
 51.31 later, except paragraph (b), clause (7), is effective for the 2015-2016 school year and later.

51.32 Sec. 31. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 122A.41, subdivision 6, is amended to read:

51.33 Subd. 6. **Grounds for discharge or demotion.** (a) Except as otherwise provided
 51.34 in paragraph (b), causes for the discharge or demotion of a teacher either during or after
 51.35 the probationary period must be:

- 52.1 (1) immoral character, conduct unbecoming a teacher, or insubordination;
- 52.2 (2) failure without justifiable cause to teach without first securing the written release
- 52.3 of the school board having the care, management, or control of the school in which the
- 52.4 teacher is employed;
- 52.5 (3) inefficiency in teaching or in the management of a school, consistent with
- 52.6 subdivision 5, paragraph (b);
- 52.7 (4) affliction with a communicable disease must be considered as cause for removal
- 52.8 or suspension while the teacher is suffering from such disability; or
- 52.9 (5) discontinuance of position or lack of pupils.

52.10 For purposes of this paragraph, conduct unbecoming a teacher includes an unfair

52.11 discriminatory practice described in section 363A.13.

52.12 (b) A probationary or continuing-contract teacher must be discharged immediately

52.13 upon receipt of notice under section 122A.20, subdivision 1, paragraph (b), that the

52.14 teacher's license has been revoked due to a conviction for child abuse ~~or~~, as defined in

52.15 section 609.185; sex trafficking in the first degree under section 609.322, subdivision 1;

52.16 sex trafficking in the second degree under section 609.322, subdivision 1a; engaging

52.17 in hiring or agreeing to hire a minor to engage in prostitution under section 609.324,

52.18 subdivision 1; sexual abuse under section 609.342, 609.343, 609.344, 609.345, 609.3451,

52.19 subdivision 3, or 617.23, subdivision 3; solicitation of children to engage in sexual

52.20 conduct or communication of sexually explicit materials to children under section

52.21 609.352; interference with privacy under section 609.746 or stalking under section

52.22 609.749 and the victim was a minor; using minors in a sexual performance under section

52.23 617.246; possessing pornographic works involving a minor under section 617.247; or

52.24 any other offense not listed in this paragraph that requires the person to register as a

52.25 predatory offender under section 243.166, or a crime under a similar law of another state

52.26 or the United States.

52.27 (c) When a teacher is discharged under paragraph (b) or when the commissioner

52.28 makes a final determination of child maltreatment involving a teacher under section

52.29 626.556, subdivision 11, the school principal or other person having administrative

52.30 control of the school must include in the teacher's employment record the information

52.31 contained in the record of the disciplinary action or the final maltreatment determination,

52.32 consistent with the definition of public data under section 13.41, subdivision 5, and must

52.33 provide the Board of Teaching and the licensing division at the department with the

52.34 necessary and relevant information to enable the Board of Teaching and the department's

52.35 licensing division to fulfill their statutory and administrative duties related to issuing,

52.36 renewing, suspending, or revoking a teacher's license. Information received by the Board

53.1 of Teaching or the licensing division at the department under this paragraph is governed
 53.2 by section 13.41 or other applicable law governing data of the receiving entity. In addition
 53.3 to the background check required under section 123B.03, a school board or other school
 53.4 hiring authority must contact the Board of Teaching and the department to determine
 53.5 whether the teacher's license has been suspended or revoked, consistent with the discharge
 53.6 and final maltreatment determinations identified in this paragraph. Unless restricted by
 53.7 federal or state data practices law or by the terms of a collective bargaining agreement,
 53.8 the responsible authority for a school district must disseminate to another school district
 53.9 private personnel data on a current or former teacher employee or contractor of the district,
 53.10 including the results of background investigations, if the requesting school district seeks
 53.11 the information because the subject of the data has applied for employment with the
 53.12 requesting school district.

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

53.14 Sec. 32. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 122A.41, subdivision 14, is amended to read:

53.15 Subd. 14. **Services terminated by discontinuance or lack of pupils; preference**
 53.16 **given.** (a) ~~A teacher whose services are terminated on account of discontinuance of~~
 53.17 ~~position or lack of pupils must receive first consideration for other positions in the district~~
 53.18 ~~for which that teacher is qualified.~~ In the event it becomes necessary to discontinue one
 53.19 or more positions in the 2014-2015 through the 2016-2017 school years, in making such
 53.20 discontinuance, teachers must receive first consideration for other positions in the district
 53.21 for which that teacher is qualified and must be discontinued in any department in the
 53.22 inverse order in which they were employed, unless.

53.23 (b) Beginning in the 2017-2018 school year and later, a board and the exclusive
 53.24 representative of teachers in the district must negotiate a plan providing otherwise,
 53.25 consistent with subdivision 5, for discontinuing and terminating teachers under this
 53.26 subdivision based on their subject matter licensure fields, most recent evaluation outcomes
 53.27 and effectiveness category or rating under subdivision 5, and other, locally determined
 53.28 criteria such as teacher seniority, and may include both probationary teachers and
 53.29 continuing contract teachers within an effectiveness category or rating. For purposes
 53.30 of discharging, demoting, or recalling a teacher whose services are discontinued or
 53.31 terminated under this subdivision, a school board is not required to reassign a teacher with
 53.32 more seniority to accommodate the seniority claims of a teacher who is similarly licensed
 53.33 and effective but with less seniority. Nothing in this paragraph permits a school board to
 53.34 use a teacher's remuneration as a basis for discontinuing or terminating a teacher. Any
 53.35 executed employment contract between the school board and the exclusive representative

54.1 of the teachers must contain the negotiated plan for discontinuing or terminating teachers.
 54.2 The school board must publish in a readily accessible format any plan it negotiates for
 54.3 discontinuing or terminating teachers under this paragraph.

54.4 (c) A teacher who receives notice of discontinuance or termination under paragraph
 54.5 (b) may submit to the board, within 14 days of receiving the notice, a written request
 54.6 for a hearing before a neutral hearing officer to establish whether the district met the
 54.7 following teacher evaluation requirements under subdivision 5: if the teacher is a
 54.8 probationary teacher, all evaluations required under subdivision 2 were provided; a
 54.9 three-year professional review cycle was established for the teacher; any summative
 54.10 evaluation of the teacher was performed by a qualified and trained evaluator; a peer review
 54.11 evaluation occurred in any year when the teacher was not evaluated by a qualified and
 54.12 trained evaluator; and if the teacher did not meet professional teaching standards, a teacher
 54.13 improvement process with goals and timelines was established. The school board and the
 54.14 exclusive representative of the teachers must agree on a panel of people and a process to
 54.15 select the person to hear the matter. The hearing officer must issue a decision within 14 days
 54.16 of the request for the hearing. Nothing in this subdivision prevents a school board and the
 54.17 exclusive representative of the teachers from negotiating a different process for determining
 54.18 whether the teacher evaluation requirements listed in this subdivision were met.

54.19 (b) (d) Notwithstanding the provisions of ~~clause paragraph~~ (a), for the 2014-2015
 54.20 through 2016-2017 school years, a teacher is not entitled to exercise any seniority when
 54.21 that exercise results in that teacher being retained by the district in a field for which the
 54.22 teacher holds only a provisional license, as defined by the Board of Teaching, unless that
 54.23 exercise of seniority results in ~~the termination of~~ terminating the services, on account
 54.24 of discontinuance of position or lack of pupils, of another teacher who also holds a
 54.25 provisional license in the same field. The provisions of this ~~clause paragraph~~ do not apply
 54.26 to vocational education licenses.

54.27 (e) (e) Notwithstanding the provisions of ~~clause paragraph~~ (a), for the 2014-2015
 54.28 through 2016-2017 school years, a teacher must not be reinstated to a position in a field
 54.29 in which the teacher holds only a provisional license, other than a vocational education
 54.30 license, while another teacher who holds a nonprovisional license in the same field is
 54.31 available for reinstatement.

54.32 (f) Evaluation outcomes and effectiveness categories under paragraph (b) must not
 54.33 be used to place a teacher on unrequested leave of absence if the principal evaluating the
 54.34 teacher is on an improvement plan under section 123B.147, subdivision 3, paragraph
 54.35 (b), clause (8).

55.1 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment
 55.2 and applies to negotiated plans for discontinuing or terminating teachers agreed to on or
 55.3 after that date.

55.4 Sec. 33. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 122A.414, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

55.5 Subd. 2. **Alternative teacher professional pay system.** (a) To participate in this
 55.6 program, a school district, intermediate school district, school site, or charter school must
 55.7 have an educational improvement plan under section 122A.413 and an alternative teacher
 55.8 professional pay system agreement under paragraph (b). A charter school participant also
 55.9 must comply with subdivision 2a.

55.10 (b) The alternative teacher professional pay system agreement must:

55.11 (1) describe how teachers can achieve career advancement and additional
 55.12 compensation;

55.13 (2) describe how the school district, intermediate school district, school site, or
 55.14 charter school will provide teachers with career advancement options that allow teachers
 55.15 to retain primary roles in student instruction and facilitate site-focused professional
 55.16 development that helps other teachers improve their skills;

55.17 (3) reform the "steps and lanes" salary schedule, prevent any teacher's compensation
 55.18 paid before implementing the pay system from being reduced as a result of participating in
 55.19 this system, base at least 60 percent of any compensation increase on teacher performance
 55.20 using:

55.21 (i) schoolwide student achievement gains under section 120B.35 or locally selected
 55.22 standardized assessment outcomes, or both;

55.23 (ii) measures of student growth and literacy that may include value-added models
 55.24 or student learning goals, consistent with section 122A.40, subdivision 8, clause (9), or
 55.25 122A.41, subdivision 5, clause (9), and other measures that include the academic literacy,
 55.26 oral academic language, and achievement of English learners under section 122A.40,
 55.27 subdivision 8, clause (10), or 122A.41, subdivision 5, clause (10); and

55.28 (iii) an objective evaluation program under section 122A.40, subdivision 8,
 55.29 paragraph (b), clause (2), or 122A.41, subdivision 5, paragraph (b), clause (2);

55.30 (4) provide for participation in job-embedded learning opportunities such as
 55.31 professional learning communities to improve instructional skills and learning that are
 55.32 aligned with student needs under section 122A.413, consistent with the staff development
 55.33 plan under section 122A.60 and led during the school day by trained teacher leaders
 55.34 such as master or mentor teachers;

56.1 (5) allow any teacher in a participating school district, intermediate school district,
 56.2 school site, or charter school that implements an alternative pay system to participate in
 56.3 that system without any quota or other limit; and

56.4 (6) encourage collaboration rather than competition among teachers.

56.5 (c) The alternative teacher professional pay system may:

56.6 (1) include a hiring bonus or other added compensation for teachers who are
 56.7 identified as effective or highly effective under the local teacher professional review
 56.8 cycle and work in a hard-to-fill position or in a hard-to-staff school such as a school with
 56.9 a majority of students whose families meet federal poverty guidelines, a geographically
 56.10 isolated school, or a school identified by the state as eligible for targeted programs or
 56.11 services for its students;

56.12 (2) include incentives for teachers to obtain a master's degree or other advanced
 56.13 certification in their content field of licensure, pursue the training or education necessary
 56.14 to obtain an additional licensure in shortage areas identified by the district or charter
 56.15 school, or help fund a "grow your own" new teacher initiative; and

56.16 (3) teacher-powered site-governed schools allowed under section 123B.045.

56.17 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment
 56.18 and applies to agreements approved or renegotiated after that date.

56.19 Sec. 34. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 122A.60, is amended to read:

56.20 **122A.60 STAFF DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM.**

56.21 Subdivision 1. **Staff development committee.** (a) A school board must use the
 56.22 revenue authorized in section 122A.61 for ~~in-service education for programs under section~~
 56.23 ~~120B.22, subdivision 2, or for staff development:~~

56.24 (1) teacher development and evaluation plans under this section 122A.40,
 56.25 subdivision 8, or 122A.41, subdivision 5;

56.26 (2) principal development and evaluation under section 123B.147, subdivision 3;

56.27 (3) in-service education programs under section 120B.22, subdivision 2; and

56.28 (4) other staff development needs.

56.29 (b) The board must establish an advisory staff development committee to develop
 56.30 the plan, assist site professional development teams in developing a site plan consistent
 56.31 with the goals of the plan, and evaluate staff development efforts at the site level. A
 56.32 majority of the advisory committee and the site professional development team must be
 56.33 teachers representing various grade levels, subject areas, and special education. The
 56.34 advisory committee must also include nonteaching staff, parents, and administrators.

57.1 Subd. 1a. **Effective staff development activities.** (a) Staff development activities
57.2 must:

57.3 (1) focus on the school classroom and research-based strategies that improve student
57.4 learning;

57.5 (2) provide opportunities for teachers to practice and improve their instructional
57.6 skills over time;

57.7 (3) provide opportunities for teachers to use student data as part of their daily work
57.8 to increase student achievement;

57.9 (4) enhance teacher content knowledge and instructional skills, including to
57.10 accommodate the delivery of digital and blended learning and curriculum and engage
57.11 students with technology;

57.12 (5) align with state and local academic standards;

57.13 (6) provide opportunities to build professional relationships, foster collaboration
57.14 among principals and staff who provide instruction, and provide opportunities for
57.15 teacher-to-teacher mentoring;

57.16 (7) align with the plan of the district or site for an alternative teacher professional
57.17 pay system;

57.18 (8) provide teachers of English learners, including English as a second language and
57.19 content teachers, with differentiated instructional strategies critical for ensuring students'
57.20 long-term academic success; the means to effectively use assessment data on the academic
57.21 literacy, oral academic language, and English language development of English learners;
57.22 and skills to support native and English language development across the curriculum; and

57.23 (9) provide opportunities for staff to learn about current workforce trends, the
57.24 connections between workforce trends and postsecondary education, and training options,
57.25 including career and technical education options.

57.26 Staff development activities may include curriculum development and curriculum training
57.27 programs, and activities that provide teachers and other members of site-based teams
57.28 training to enhance team performance. The school district also may implement other
57.29 staff development activities required by law and activities associated with professional
57.30 teacher compensation models.

57.31 (b) Release time provided for teachers to supervise students on field trips and school
57.32 activities, or independent tasks not associated with enhancing the teacher's knowledge
57.33 and instructional skills, such as preparing report cards, calculating grades, or organizing
57.34 classroom materials, may not be counted as staff development time that is financed with
57.35 staff development reserved revenue under section 122A.61.

58.1 Subd. 2. **Contents of plan.** The plan must include the staff development outcomes
 58.2 under section 122A.40, subdivision 8, or 122A.41, subdivision 5, and section 123B.147,
 58.3 subdivision 3, the means to achieve the outcomes, and procedures for evaluating progress
 58.4 at each school site toward meeting education and staff development outcomes, consistent
 58.5 with relicensure requirements under section 122A.18, subdivision 4. The plan also must:

58.6 (1) support stable and productive professional communities achieved through
 58.7 ongoing and schoolwide progress and growth in teaching practice;

58.8 (2) emphasize coaching, professional learning communities, classroom action
 58.9 research, and other job-embedded models;

58.10 (3) maintain a strong subject matter focus premised on students' learning goals,
 58.11 consistent with section 120B.125;

58.12 (4) ensure specialized preparation and learning about issues related to teaching
 58.13 English learners and students with special needs by focusing on long-term systemic efforts
 58.14 to improve educational services and opportunities and raise student achievement; and

58.15 (5) reinforce national and state standards of effective teaching practice.

58.16 Subd. 3. **Staff development outcomes.** The advisory staff development committee
 58.17 must adopt a staff development plan, consistent with section 122A.40, subdivision 8, or
 58.18 122A.41, subdivision 5, for developing and evaluating teachers and for improving student
 58.19 achievement outcomes and with section 123B.147, subdivision 3, for strengthening
 58.20 principals' capacity in areas of instruction, supervision, evaluation, and teacher
 58.21 development. The plan must be consistent with education outcomes that the school board
 58.22 determines. The plan must include ongoing staff development activities that contribute
 58.23 toward continuous improvement in ~~achievement of~~ achieving the following goals:

58.24 (1) improve student achievement of state and local education standards in all areas of
 58.25 the curriculum, including areas of regular academic and applied and experiential learning,
 58.26 by using research-based best practices methods;

58.27 (2) effectively meet the needs of a diverse student population, including at-risk
 58.28 children, children with disabilities, English learners, and gifted children, within the regular
 58.29 classroom, applied and experiential learning settings, and other settings;

58.30 (3) provide an inclusive curriculum for a racially, ethnically, linguistically, and
 58.31 culturally diverse student population that is consistent with the state education diversity
 58.32 rule and the district's education diversity plan;

58.33 (4) improve staff collaboration and develop mentoring and peer coaching programs
 58.34 for teachers new to the school or district;

59.1 (5) effectively teach and model violence prevention policy and curriculum that
 59.2 address early intervention alternatives, issues of harassment, and teach nonviolent
 59.3 alternatives for conflict resolution;

59.4 (6) effectively deliver digital and blended learning and curriculum and engage
 59.5 students with technology; and

59.6 (7) provide teachers and other members of site-based management teams with
 59.7 appropriate management and financial management skills.

59.8 Subd. 4. **Staff development report.** (a) By October 15 of each year, the district and
 59.9 site staff development committees shall write and submit a report of staff development
 59.10 activities and expenditures for the previous year, in the form and manner determined by
 59.11 the commissioner. The report, signed by the district superintendent and staff development
 59.12 chair, must include assessment and evaluation data indicating progress toward district and
 59.13 site staff development goals based on teaching and learning outcomes, including the
 59.14 percentage of teachers and other staff involved in instruction who participate in effective
 59.15 staff development activities under subdivision 3.

59.16 (b) The report must break down expenditures for:

59.17 (1) curriculum development and curriculum training programs; and

59.18 (2) staff development training models, workshops, and conferences, and the cost of
 59.19 releasing teachers or providing substitute teachers for staff development purposes.

59.20 The report also must indicate whether the expenditures were incurred at the district
 59.21 level or the school site level, and whether the school site expenditures were made possible
 59.22 by grants to school sites that demonstrate exemplary use of allocated staff development
 59.23 revenue. These expenditures must be reported using the uniform financial and accounting
 59.24 and reporting standards.

59.25 (c) The commissioner shall report the staff development progress and expenditure
 59.26 data to the house of representatives and senate committees having jurisdiction over
 59.27 education by February 15 each year.

59.28 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective for the 2016-2017 school year and
 59.29 later.

59.30 Sec. 35. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 122A.61, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

59.31 Subdivision 1. **Staff development revenue.** A district is required to reserve
 59.32 an amount equal to at least two percent of the basic revenue under section 126C.10,
 59.33 subdivision 2, for:

59.34 (1) teacher development and evaluation under sections 122A.40, subdivision 8, or
 59.35 122A.41, subdivision 5;

60.1 (2) principal development and evaluation under section 123B.147, subdivision 3;
 60.2 (3) professional development under section 122A.60; and
 60.3 (4) in-service education for programs under section 120B.22, subdivision 2;
 60.4 To the extent extra funds remain, staff development revenue may be used for
 60.5 staff development plans, including plans for challenging instructional activities and
 60.6 experiences under section 122A.60, and for curriculum development and programs,
 60.7 other in-service education, teachers' mentoring under section 122A.70 and evaluation,
 60.8 teachers' workshops, teacher conferences, the cost of substitute teachers staff development
 60.9 purposes, preservice and in-service education for special education professionals and
 60.10 paraprofessionals, and other related costs for staff development efforts. A district may
 60.11 annually waive the requirement to reserve their basic revenue under this section if a
 60.12 majority vote of the licensed teachers in the district and a majority vote of the school board
 60.13 agree to a resolution to waive the requirement. A district in statutory operating debt is
 60.14 exempt from reserving basic revenue according to this section. Districts may expend an
 60.15 additional amount of unreserved revenue for staff development based on their needs.

60.16 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective for the 2016-2017 school year and
 60.17 later.

60.18 Sec. 36. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 122A.69, is amended to read:

60.19 **122A.69 PRACTICE OR STUDENT TEACHERS.**

60.20 The Board of Teaching may, by agreements with teacher ~~preparing~~ preparation
 60.21 institutions, arrange for classroom experience in the district for practice or student
 60.22 teachers who have completed ~~not less than~~ at least two years of an approved teacher
 60.23 ~~education~~ preparation program. Such practice and student teachers must be ~~provided with~~
 60.24 ~~appropriate supervision~~ appropriately supervised by a fully qualified teacher under rules
 60.25 ~~promulgated~~ adopted by the board. A practice or student teacher must be placed with a
 60.26 cooperating licensed teacher who has at least three years of teaching experience and is
 60.27 not in the improvement process under section 122A.40, subdivision 8, paragraph (b),
 60.28 clause (12), or 122A.41, subdivision 5, paragraph (b), clause (12). Practice and student
 60.29 teachers are ~~deemed~~ employees of the school district in which they are rendering services
 60.30 for purposes of workers' compensation; liability insurance, if provided for other district
 60.31 employees ~~in accordance with~~ under section 123B.23; and legal counsel ~~in accordance~~
 60.32 ~~with the provisions of~~ under section 123B.25.

60.33 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective for the 2015-2016 school year and
 60.34 later.

61.1 Sec. 37. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 122A.70, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

61.2 Subdivision 1. **Teacher mentoring programs.** (a) School districts are encouraged
 61.3 to may develop teacher mentoring and implement programs for mentoring teachers new
 61.4 to the profession or district, including and may, at a minimum, include in the mentoring
 61.5 program teaching residents, teachers of color, teachers with special needs, or and
 61.6 experienced teachers under section 122A.40, subdivision 8, paragraph (b), clause (12), or
 61.7 122A.41, subdivision 5, paragraph (b), clause (12), in need of peer coaching.

61.8 (b) Teacher mentoring programs must support districts' teacher evaluation and
 61.9 peer review processes under section 122A.40, subdivision 8, or 122A.41, subdivision
 61.10 5. A district may use staff development revenue under sections 122A.60 and 122A.61
 61.11 or another funding source, including achievement gap elimination revenue, alternative
 61.12 teacher pay, or compensatory revenue, to pay a stipend to a mentor who may be a district
 61.13 employee or a third-party contractor.

61.14 Sec. 38. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 123A.75, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

61.15 Subdivision 1. **Teacher assignment.** (a) As of the effective date of a consolidation
 61.16 in which a district is divided or the dissolution of a district and its attachment to two or
 61.17 more existing districts, each teacher employed by an affected district shall be assigned to
 61.18 the newly created or enlarged district on the basis of a ratio of the pupils assigned to each
 61.19 district according to the new district boundaries. The district receiving the greatest number
 61.20 of pupils must be assigned the most effective teacher under section 122A.40, subdivision 8,
 61.21 with the greatest seniority, and the remaining teachers must be alternately assigned to each
 61.22 district from most to least effective and with most to least seniority within each category or
 61.23 rating of effectiveness until the district receiving the fewest pupils has received its ratio of
 61.24 teachers who will not be retiring before the effective date of the consolidation or dissolution.

61.25 (b) Notwithstanding paragraph (a), the board and the exclusive representative of
 61.26 teachers in each district involved in the consolidation or dissolution and attachment may
 61.27 negotiate a plan for assigning teachers to each newly created or enlarged district.

61.28 (c) Notwithstanding any other law to the contrary, the provisions of this section apply
 61.29 only to the extent they are consistent with section 122A.40, subdivisions 8, 10, and 11.

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

61.31 Sec. 39. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 123B.045, is amended to read:

61.32 **123B.045 DISTRICT-CREATED SITE-GOVERNED, TEACHER-POWERED**
 61.33 **SCHOOLS.**

62.1 Subdivision 1. **Authority.** (a) A school board may approve site-governed,
 62.2 teacher-powered schools under this section by requesting site-governing, teacher-powered
 62.3 school proposals. The request for proposals must include what types of schools or
 62.4 education innovations the board intends to create. A current site may submit a proposal to
 62.5 create a different model for the site if 60 percent or more of the teachers at the site support
 62.6 the proposal. A group of licensed district professionals from one or multiple district
 62.7 sites may submit a proposal. The group submitting the proposal must include parents or
 62.8 other community members in the development of the proposal. A proposal may request
 62.9 approval for a model of a school not included in the request for proposal of the board.

62.10 (b) The school board and the applicable bargaining unit representing district
 62.11 employees must enter into memoranda of understanding specifying how applicable
 62.12 sections of current contracts will enable the provisions of subdivision 2, paragraph (a),
 62.13 clauses (7) and (8), to be implemented.

62.14 (c) Within 60 days of receipt of the application, the school board shall determine
 62.15 whether to approve, deny, or return the application to the applicants for further information
 62.16 or development.

62.17 (d) Upon approval of the proposal, an agreement between the district and the site
 62.18 council shall be developed identifying the powers and duties delegated to the site and
 62.19 outlining the details of the proposal including the provisions of subdivisions 2, 3, and
 62.20 5. Any powers or duties not specifically delegated to the school site in the agreement
 62.21 remains with the school board.

62.22 Subd. 2. **Roles and responsibilities of site-governed, teacher-powered schools.**

62.23 (a) Site-governed, teacher-powered schools approved by the school board have the
 62.24 following autonomy and responsibilities at the discretion of the site:

62.25 (1) to create the site-governing, teacher-powered council of the school. The council
 62.26 shall include teachers, administrators, parents, students if appropriate, community
 62.27 members, and other representatives of the community as determined by the site-governing,
 62.28 teacher-powered council. Teachers may comprise a majority of the site-governing,
 62.29 teacher-powered council at the option of a majority of the teachers at the site. The number
 62.30 of members on the site-governing, teacher-powered council and the composition shall be
 62.31 included in the proposal approved by the school board;

62.32 (2) to determine the leadership model for the site including: selecting a principal,
 62.33 operating as a teacher professional practices model with school leadership functions
 62.34 performed by one or more teachers or administrators at the school or other model
 62.35 determined by the site;

63.1 (3) to determine the budget for the site and the allocation and expenditure of the
63.2 revenue based on provisions of subdivision 3;

63.3 (4) to determine the learning model and organization of the school consistent with
63.4 the application approved by the school board;

63.5 (5) to select and develop its curriculum and determine formative and summative
63.6 assessment practices;

63.7 (6) to set policies for the site including student promotion, attendance, discipline,
63.8 graduation requirements which may exceed the school board standards, and other such
63.9 rules as approved by the school board consistent with the mission, goals, and learning
63.10 program of the school site;

63.11 (7) to determine the length of the school day and year and employee work rules
63.12 covered by the terms and conditions of the employment contract;

63.13 (8) to select teachers and other staff consistent with current law and collective
63.14 bargaining agreements and memoranda of understanding provided for in subdivision 1,
63.15 paragraph (b). At least 70 percent of the teachers must be selected by the site prior to final
63.16 approval of the agreement. Prior to requesting the district to employ staff not currently
63.17 employed by the district, the site must first select current district staff including those on
63.18 requested and unrequested leave as provided for in sections 122A.40 and 122A.41. The
63.19 school board shall be the legal employer of all staff at the site and all teachers and other
63.20 staff members of the applicable bargaining units. Teachers and other employees may be
63.21 required to sign an individual work agreement with the site-governing, teacher-powered
63.22 council committing themselves to the mission and learning program of the school and the
63.23 requirements of the site-governing, teacher-powered council; and

63.24 (9) to fulfill other provisions as agreed to by the district and site-governing,
63.25 teacher-powered council.

63.26 (b) If a self-governed, teacher-powered school created under this section is
63.27 supervised by a principal, that principal must be licensed, consistent with section
63.28 123B.147, subdivision 2.

63.29 **Subd. 3. Revenue to self-governed school.** (a) The revenue that shall be allocated
63.30 by the site includes the general education revenue generated by the students at the site from
63.31 state, local, and private sources, referendum revenue, federal revenue from the Elementary
63.32 and Secondary Education Act, Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, Carl Perkins
63.33 Act, and other federal programs as agreed to by the school board and site council.

63.34 (b) The district may retain an administrative fee for managing the federal
63.35 programs, private revenues, and general administrative functions including school board,
63.36 superintendent, district legal counsel, finance, accountability and self-governed school

64.1 contract oversight, facilities maintenance, districtwide special education programs, and
 64.2 other such services as agreed to by the site and school board. The administrative fee
 64.3 shall be included in the agreement.

64.4 (c) As part of the agreement, the district may provide specific services for the site
 64.5 and may specify the amount to be paid for each service and retain the revenues for that
 64.6 amount. The formula or procedures for determining the amount of revenue to be allocated
 64.7 to the site each year shall be consistent with this subdivision and incorporated in the site
 64.8 budget annually following a timeline and process that is included in the agreement with
 64.9 the school board. The site is responsible for allocating revenue for all staff at the site and
 64.10 for the other provisions of the agreement with the district board.

64.11 (d) All unspent revenue shall be carried over to following years for the sole use
 64.12 of the site.

64.13 Subd. 4. **Exemption from statutes and rules.** Except as outlined in this section,
 64.14 site-governed, teacher-powered schools established under this section are exempt from
 64.15 and subject to the same laws and rules as are chartered schools under section 124D.10,
 64.16 except that the schools shall be subject to chapters 13, 13D, and 179A, and sections
 64.17 122A.40, 122A.41, 122A.50, and 122A.51.

64.18 Subd. 5. **Performance standards.** (a) The school board and the site council shall
 64.19 include in the agreement performance standards and expectations that shall include at
 64.20 least the following:

64.21 (1) student achievement targets on multiple indicators including either a growth
 64.22 model or value-added growth model;

64.23 (2) the criteria and process to be followed if it is determined that the site failed
 64.24 to comply with district oversight and accountability requirements as outlined in the
 64.25 agreement; and

64.26 (3) other performance provisions as agreed to.

64.27 (b) All agreements shall be filed with the commissioner. The initial agreement shall
 64.28 be for up to three years, shall be reviewed annually, and may be renewed by the district
 64.29 board for additional terms of up to five years based on the performance of the school.

64.30 Subd. 6. **Board termination of self-governed, teacher-powered school authority.**

64.31 (a) The district board may terminate the agreement for one or more of the following reasons:

64.32 (1) failure of the site to meet the provisions specified in the agreement in subdivision
 64.33 5;

64.34 (2) violations of law; or

64.35 (3) other good cause shown.

65.1 (b) Site-governed, teacher-powered schools that are terminated or not renewed for
65.2 reasons other than cause may request to convert to charter school status as provided for in
65.3 section 124D.10 and, if chartered by the board, shall become the owner of all materials,
65.4 supplies, and equipment purchased during the period the school was a site-governed,
65.5 teacher-powered school.

65.6 Sec. 40. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 124D.09, subdivision 5, is amended to read:

65.7 Subd. 5. **Authorization; notification.** Notwithstanding any other law to the
65.8 contrary, an 11th or 12th grade pupil enrolled in a school or an American Indian-controlled
65.9 tribal contract or grant school eligible for aid under section 124D.83, except a foreign
65.10 exchange pupil enrolled in a district under a cultural exchange program, may apply to an
65.11 eligible institution, as defined in subdivision 3, to enroll in nonsectarian courses offered by
65.12 that postsecondary institution. Notwithstanding any other law to the contrary, a 9th or 10th
65.13 grade pupil enrolled in a district or an American Indian-controlled tribal contract or grant
65.14 school eligible for aid under section 124D.83, except a foreign exchange pupil enrolled in
65.15 a district under a cultural exchange program, may apply to enroll in nonsectarian courses
65.16 offered under subdivision 10, if (1) after all 11th and 12th grade students have applied
65.17 for a course, additional students are necessary to offer the course and the school district
65.18 and the eligible postsecondary institution providing the course agree to the student's
65.19 enrollment or (2) the course is a world language course currently available to 11th and
65.20 12th grade students, and consistent with section 120B.022 governing world language
65.21 standards, certificates, and seals. If an institution accepts a secondary pupil for enrollment
65.22 under this section, the institution shall send written notice to the pupil, the pupil's school
65.23 or school district, and the commissioner within ten days of acceptance. The notice must
65.24 indicate the course and hours of enrollment of that pupil. If the pupil enrolls in a course for
65.25 postsecondary credit, the institution must notify the pupil about payment in the customary
65.26 manner used by the institution.

65.27 Sec. 41. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 124D.09, subdivision 5a, is amended to read:

65.28 Subd. 5a. **Authorization; career or technical education.** A 10th, 11th, or 12th
65.29 grade pupil enrolled in a district or an American Indian-controlled tribal contract or grant
65.30 school eligible for aid under section 124D.83, except a foreign exchange pupil enrolled in
65.31 a district under a cultural exchange program, may enroll in a career or technical education
65.32 course offered by a Minnesota state college or university. A 10th grade pupil applying
65.33 for enrollment in a career or technical education course under this subdivision must have
65.34 received a passing score on the 8th grade Minnesota Comprehensive Assessment in

66.1 reading as a condition of enrollment. A current 10th grade pupil who did not take the 8th
66.2 grade Minnesota Comprehensive Assessment in reading may substitute another reading
66.3 assessment accepted by the enrolling postsecondary institution. A secondary pupil may
66.4 enroll in the pupil's first postsecondary options enrollment course under this subdivision.
66.5 A student who is refused enrollment by a Minnesota state college or university under this
66.6 subdivision may apply to an eligible institution offering a career or technical education
66.7 course. The postsecondary institution must give priority to its students according to
66.8 subdivision 9. If a secondary student receives a grade of "C" or better in the career or
66.9 technical education course taken under this subdivision, the postsecondary institution
66.10 must allow the student to take additional postsecondary courses for secondary credit at
66.11 that institution, not to exceed the limits in subdivision 8. A "career or technical course" is
66.12 a course that is part of a career and technical education program that provides individuals
66.13 with coherent, rigorous content aligned with academic standards and relevant technical
66.14 knowledge and skills needed to prepare for further education and careers in current and
66.15 emerging professions and provide technical skill proficiency, an industry recognized
66.16 credential, and a certificate, a diploma, or an associate degree.

66.17 Sec. 42. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 124D.09, subdivision 8, is amended to read:

66.18 Subd. 8. **Limit on participation.** A pupil who first enrolls in grade 9 may not
66.19 enroll in postsecondary courses under this section for secondary credit for more than
66.20 the equivalent of four academic years. A pupil who first enrolls in grade 10 may not
66.21 enroll in postsecondary courses under this section for secondary credit for more than
66.22 the equivalent of three academic years. A pupil who first enrolls in grade 11 may not
66.23 enroll in postsecondary courses under this section for secondary credit for more than the
66.24 equivalent of two academic years. A pupil who first enrolls in grade 12 may not enroll in
66.25 postsecondary courses under this section for secondary credit for more than the equivalent
66.26 of one academic year. If a pupil in grade 9, 10, 11, or 12 first enrolls in a postsecondary
66.27 course for secondary credit during the school year, the time of participation shall be
66.28 reduced proportionately. If a pupil is in a learning year or other year-round program and
66.29 begins each grade in the summer session, summer sessions shall not be counted against
66.30 the time of participation. If a school district determines a pupil is not on track to graduate,
66.31 the limit on participation does not apply to that pupil. A pupil who has graduated from
66.32 high school cannot participate in a program under this section. A pupil who has completed
66.33 course requirements for graduation but who has not received a diploma may participate in
66.34 the program under this section.

67.1 Sec. 43. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 124D.09, subdivision 9, is amended to read:

67.2 Subd. 9. **Enrollment priority.** (a) A postsecondary institution shall give priority to
 67.3 its postsecondary students when enrolling 10th, 11th, and 12th grade pupils in its courses.
 67.4 A postsecondary institution may provide information about its programs to a secondary
 67.5 school or to a pupil or parent and it may advertise or otherwise recruit or solicit a secondary
 67.6 pupil to enroll in its programs on educational and programmatic grounds only except,
 67.7 notwithstanding other law to the contrary, and for the 2014-2015 through 2019-2020
 67.8 school years only, an eligible postsecondary institution may advertise or otherwise recruit
 67.9 or solicit a secondary pupil residing in a school district with 700 students or more in grades
 67.10 10, 11, and 12, to enroll in its programs on educational, programmatic, or financial grounds.

67.11 (b) An institution must not enroll secondary pupils, for postsecondary enrollment
 67.12 options purposes, in remedial, developmental, or other courses that are not college level
 67.13 except when a student eligible to participate and enrolled in the graduation incentives
 67.14 program under section 124D.68 enrolls full time in a middle or early college program. A
 67.15 middle or early college program must be specifically designed to allow the student to earn
 67.16 dual high school and college credit with a well-defined pathway to allow the student to earn
 67.17 a postsecondary degree or credential. In this case, the student shall receive developmental
 67.18 college credit and not college credit for completing remedial or developmental courses.

67.19 (c) Once a pupil has been enrolled in any postsecondary course under this section,
 67.20 the pupil shall not be displaced by another student.

67.21 ~~(b)~~ (d) If a postsecondary institution enrolls a secondary school pupil in a course
 67.22 under this section, the postsecondary institution also must enroll in the same course an
 67.23 otherwise enrolled and qualified postsecondary student who qualifies as a veteran under
 67.24 section 197.447, and demonstrates to the postsecondary institution's satisfaction that the
 67.25 institution's established enrollment timelines were not practicable for that student.

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

67.27 Sec. 44. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 124D.09, subdivision 12, is amended to read:

67.28 Subd. 12. **Credits.** A pupil must not audit a course under this section.

67.29 A district shall grant academic credit to a pupil enrolled in a course for secondary
 67.30 credit if the pupil successfully completes the course. Seven quarter or four semester
 67.31 college credits equal at least one full year of high school credit. Fewer college credits may
 67.32 be prorated. A district must also grant academic credit to a pupil enrolled in a course for
 67.33 postsecondary credit if secondary credit is requested by a pupil. If no comparable course is
 67.34 offered by the district, the district must, as soon as possible, notify the commissioner, who
 67.35 shall determine the number of credits that shall be granted to a pupil who successfully

68.1 completes a course. If a comparable course is offered by the district, the school board
68.2 shall grant a comparable number of credits to the pupil. If there is a dispute between the
68.3 district and the pupil regarding the number of credits granted for a particular course, the
68.4 pupil may appeal the board's decision to the commissioner. The commissioner's decision
68.5 regarding the number of credits shall be final.

68.6 The secondary credits granted to a pupil must be counted toward the graduation
68.7 requirements and subject area requirements of the district. Evidence of successful
68.8 completion of each course and secondary credits granted must be included in the pupil's
68.9 secondary school record. A pupil shall provide the school with a copy of the pupil's grade
68.10 in each course taken for secondary credit under this section. Upon the request of a pupil,
68.11 the pupil's secondary school record must also include evidence of successful completion
68.12 and credits granted for a course taken for postsecondary credit. In either case, the record
68.13 must indicate that the credits were earned at a postsecondary institution.

68.14 If a pupil enrolls in a postsecondary institution after leaving secondary school, the
68.15 postsecondary institution must award postsecondary credit for any course successfully
68.16 completed for secondary credit at that institution. Other postsecondary institutions may
68.17 award, after a pupil leaves secondary school, postsecondary credit for any courses
68.18 successfully completed under this section. An institution may not charge a pupil for
68.19 the award of credit.

68.20 The Board of Trustees of the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities and
68.21 the Board of Regents of the University of Minnesota must, and private nonprofit and
68.22 proprietary postsecondary institutions should, award postsecondary credit for any
68.23 successfully completed courses in a program certified by the National Alliance of
68.24 Concurrent Enrollment Partnerships offered according to an agreement under subdivision
68.25 10. Consistent with section 135A.101, subdivision 3, all MnSCU institutions must give
68.26 full credit to a secondary pupil who completes for postsecondary credit a postsecondary
68.27 course or program that is part or all of a goal area or a transfer curriculum at a MnSCU
68.28 institution when the pupil enrolls in a MnSCU institution after leaving secondary school.
68.29 Once one MnSCU institution certifies as completed a secondary student's postsecondary
68.30 course or program that is part or all of a goal area or a transfer curriculum, every MnSCU
68.31 institution must consider the student's course or program for that goal area or the transfer
68.32 curriculum as completed.

68.33 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective for the 2015-2016 school year and
68.34 later.

68.35 Sec. 45. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 124D.091, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

69.1 Subdivision 1. **Accreditation.** To establish a uniform standard by which
 69.2 concurrent enrollment courses and professional development activities may be measured,
 69.3 postsecondary institutions ~~are encouraged to apply for accreditation by~~ must adopt and
 69.4 implement the National Alliance of Concurrent Enrollment Partnership Partnership's
 69.5 program standards and required evidence for accreditation by the 2020-2021 school year
 69.6 and later.

69.7 Sec. 46. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 124D.73, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

69.8 Subd. 3. ~~Advisory task force~~ **Tribal Nations Education Committee.** "Advisory
 69.9 ~~task force~~" "Tribal Nations Education Committee" means the ~~state advisory task force~~
 69.10 committee established through tribal directive that the commissioner consults with
 69.11 on American Indian education programs, policy, and all matters related to educating
 69.12 Minnesota's American Indian students.

69.13 Sec. 47. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 124D.73, subdivision 4, is amended to read:

69.14 Subd. 4. **Participating school; American Indian school.** "Participating school"
 69.15 and "American Indian school" mean a school that:

- 69.16 (1) is not operated by a school district; and
 69.17 (2) is eligible for a grant under federal Title IV of the Indian VII of the Elementary
 69.18 and Secondary Education Act for the education of American Indian children.

69.19 Sec. 48. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 124D.74, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

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

- 69.23 (1) support postsecondary preparation for pupils;
 69.24 (2) support the academic achievement of American Indian students ~~with identified~~
 69.25 ~~focus to improve reading and mathematic skills;~~
 69.26 (3) make the curriculum ~~more~~ relevant to the needs, interests, and cultural heritage
 69.27 of American Indian pupils;
 69.28 (4) provide positive reinforcement of the self-image of American Indian pupils;
 69.29 (5) develop intercultural awareness among pupils, parents, and staff; and
 69.30 (6) supplement, not supplant, state and federal educational and cocurricular programs.

69.31 ~~Program components may include: development of support components for students in~~
 69.32 the areas of services designed to increase completion and graduation rates of American
 69.33 Indian students must emphasize academic achievement, retention, and attendance;

70.1 development of support ~~components~~ services for staff, including in-service training and
 70.2 technical assistance in methods of teaching American Indian pupils; research projects,
 70.3 including ~~experimentation with~~ innovative teaching approaches and evaluation of
 70.4 methods of relating to American Indian pupils; provision of ~~personal and vocational~~
 70.5 career counseling to American Indian pupils; modification of curriculum, instructional
 70.6 methods, and administrative procedures to meet the needs of American Indian pupils; and
 70.7 supplemental instruction in American Indian language, literature, history, and culture.
 70.8 Districts offering programs may make contracts for the provision of program ~~components~~
 70.9 services by establishing cooperative liaisons with tribal programs and American Indian
 70.10 social service agencies. These programs may also be provided as components of early
 70.11 childhood and family education programs.

70.12 Sec. 49. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 124D.74, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

70.13 Subd. 3. **Enrollment of other children; shared time enrollment.** To the extent
 70.14 it is economically feasible, a district or participating school may make provision for the
 70.15 voluntary enrollment of non-American Indian children in the instructional components of
 70.16 an American Indian education program in order that they may acquire an understanding of
 70.17 the cultural heritage of the American Indian children for whom that particular program is
 70.18 designed. However, in determining eligibility to participate in a program, priority must be
 70.19 given to American Indian children. American Indian children and other children enrolled
 70.20 in an existing nonpublic school system may be enrolled on a shared time basis in all
 70.21 academic, targeted services, and American Indian education programs.

70.22 Sec. 50. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 124D.74, subdivision 6, is amended to read:

70.23 Subd. 6. **Nonverbal courses and extracurricular activities.** In predominantly
 70.24 nonverbal subjects, such as art, music, and physical education, American Indian children
 70.25 shall participate fully and on an equal basis with their ~~contemporaries~~ peers in school
 70.26 classes provided for these subjects. Every school district or participating school shall
 70.27 ensure to children enrolled in American Indian education programs an equal and
 70.28 meaningful opportunity to participate fully with other children in all extracurricular
 70.29 activities. This subdivision shall not be construed to prohibit instruction in nonverbal
 70.30 subjects or extracurricular activities which relate to the cultural heritage of the American
 70.31 Indian children, or which are otherwise necessary to accomplish the objectives described
 70.32 in sections 124D.71 to 124D.82.

70.33 Sec. 51. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 124D.75, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

71.1 Subdivision 1. **American Indian language and culture education licenses.** The
 71.2 Board of Teaching, in consultation with the Tribal Nations Education Committee, must
 71.3 grant initial and continuing teaching licenses in American Indian language and culture
 71.4 education that bear the same duration as other initial and continuing licenses. The board
 71.5 must grant licenses to persons who present satisfactory evidence that they:

71.6 (1) possess competence in an American Indian language or possess unique
 71.7 qualifications relative to or knowledge and understanding of American Indian history
 71.8 and culture; or

71.9 (2) possess a bachelor's degree or other academic degree approved by the board or
 71.10 meet such requirements as to course of study and training as the board may prescribe, or
 71.11 possess such relevant experience as the board may prescribe.

71.12 This evidence may be presented by affidavits, tribal resolutions, or by such other
 71.13 methods as the board may prescribe. Individuals may present applications for licensure on
 71.14 their own behalf or these applications may be submitted by the superintendent or other
 71.15 authorized official of a school district, participating school, or an American Indian school.

71.16 Sec. 52. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 124D.75, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

71.17 Subd. 3. **Resolution or letter.** All persons applying for a license under this section
 71.18 must submit to the board a resolution or letter of support signed by an American Indian
 71.19 tribal government ~~or its designee~~. All persons holding a license under this section ~~on July~~
 71.20 ~~1, 1995~~, must have on file or file with the board a resolution or letter of support signed by
 71.21 a tribal government ~~or its designee by January 1, 1996, or the next renewal date of the~~
 71.22 ~~license thereafter~~.

71.23 Sec. 53. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 124D.75, subdivision 9, is amended to read:

71.24 Subd. 9. **Affirmative efforts in hiring.** In hiring for all positions in these programs,
 71.25 school districts and participating schools shall give preference to and make affirmative
 71.26 efforts to seek, recruit, and employ persons who share the culture of the American Indian
 71.27 children who are enrolled in the program. The district or participating school ~~shall~~ must
 71.28 provide procedures for the involvement of the parent advisory committees in ~~designing~~
 71.29 ~~the procedures for~~ the recruitment, screening and selection of applicants. This subdivision
 71.30 shall not be construed to limit the school board's authority to hire and discharge personnel.

71.31 Sec. 54. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 124D.76, is amended to read:

71.32 **124D.76 TEACHERS AIDES; COMMUNITY COORDINATORS, INDIAN**
 71.33 **HOME/SCHOOL LIAISONS, PARAPROFESSIONALS.**

72.1 In addition to employing American Indian language and culture education teachers,
 72.2 each district or participating school providing programs pursuant to sections 124D.71 to
 72.3 124D.82 may employ ~~teachers'-aides~~ paraprofessionals. ~~Teachers'-aides~~ Paraprofessionals
 72.4 must not be employed for the purpose of supplanting American Indian language and
 72.5 culture education teachers.

72.6 Any district or participating school which conducts American Indian education
 72.7 programs pursuant to sections 124D.71 to 124D.82 must employ one or more full-time
 72.8 or part-time community coordinators or Indian home/school liaisons if there are 100 or
 72.9 more American Indian students enrolled in the ~~program~~ district. Community coordinators
 72.10 shall promote communication understanding, and cooperation between the schools and the
 72.11 community and shall visit the homes of children who are to be enrolled in an American
 72.12 Indian education program in order to convey information about the program.

72.13 Sec. 55. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 124D.78, is amended to read:

72.14 **124D.78 PARENT AND COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION.**

72.15 Subdivision 1. **Parent committee.** School boards and American Indian schools
 72.16 must provide for the maximum involvement of parents of children enrolled in education
 72.17 programs, programs for elementary and secondary grades, special education programs,
 72.18 and support services. Accordingly, the board of a school district in which there are ten
 72.19 or more American Indian ~~children~~ students enrolled and each American Indian school
 72.20 must establish a an American Indian education parent advisory committee. If a committee
 72.21 whose membership consists of a majority of parents of American Indian children has been
 72.22 or is established according to federal, tribal, or other state law, that committee may serve
 72.23 as the committee required by this section and is subject to, at least, the requirements of
 72.24 this subdivision and subdivision 2.

72.25 The American Indian education parent advisory committee must develop its
 72.26 recommendations in consultation with the curriculum advisory committee required by
 72.27 section 120B.11, subdivision 3. This committee must afford parents the necessary
 72.28 information and the opportunity effectively to express their views concerning all aspects
 72.29 of American Indian education and the educational needs of the American Indian children
 72.30 enrolled in the school or program. ~~The committee must also address the need for adult~~
 72.31 ~~education programs for American Indian people in the community.~~ The school board or
 72.32 American Indian school must ensure that programs are planned, operated, and evaluated
 72.33 with the involvement of and in consultation with parents of ~~children~~ students served by
 72.34 the programs.

73.1 Subd. 2. **Resolution of concurrence.** Prior to ~~December~~ March 1, the school
 73.2 board or American Indian school must submit to the department a copy of a resolution
 73.3 adopted by the American Indian education parent advisory committee. The copy must be
 73.4 signed by the chair of the committee and must state whether the committee concurs with
 73.5 the educational programs for American Indian ~~children~~ students offered by the school
 73.6 board or American Indian school. If the committee does not concur with the educational
 73.7 programs, the reasons for nonconcurrence and recommendations shall be submitted with
 73.8 the resolution. By resolution, the board must respond in writing within 60 days, in cases
 73.9 of nonconcurrence, to each recommendation made by the committee and state its reasons
 73.10 for not implementing the recommendations.

73.11 Subd. 3. **Membership.** The American Indian education parent advisory committee
 73.12 must be composed of parents of children eligible to be enrolled in American Indian
 73.13 education programs; secondary students eligible to be served; American Indian language
 73.14 and culture education teachers and ~~aides~~ paraprofessionals; American Indian teachers;
 73.15 counselors; adult American Indian people enrolled in educational programs; and
 73.16 representatives from community groups. A majority of each committee must be parents
 73.17 of children enrolled or eligible to be enrolled in the programs. The number of parents
 73.18 of American Indian and non-American Indian children shall reflect approximately the
 73.19 proportion of children of those groups enrolled in the programs.

73.20 Subd. 4. **Alternate committee.** If the organizational membership or the board
 73.21 of directors of an American Indian school consists of parents of children attending the
 73.22 school, that membership or board may serve also as the American Indian education parent
 73.23 advisory committee.

73.24 Sec. 56. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 124D.79, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

73.25 Subdivision 1. **American Indian community involvement.** The commissioner
 73.26 must provide for the maximum involvement of the ~~state committees on American Indian~~
 73.27 ~~education~~ Tribal Nations Education Committee, parents of American Indian children,
 73.28 secondary students eligible to be served, American Indian language and culture education
 73.29 teachers, American Indian teachers, ~~teachers'~~ aides paraprofessionals, representatives of
 73.30 community groups, and persons knowledgeable in the field of American Indian education,
 73.31 in the formulation of policy and procedures relating to the administration of sections
 73.32 124D.71 to 124D.82. The commissioner must annually hold a field hearing on Indian
 73.33 education to gather input from American Indian educators, parents, and students on the
 73.34 state of American Indian education in Minnesota. Results of the hearing must be made
 73.35 available to all 11 tribal nations for review and comment.

74.1 Sec. 57. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 124D.79, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

74.2 Subd. 2. **Technical assistance.** The commissioner shall provide technical assistance
 74.3 to districts, schools and postsecondary institutions for preservice and in-service training
 74.4 for teachers, American Indian education teachers and teacher's aides, paraprofessionals
 74.5 specifically designed to implement culturally responsive teaching methods, culturally
 74.6 based curriculum development, testing and testing mechanisms, and the development of
 74.7 materials for American Indian education programs.

74.8 Sec. 58. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 124D.791, subdivision 4, is amended to read:

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

74.10 (1) serve as the liaison for the department with the Tribal Nations Education
 74.11 Committee, the 11 ~~reservations~~ tribal communities in Minnesota, the Minnesota Chippewa
 74.12 tribe, and the Minnesota Indian Affairs Council, ~~and the Urban Advisory Council~~;

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

74.14 (3) engage the tribal bodies, community groups, parents of children eligible to be
 74.15 served by American Indian education programs, American Indian administrators and
 74.16 teachers, persons experienced in the training of teachers for American Indian education
 74.17 programs, the tribally controlled schools, and other persons knowledgeable in the field of
 74.18 American Indian education and seek their advice on policies that can improve the quality
 74.19 of American Indian education;

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

74.21 (i) issues facing American Indian students;

74.22 (ii) policies for American Indian education;

74.23 (iii) awarding scholarships to eligible American Indian students and in administering
 74.24 the commissioner's duties regarding awarding of American Indian ~~postsecondary~~
 74.25 ~~preparation~~ education grants to school districts; and

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

75.4 (v) increase American Indian student placement in postsecondary programs and
75.5 the workforce; and

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

75.8 Sec. 59. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 124D.861, is amended to read:

75.9 **124D.861 ACHIEVEMENT AND INTEGRATION FOR MINNESOTA.**

75.10 Subdivision 1. **Program to close the academic achievement and opportunity**
75.11 **gap; revenue uses.** (a) The "Achievement and Integration for Minnesota " program is
75.12 established to ~~pursue~~ improve academic achievement and promote racial and economic
75.13 integration and increase student academic achievement, ~~to~~ create equitable educational
75.14 opportunities and outcomes, and reduce academic disparities based on students' diverse
75.15 racial, ethnic, and economic backgrounds in Minnesota public schools.

75.16 (b) For purposes of this section and section 124D.862, "eligible district" means a
75.17 district required to submit a plan to the commissioner under Minnesota Rules governing
75.18 school desegregation and integration, or be a member of a multidistrict integration
75.19 collaborative that files a plan with the commissioner and "hard to staff" classroom or
75.20 school means a classroom or school designated as such by the school board because of the
75.21 difficulty of attracting or retaining qualified and effective teachers at that site.

75.22 (c) Eligible districts must use the revenue aid under section 124D.862 to ~~pursue~~
75.23 improve the academic achievement and racial and economic integration through: (1)
75.24 integrated learning environments that prepare of all students to be effective citizens and
75.25 enhance social cohesion; (2) ~~policies and curricula and trained instructors, administrators,~~
75.26 ~~school counselors, and other advocates to support and enhance integrated learning~~
75.27 ~~environments under this section, including through magnet schools, innovative,~~
75.28 ~~research-based instruction, differentiated instruction, and targeted interventions to improve~~
75.29 ~~achievement; and (3) rigorous career and college readiness programs for underserved~~
75.30 ~~student populations, consistent with section 120B.30, subdivision 1; integrated learning~~
75.31 ~~environments to increase student academic achievement; cultural fluency, competency,~~
75.32 ~~and interaction; graduation and educational attainment rates; and parent involvement. and~~
75.33 eliminate disparities in academic achievement among student subgroups through:

75.34 (1) school choice programs, innovative academic instruction, and best teaching
75.35 practices;

76.1 (2) opportunity programs proven to increase students' access to academic rigor and
 76.2 focused on college and career readiness;

76.3 (3) family engagement programs that promote involvement in students' academic
 76.4 life and success;

76.5 (4) extended day and extended week programs;

76.6 (5) summer school academies;

76.7 (6) before and after school academic programs;

76.8 (7) prekindergarten or other early learning programs; and

76.9 (8) other programs proven through data to improve students' academic achievement.

76.10 (d) Eligible districts may use the levy under section 124D.862 to promote racial
 76.11 and academic integration through:

76.12 (1) integrated learning environments that prepare all students to be effective citizens
 76.13 and enhance social cohesion, cultural fluency, competency, and interaction;

76.14 (2) policies, curricula, and trained instructors, administrators, school counselors,
 76.15 and other advocates to support and enhance integrated learning environments under this
 76.16 section, including, but not limited to, through magnet schools, before and after school
 76.17 programming, and summer activities and academies; or

76.18 (3) other locally developed, innovative programs or opportunities.

76.19 (e) Eligible districts may use the aid and the levy under section 124D.862 to increase
 76.20 teacher and administrator diversity through recruitment and retention policies and to
 76.21 provide incentives for teachers to teach in hard-to-staff schools or classrooms.

76.22 Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, a cash incentive may be paid directly to a teacher
 76.23 teaching in a hard-to-staff school or classroom.

76.24 **Subd. 2. Plan implementation; components.** (a) The school board of each
 76.25 eligible district must formally develop and implement a ~~long-term comprehensive plan~~
 76.26 ~~under this section~~ consistent with subdivision 1, containing specific district and school
 76.27 goals for eliminating the disparities in students' academic achievement and promoting
 76.28 students' academic success. The plan ~~must~~ may be incorporated into the district's
 76.29 comprehensive strategic plan under section 120B.11 and may include students enrolled
 76.30 in alternative learning centers under section 126C.05, subdivision 15, and contract
 76.31 alternative programs under section 124D.69. Plan components may include: innovative
 76.32 and integrated prekindergarten through grade 12 learning environments that offer students
 76.33 school enrollment choices; family engagement initiatives that involve families in their
 76.34 students' academic life and success; professional development opportunities for teachers
 76.35 and administrators focused on improving the academic achievement of all students;
 76.36 increased programmatic opportunities focused on rigor and college and career readiness

77.1 for underserved students, including students enrolled in alternative learning centers under
 77.2 section 123A.05, public alternative programs under section 126C.05, subdivision 15, and
 77.3 contract alternative programs under section 124D.69, among other underserved students;
 77.4 or recruitment and retention of teachers and administrators with diverse racial and ethnic
 77.5 backgrounds. The plan must contain goals for: (1) reducing the disparities in academic
 77.6 achievement among all students and specific categories of students under section 120B.35,
 77.7 subdivision 3, paragraph (b), excluding the student categories of gender, disability, and
 77.8 English learners; and (2) increasing racial and economic integration in schools and
 77.9 districts. The board may also develop and implement an integration plan to increase racial
 77.10 and economic integration in schools and districts.

77.11 (b) Among other requirements, an eligible district must implement effective
 77.12 cost-effective, research-based interventions that include formative assessment practices
 77.13 to reduce eliminate the disparities in student academic performance among the specific
 77.14 achievement between the highest and lowest performing racial and ethnic categories of
 77.15 students as measured by student progress and growth demonstration of proficiency and
 77.16 growth on state reading and math assessments and as aligned with section 120B.11.

77.17 (c) Eligible districts ~~must create~~ may collaborate in creating efficiencies and
 77.18 eliminate eliminating duplicative programs and services under this section, ~~which~~
 77.19 ~~may include forming collaborations or a single, seven-county metropolitan areawide~~
 77.20 ~~partnership of eligible districts for this purpose.~~

77.21 Subd. 3. **Public engagement; ~~progress report and biennial report; budget~~**
 77.22 **process.** (a) To receive revenue aid under section 124D.862, the school board of an
 77.23 eligible district must ~~incorporate school and district plan components under section~~
 77.24 ~~120B.11 into the district's comprehensive integration plan.~~

77.25 (b) ~~A school board must hold at least one formal annual hearing to publicly report its~~
 77.26 ~~progress in realizing the goals identified in its plan. At the hearing, the board must provide~~
 77.27 ~~the public with longitudinal data demonstrating district and school progress in reducing~~
 77.28 ~~the disparities in student eliminating the academic performance among the specified~~
 77.29 ~~categories of students and in realizing racial and economic integration achievement~~
 77.30 ~~gap, consistent with the district plan and the measures in paragraph (a) (b). At least 30~~
 77.31 ~~days before the formal hearing under this paragraph, the board must post its plan, its~~
 77.32 ~~preliminary analysis, relevant student performance data, and other longitudinal data on~~
 77.33 ~~the district's Web site. A district must hold one hearing to meet the hearing requirements~~
 77.34 ~~of both this section and section 120B.11. The board must also include in this hearing a~~
 77.35 ~~discussion of its integration plan.~~

78.1 (e) (b) The district must submit a detailed budget to the commissioner by March
 78.2 15 in the year before it implements its achievement gap elimination plan. If a district
 78.3 develops an integration plan, the district must also submit a budget for its integration
 78.4 activities at the same time. The commissioner must review, and approve or disapprove the
 78.5 district's ~~budget~~ budgets by June 1 of that year.

78.6 (d) (c) The longitudinal data required under paragraph (a) must be based on student
 78.7 growth and progress in reading and mathematics, as defined under section 120B.30,
 78.8 subdivision 1, ~~and~~ student performance data and achievement reports from fully adaptive
 78.9 reading and mathematics assessments for grades 3 through ~~7~~ 8, and high school reading
 78.10 and math tests beginning in the 2015-2016 school year under section 120B.30, subdivision
 78.11 1a, and either (i) school enrollment choices, (ii) the number of world language proficiency
 78.12 or high achievement certificates awarded under section 120B.022, subdivision 1a, or
 78.13 the number of state bilingual and multilingual seals issued under section 120B.022,
 78.14 subdivision 1b, or (iii) school safety and students' engagement and connection at school
 78.15 under section 120B.35, subdivision 3, paragraph (d). ~~Additional longitudinal data may be~~
 78.16 ~~based on: students' progress toward career and college readiness under section 120B.30,~~
 78.17 ~~subdivision 1; or rigorous coursework completed under section 120B.35, subdivision 3,~~
 78.18 ~~paragraph (c), clause (2).~~

78.19 Subd. 4. **Timeline and implementation.** A board must approve its achievement
 78.20 gap elimination plan and submit it to the department by March 15. If a district that is part
 78.21 of a multidistrict council applies for revenue for a plan, the individual district shall not
 78.22 receive revenue aid unless it ratifies the plan adopted by the multidistrict council. Each
 78.23 plan has a term of three years. ~~For the 2014-2015 school year, an eligible district under~~
 78.24 ~~this section must submit its plan to the commissioner for review by March 15, 2014. For~~
 78.25 ~~the 2013-2014 school year only, an eligible district may continue to implement its current~~
 78.26 ~~plan until the commissioner approves a new plan under this section.~~

78.27 Subd. 5. **Evaluation.** The commissioner must evaluate the efficacy of district plans
 78.28 in ~~reducing~~ eliminating the disparities in student academic ~~performance~~ achievement
 78.29 among the specified categories of students within the district, and where applicable, in
 78.30 realizing racial and economic integration. The commissioner shall report evaluation
 78.31 results to the kindergarten through grade 12 education committees of the legislature by
 78.32 February 1 of every ~~odd-numbered~~ fourth year beginning February 1, 2017.

78.33 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective for revenue for fiscal year 2016
 78.34 and later.

78.35 Sec. 60. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 124D.862, is amended to read:

79.1 **124D.862 ACHIEVEMENT GAP ELIMINATION REVENUE AND**
 79.2 **INTEGRATION REVENUE LEVY.**

79.3 Subdivision 1. **Initial achievement and integration gap elimination revenue.** (a)
 79.4 An eligible district's initial achievement and integration gap elimination revenue equals
 79.5 the lesser of ~~100.3~~ 100.2 percent of the district's expenditures under the budget approved
 79.6 by the commissioner under section 124D.861, subdivision 3, paragraph (c), excluding
 79.7 expenditures used to generate incentive revenue under subdivision 2, or the sum of (1)
 79.8 \$350 times the district's adjusted pupil units for that year times the ratio of the district's
 79.9 enrollment of protected students for the previous school year to total enrollment for the
 79.10 previous school year and (2) the greater of zero or 66 percent of the difference between the
 79.11 district's integration revenue for fiscal year 2013 and the district's integration revenue for
 79.12 fiscal year 2014 under clause (1).

79.13 (b) ~~In each year, 0.3 percent of each district's initial achievement and integration~~
 79.14 ~~revenue is transferred to the department for the oversight and accountability activities~~
 79.15 ~~required under this section and section 124D.861.~~

79.16 Subd. 2. **Incentive revenue.** An eligible school district's maximum incentive
 79.17 revenue equals \$10 per adjusted pupil unit. A district's incentive revenue equals the
 79.18 lesser of the maximum incentive revenue or the district's expenditures for implementing a
 79.19 voluntary plan to reduce racial and economic enrollment disparities through intradistrict
 79.20 and interdistrict activities that have been approved as a part of the district's achievement
 79.21 and integration plan under the budget approved by the commissioner under section
 79.22 124D.861, subdivision 3, ~~paragraph (e).~~

79.23 Subd. 3. **Achievement and integration gap elimination revenue.** Achievement
 79.24 ~~and integration gap elimination~~ revenue equals the sum of initial achievement and
 79.25 ~~integration gap elimination~~ revenue and incentive revenue.

79.26 Subd. 4. **Achievement and integration gap elimination aid.** ~~For fiscal year 2015~~
 79.27 ~~and later,~~ A district's achievement and integration gap elimination aid equals the lesser
 79.28 of 70 percent of its achievement and integration gap elimination revenue or the district's
 79.29 actual expenditures under the budget approved by the commissioner under section
 79.30 124D.861, subdivision 3.

79.31 Subd. 5. **Achievement and Integration levy.** A district's achievement and
 79.32 integration levy equals the sum of: (1) 30 percent of its achievement and integration gap
 79.33 elimination revenue times 30 percent under subdivision 3; and (2) the greater of zero
 79.34 or the difference between the district's initial integration levy under clause (1) and an
 79.35 amount equal to \$350 times the district's adjusted pupil units for that year. For Special
 79.36 School District No. 1, Minneapolis; Independent School District No. 625, St. Paul; and

80.1 Independent School District No. 709, Duluth, 100 percent of the levy certified under
 80.2 this subdivision is shifted into the prior calendar year for purposes of sections 123B.75,
 80.3 subdivision 5, and 127A.441.

80.4 Subd. 6. **Revenue uses.** (a) At least ~~80~~ 90 percent of a district's achievement ~~and~~
 80.5 ~~integration revenue gap elimination aid~~ received under this section must be used for
 80.6 ~~innovative and integrated learning environments, school enrollment choices, family~~
 80.7 ~~engagement activities,~~ academic programming consistent with the plan under section
 80.8 124D.861, subdivision 1, and other approved programs providing direct instructional
 80.9 services to students.

80.10 (b) Up to ~~20~~ five percent of the revenue aid may be used for professional
 80.11 development and staff development activities and placement services.

80.12 (c) No more than ~~ten~~ five percent of the total amount of revenue aid may be spent on
 80.13 administrative services.

80.14 Subd. 7. **Revenue reserved.** ~~Integration revenue~~ Achievement gap elimination aid
 80.15 received under this section must be reserved and used only for the programs authorized in
 80.16 subdivision ~~2~~ 6. The integration levy under subdivision 5, clause (1), must be reserved
 80.17 and used only for the purposes of the district's integration plan adopted under section
 80.18 124D.861, subdivision 1.

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

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

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

80.26 (1) develop a district improvement plan and timeline, in consultation with the
 80.27 affected district, that identifies strategies and practices designed to meet the district's goals
 80.28 under this section and section 120B.11; and

80.29 (2) use up to 20 percent of the district's ~~integration revenue~~ achievement gap
 80.30 elimination aid, until the district's goals are reached, to implement the improvement plan.

80.31 Subd. 9. **Department funding.** For fiscal years 2016 and later, an amount equal
 80.32 to 0.2 percent of the total expenditures under section 124D.862 for fiscal year 2015 is
 80.33 transferred to the department for oversight and accountability activities required under
 80.34 this section and section 124D.861.

80.35 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective for revenue for fiscal year 2016
 80.36 and later.

81.1 Sec. 61. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 135A.101, is amended by adding a
81.2 subdivision to read:

81.3 Subd. 3. **Minnesota transfer curriculum.** Notwithstanding section 135A.08 or
81.4 other law to the contrary, all MnSCU institutions must give full credit to a secondary pupil
81.5 who completes for postsecondary credit a postsecondary course or program that is part or
81.6 all of a goal area or a transfer curriculum at a MnSCU institution when the pupil enrolls
81.7 in a MnSCU institution after leaving secondary school. Once one MnSCU institution
81.8 certifies as completed a secondary student's postsecondary course or program that is part
81.9 or all of a goal area or a transfer curriculum, every MnSCU institution must consider the
81.10 student's course or program for that goal area or the transfer curriculum as completed.

81.11 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective August 1, 2015.

81.12 Sec. 62. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 179A.20, is amended by adding a
81.13 subdivision to read:

81.14 Subd. 4a. **Unrequested leave of absence for teachers.** A school board and the
81.15 exclusive representative of the teachers may not execute a contract effective for the
81.16 2017-2018 school year or later unless the contract contains a plan for unrequested leave of
81.17 absence under section 122A.40, subdivision 10, or a plan for discontinuing or terminating
81.18 teachers under section 122A.41, subdivision 14.

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

81.20 Sec. 63. Laws 2014, chapter 312, article 16, section 15, is amended to read:

81.21 Sec. 15. **TEACHER DEVELOPMENT AND EVALUATION REVENUE.**

81.22 (a) For fiscal year 2015 only, teacher development and evaluation revenue for a
81.23 school district, intermediate school district, or charter school with any school site that does
81.24 not have an alternative professional pay system agreement under Minnesota Statutes,
81.25 section 122A.414, subdivision 2, equals \$302 times the number of full-time equivalent
81.26 teachers employed on October 1 of the previous school year in each school site without
81.27 an alternative professional pay system under Minnesota Statutes, section 122A.414,
81.28 subdivision 2. Except for charter schools, revenue under this section must be reserved for
81.29 teacher development and evaluation activities consistent with Minnesota Statutes, section
81.30 122A.40, subdivision 8, or Minnesota Statutes, section 122A.41, subdivision 5. For the
81.31 purposes of this section, "teacher" has the meaning given it in Minnesota Statutes, section
81.32 122A.40, subdivision 1, or Minnesota Statutes, section 122A.41, subdivision 1.

82.1 (b) Notwithstanding paragraph (a), the state total teacher development and evaluation
 82.2 revenue entitlement must not exceed \$10,000,000 for fiscal year 2015. The commissioner
 82.3 must limit the amount of revenue under this section so as not to exceed this limit.

82.4 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective for fiscal year 2015.

82.5 Sec. 64. **TEACHER LICENSURE AGREEMENTS WITH ADJOINING STATES.**

82.6 The Board of Teaching must prepare and submit a report to the K-12 education
 82.7 committees of the legislature by February 15, 2016, indicating the number, contracting
 82.8 states, and extent of the interstate agreements for teacher licensure under Minnesota
 82.9 Statutes, section 122A.23, subdivision 3, reached between August 1 and December 31,
 82.10 2015.

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

82.12 Sec. 65. **TRANSFER CURRICULUM REPORT.**

82.13 By February 1, 2016, the chancellor of the Minnesota State Colleges and
 82.14 Universities must prepare and submit to the K-12 and higher education committees of
 82.15 the legislature a report describing the implementation of the transfer curriculum policy
 82.16 for postsecondary enrollment options program students under Minnesota Statutes,
 82.17 sections 124D.09, subdivision 12, and 135A.101, subdivision 3, and how to standardize
 82.18 Advanced Placement, International Baccalaureate, and college-level exam program course
 82.19 equivalencies across all state colleges and universities.

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

82.21 Sec. 66. **APPROPRIATIONS.**

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

82.24 Subd. 2. **Achievement gap elimination aid.** For gap elimination aid under
 82.25 Minnesota Statutes, section 124D.862:

82.26 \$ 65,539,000 2016

82.27 \$ 68,745,000 2017

82.28 The 2016 appropriation includes \$6,382,000 for 2015 and \$59,157,000 for 2016.

82.29 The 2017 appropriation includes \$6,573,000 for 2016 and \$62,172,000 for 2017.

83.1 Subd. 3. Literacy incentive aid. For literacy incentive aid under Minnesota
83.2 Statutes, section 124D.98:

83.3 \$ 44,552,000 2016

83.4 \$ 45,508,000 2017

83.5 The 2016 appropriation includes \$4,683,000 for 2015 and \$39,869,000 for 2016.

83.6 The 2017 appropriation includes \$4,429,000 for 2016 and \$41,079,000 for 2017.

83.7 Subd. 4. Interdistrict desegregation or integration transportation grants. For
83.8 interdistrict desegregation or integration transportation grants under Minnesota Statutes,
83.9 section 124D.87:

83.10 \$ 15,023,000 2016

83.11 \$ 15,825,000 2017

83.12 Subd. 5. Success for the future. For American Indian success for the future grants
83.13 under Minnesota Statutes, section 124D.81:

83.14 \$ 2,812,000 2016

83.15 \$ 2,887,000 2017

83.16 The 2016 appropriation includes \$213,000 for 2015 and \$2,599,000 for 2016.

83.17 The 2017 appropriation includes \$288,000 for 2016 and \$2,599,000 for 2017.

83.18 Subd. 6. American Indian teacher preparation grants. From the educator
83.19 licensure account in the special revenue fund, for joint grants to assist American Indian
83.20 people to become teachers under Minnesota Statutes, section 122A.63:

83.21 \$ 190,000 2016

83.22 \$ 190,000 2017

83.23 Subd. 7. Tribal contract schools. For tribal contract school aid under Minnesota
83.24 Statutes, section 124D.83:

83.25 \$ 2,166,000 2016

83.26 \$ 2,295,000 2017

83.27 The 2016 appropriation includes \$204,000 for 2015 and \$1,962,000 for 2016.

83.28 The 2017 appropriation includes \$218,000 for 2016 and \$2,077,000 for 2017.

83.29 Subd. 8. Early childhood programs at tribal schools. For early childhood family
83.30 education programs at tribal contract schools under Minnesota Statutes, section 124D.83,
83.31 subdivision 4:

83.32 \$ 68,000 2016

83.33 \$ 68,000 2017

84.1 Subd. 9. Examination fees; teacher training and support programs. (a) For
 84.2 students' advanced placement and international baccalaureate examination fees under
 84.3 Minnesota Statutes, section 120B.13, subdivision 3, and the training and related costs
 84.4 for teachers and other interested educators under Minnesota Statutes, section 120B.13,
 84.5 subdivision 1:

84.6 \$ 4,500,000 2016

84.7 \$ 4,500,000 2017

84.8 (b) The advanced placement program shall receive 75 percent of the appropriation
 84.9 each year and the international baccalaureate program shall receive 25 percent of the
 84.10 appropriation each year. The department, in consultation with representatives of the
 84.11 advanced placement and international baccalaureate programs selected by the Advanced
 84.12 Placement Advisory Council and IBMN, respectively, shall determine the amounts of
 84.13 the expenditures each year for examination fees and training and support programs for
 84.14 each program.

84.15 (c) Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes, section 120B.13, subdivision 1, at least
 84.16 \$500,000 each year is for teachers to attend subject matter summer training programs
 84.17 and follow-up support workshops approved by the advanced placement or international
 84.18 baccalaureate programs. The amount of the subsidy for each teacher attending an
 84.19 advanced placement or international baccalaureate summer training program or workshop
 84.20 shall be the same. The commissioner shall determine the payment process and the amount
 84.21 of the subsidy.

84.22 (d) The commissioner shall pay all examination fees for all students of low-income
 84.23 families under Minnesota Statutes, section 120B.13, subdivision 3, and, to the extent
 84.24 of available appropriations, shall also pay examination fees for students sitting for an
 84.25 advanced placement examination, international baccalaureate examination, or both.

84.26 Any balance in the first year does not cancel but is available in the second year.

84.27 Subd. 10. Concurrent enrollment programs. For concurrent enrollment programs
 84.28 under Minnesota Statutes, section 124D.091:

84.29 \$ 5,000,000 2016

84.30 \$ 8,000,000 2017

84.31 If the appropriation is insufficient, the commissioner must proportionately reduce
 84.32 the aid payment to each district.

84.33 Any balance in the first year does not cancel but is available in the second year.

84.34 Subd. 11. Collaborative urban educator. For the collaborative urban educator
 84.35 grant program:

85.1 \$ 780,000 2016

85.2 \$ 780,000 2017

85.3 \$195,000 each year is for the Southeast Asian teacher program at Concordia
 85.4 University, St. Paul; \$175,000 each year is for the collaborative urban educator program
 85.5 at the University of St. Thomas; \$195,000 each year is for the Center for Excellence in
 85.6 Urban Teaching at Hamline University; and \$195,000 each year is for the East Africa
 85.7 Student to Teacher program at Augsburg College.

85.8 Any balance in the first year does not cancel but is available in the second year.

85.9 Each institution shall prepare for the legislature, by January 15 of each year, a
 85.10 detailed report regarding the funds used. The report must include the number of teachers
 85.11 prepared as well as the diversity for each cohort of teachers produced.

85.12 Subd. 12. **ServeMinnesota program.** For funding ServeMinnesota programs under
 85.13 Minnesota Statutes, sections 124D.37 to 124D.45:

85.14 \$ 900,000 2016

85.15 \$ 900,000 2017

85.16 A grantee organization may provide health and child care coverage to the dependents
 85.17 of each participant enrolled in a full-time ServeMinnesota program to the extent such
 85.18 coverage is not otherwise available.

85.19 Subd. 13. **Student organizations.** For student organizations:

85.20 \$ 725,000 2016

85.21 \$ 725,000 2017

85.22 \$96,000 each year is for student organizations serving health occupations.

85.23 \$100,000 each year is for student organizations serving trade and industry
 85.24 occupations.

85.25 \$95,000 each year is for student organizations serving business occupations.

85.26 \$187,000 each year is for student organizations serving agriculture occupations.

85.27 \$142,000 each year is for student organizations serving family and consumer science
 85.28 occupations.

85.29 \$109,000 each year is for student organizations serving marketing occupations.

85.30 \$46,000 each year is for the Minnesota Foundation for Student Organizations.

85.31 Any balance in the first year does not cancel but is available in the second year.

85.32 Subd. 14. **Early childhood literacy programs.** For innovation grants to
 85.33 ServeMinnesota for the Minnesota reading corps program under Minnesota Statutes,
 85.34 section 124D.42, subdivision 8:

86.1 \$ 7,375,000 2016

86.2 \$ 7,375,000 2017

86.3 Up to \$7,375,000 each year is to help maximize federal and nonpublic funding to
 86.4 support AmeriCorps members serving in the Minnesota reading corps program established
 86.5 by ServeMinnesota, including costs to train and teach early literacy skills to children age
 86.6 three to grade 3 and to evaluate the impact of the Minnesota reading corps program under
 86.7 Minnesota Statutes, section 124D.42, subdivision 8.

86.8 Any balance in the first year does not cancel but is available in the second year.

86.9 Subd. 15. **Minnesota math corps program.** For the Minnesota math corps program
 86.10 under Minnesota Statutes, section 124D.42, subdivision 9:

86.11 \$ 250,000 2016

86.12 \$ 250,000 2017

86.13 Any unexpended balance in the first year does not cancel but is available in the
 86.14 second year.

86.15 Subd. 16. **Alternative compensation.** For alternative teacher compensation aid
 86.16 under Minnesota Statutes, section 122A.415, subdivision 4:

86.17 \$ 78,331,000 2016

86.18 \$ 77,647,000 2017

86.19 The 2016 appropriation includes \$7,766,000 for 2015 and \$70,565,000 for 2016.

86.20 The 2017 appropriation includes \$7,840,000 for 2016 and \$69,807,000 for 2017.

86.21 Subd. 17. **Starbase MN.** For a grant to Starbase MN for rigorous science,
 86.22 technology, engineering, and math (STEM) programs providing students in grades 4 to
 86.23 6 with a multisensory learning experience and a hands-on curriculum in an aerospace
 86.24 environment using state-of-the-art technology:

86.25 \$ 924,000 2016

86.26 \$ 0 2017

86.27 This appropriation does not cancel but is available in the second year of the biennium.

86.28 The base budget for this appropriation is \$500,000 for fiscal year 2018 and later.

86.29 All unspent funds, estimated at \$924,000 from the Starbase MN appropriation under
 86.30 Laws 2013, chapter 116, article 3, section 37, subdivision 22, are canceled to the general
 86.31 fund on June 30, 2015.

86.32 Subd. 18. **Teacher development and evaluation.** For teacher development and
 86.33 evaluation revenue:

88.1 Subd. 4. **Revisions and reviews required.** (a) The commissioner of education must
88.2 revise and appropriately embed technology and information literacy standards consistent
88.3 with recommendations from school media specialists into the state's academic standards
88.4 and graduation requirements and implement a ten-year cycle to review and, consistent
88.5 with the review, revise state academic standards and related benchmarks, consistent with
88.6 this subdivision. During each ten-year review and revision cycle, the commissioner also
88.7 must examine the alignment of each required academic standard and related benchmark
88.8 with the knowledge and skills students need for career and college readiness and advanced
88.9 work in the particular subject area. The commissioner must include the contributions of
88.10 Minnesota American Indian tribes and communities as related to the academic standards
88.11 during the review and revision of the required academic standards.

88.12 (b) The commissioner must ensure that the statewide mathematics assessments
88.13 administered to students in grades 3 through 8 and 11 are aligned with the state academic
88.14 standards in mathematics, consistent with section 120B.30, subdivision 1, paragraph
88.15 (b). The commissioner must implement a review of the academic standards and related
88.16 benchmarks in mathematics beginning in the ~~2015-2016~~ 2020-2021 school year and
88.17 every ten years thereafter.

88.18 (c) The commissioner must implement a review of the academic standards and related
88.19 benchmarks in arts beginning in the 2016-2017 school year and every ten years thereafter.

88.20 (d) The commissioner must implement a review of the academic standards and
88.21 related benchmarks in science beginning in the 2017-2018 school year and every ten
88.22 years thereafter.

88.23 (e) The commissioner must implement a review of the academic standards and
88.24 related benchmarks in language arts beginning in the 2018-2019 school year and every
88.25 ten years thereafter.

88.26 (f) The commissioner must implement a review of the academic standards and
88.27 related benchmarks in social studies beginning in the 2019-2020 school year and every
88.28 ten years thereafter.

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

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

89.1 Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 120B.022, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

89.2 Subdivision 1. **Elective standards.** A district must establish its own standards in the
89.3 ~~following subject areas:~~

89.4 ~~(1) career and technical education; and~~

89.5 ~~(2) A district must use the current world languages standards developed by the~~
89.6 ~~American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages.~~

89.7 A school district must offer courses in all elective subject areas.

89.8 Sec. 4. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 120B.024, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

89.9 Subd. 2. **Credit equivalencies.** (a) A one-half credit of economics taught in a
89.10 school's agriculture education or business department may fulfill a one-half credit in
89.11 social studies under subdivision 1, clause (5), if the credit is sufficient to satisfy all of the
89.12 academic standards in economics.

89.13 (b) An agriculture science or career and technical education credit may fulfill the
89.14 ~~credit in chemistry or physics~~ or the elective science credit required under subdivision 1,
89.15 clause (4), if the credit meets the state ~~chemistry or physics~~, or ~~district biology~~ physical
89.16 science, life science, earth and space science, chemistry, or physics academic standards or
89.17 a combination of these academic standards as approved by the district. An agriculture or
89.18 career and technical education credit may fulfill the credit in chemistry or physics required
89.19 under subdivision 1, clause (4), if the credit meets the state chemistry or physics academic
89.20 standards as approved by the district. A student must satisfy either all of the chemistry
89.21 academic standards or all of the physics academic standards prior to graduation. An
89.22 agriculture science or career and technical education credit may not fulfill the required
89.23 biology credit under subdivision 1, clause (4).

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

89.26 (d) An agriculture education teacher is not required to meet the requirements of
89.27 Minnesota Rules, part 3505.1150, subpart 1, item B, to meet the credit equivalency
89.28 requirements of paragraph (b) above.

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

89.31 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective for the 2015-2016 school year and
89.32 later.

89.33 Sec. 5. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 120B.11, subdivision 1a, is amended to read:

90.1 Subd. 1a. **Performance measures.** Measures to determine school district and
 90.2 school site progress in striving to create the world's best workforce must include at least:

90.3 (1) student performance on the National Assessment of Education Progress where
 90.4 applicable;

90.5 (2) the size of the academic achievement gap, rigorous course taking under section
 90.6 120B.35, subdivision 3, paragraph (c), clause (2), and enrichment experiences by student
 90.7 subgroup;

90.8 (3) student performance on the Minnesota Comprehensive Assessments including
 90.9 attainment of readiness score guidelines identified under section 120B.30, subdivision 1,
 90.10 paragraph (j);

90.11 (4) high school graduation rates; and

90.12 (5) career and college readiness under section 120B.30, subdivision 1, paragraph (p).

90.13 Sec. 6. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 120B.125, is amended to read:

90.14 **120B.125 PLANNING FOR STUDENTS' SUCCESSFUL TRANSITION**
 90.15 **TO POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION AND EMPLOYMENT; PERSONAL**
 90.16 **LEARNING PLANS.**

90.17 (a) Consistent with sections ~~120B.128~~, 120B.13, 120B.131, 120B.132, 120B.14,
 90.18 120B.15, 120B.30, subdivision 1, paragraph (c), 125A.08, and other related sections,
 90.19 school districts, beginning in the 2013-2014 school year, must assist all students by no
 90.20 later than grade 9 to explore their educational, college, and career interests, aptitudes, and
 90.21 aspirations and develop a plan for a smooth and successful transition to postsecondary
 90.22 education or employment. All students' plans must:

90.23 (1) provide a comprehensive plan to prepare for and complete a career and college
 90.24 ready curriculum by meeting state and local academic standards and developing career and
 90.25 employment-related skills such as team work, collaboration, creativity, communication,
 90.26 critical thinking, and good work habits;

90.27 (2) emphasize academic rigor and high expectations;

90.28 (3) help students identify interests, aptitudes, aspirations, and personal learning
 90.29 styles that may affect their career and college ready goals and postsecondary education
 90.30 and employment choices;

90.31 (4) set appropriate career and college ready goals with timelines that identify
 90.32 effective means for achieving those goals;

90.33 (5) help students access education and career options;

91.1 (6) integrate strong academic content into career-focused courses and applied and
 91.2 experiential learning opportunities and integrate relevant career-focused courses and
 91.3 applied and experiential learning opportunities into strong academic content;

91.4 (7) help identify and access appropriate counseling and other supports and assistance
 91.5 that enable students to complete required coursework, prepare for postsecondary education
 91.6 and careers, and obtain information about postsecondary education costs and eligibility
 91.7 for financial aid and scholarship;

91.8 (8) help identify collaborative partnerships among prekindergarten through grade
 91.9 12 schools, postsecondary institutions, economic development agencies, and local and
 91.10 regional employers that support students' transition to postsecondary education and
 91.11 employment and provide students with applied and experiential learning opportunities; and

91.12 (9) be reviewed and revised at least annually by the student, the student's parent or
 91.13 guardian, and the school or district to ensure that the student's course-taking schedule keeps
 91.14 the student making adequate progress to meet state and local academic standards and high
 91.15 school graduation requirements and with a reasonable chance to succeed with employment
 91.16 or postsecondary education without the need to first complete remedial course work.

91.17 (b) A school district may develop grade-level curricula or provide instruction that
 91.18 introduces students to various careers, but must not require any curriculum, instruction,
 91.19 or employment-related activity that obligates an elementary or secondary student to
 91.20 involuntarily select or pursue a career, career interest, employment goals, or related job
 91.21 training.

91.22 (c) Educators must possess the knowledge and skills to effectively teach all English
 91.23 learners in their classrooms. School districts must provide appropriate curriculum,
 91.24 targeted materials, professional development opportunities for educators, and sufficient
 91.25 resources to enable English learners to become career and college ready.

91.26 (d) When assisting students in developing a plan for a smooth and successful
 91.27 transition to postsecondary education and employment, districts must recognize the unique
 91.28 possibilities of each student and ensure that the contents of each student's plan reflect the
 91.29 student's unique talents, skills, and abilities as the student grows, develops, and learns.

91.30 Sec. 7. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 120B.30, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

91.31 Subdivision 1. **Statewide testing.** (a) The commissioner, with advice from experts
 91.32 with appropriate technical qualifications and experience and stakeholders, consistent
 91.33 with subdivision 1a, shall include in the comprehensive assessment system, for each
 91.34 grade level to be tested, state-constructed tests developed as computer-adaptive reading
 91.35 and mathematics assessments for students that are aligned with the state's required

92.1 academic standards under section 120B.021, include multiple choice questions, and are
 92.2 administered annually to all students in grades 3 through 7 8. ~~Reading and mathematics~~
 92.3 ~~assessments for all students in grade 8 must be aligned with the state's required reading and~~
 92.4 ~~mathematics standards, be administered annually, and include multiple choice questions.~~
 92.5 State-developed high school tests aligned with the state's required academic standards
 92.6 under section 120B.021 and administered to all high school students in a subject other than
 92.7 writing must include multiple choice questions. The commissioner shall establish one or
 92.8 more months during which schools shall administer the tests to students each school year.

92.9 (1) Students enrolled in grade 8 through the 2009-2010 school year are eligible
 92.10 to be assessed under (i) the graduation-required assessment for diploma in reading,
 92.11 mathematics, or writing under Minnesota Statutes 2012, section 120B.30, subdivision 1,
 92.12 paragraphs (c), clauses (1) and (2), and (d), (ii) the WorkKeys job skills assessment, (iii)
 92.13 the Compass college placement test, (iv) the ACT assessment for college admission, ~~or~~ (v)
 92.14 a nationally recognized armed services vocational aptitude test, or (vi) the high school
 92.15 assessments required under subdivision 1a.

92.16 (2) Students enrolled in grade 8 in the 2010-2011 or 2011-2012 school year are
 92.17 eligible to be assessed under (i) the graduation-required assessment for diploma in reading,
 92.18 mathematics, or writing under Minnesota Statutes 2012, section 120B.30, subdivision
 92.19 1, paragraph (c), clauses (1) and (2), (ii) the WorkKeys job skills assessment, (iii) the
 92.20 Compass college placement test, (iv) the ACT assessment for college admission, ~~or~~ (v)
 92.21 a nationally recognized armed services vocational aptitude test, or (vi) the high school
 92.22 assessments required under subdivision 1a.

92.23 (3) Students enrolled in grade 8 in the 2012-2013 or 2013-2014 school year are
 92.24 eligible to be assessed under the ACT assessment for college admission or the high school
 92.25 assessments required under subdivision 1a.

92.26 ~~(3)~~ (4) For students under clause (1) ~~or~~ (2), or (3), a school district may substitute
 92.27 a score from an alternative, equivalent assessment to satisfy the requirements of this
 92.28 paragraph.

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

92.31 (1) mathematics;

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

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

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

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

93.3 (c) For students enrolled in grade 8 in the ~~2012-2013~~ 2014-2015 school year
93.4 and later, students' state graduation requirements, based on a longitudinal, systematic
93.5 approach to student education and career planning, assessment, instructional support, and
93.6 evaluation, include the following:

93.7 (1) demonstrate understanding of required academic standards on ~~a nationally~~
93.8 ~~normed college entrance exam~~ high school assessments required under subdivision 1a;

93.9 (2) achievement and career and college readiness tests in mathematics, reading, and
93.10 writing, consistent with paragraph (e) (j) and to the extent available, to monitor students'
93.11 continuous development of and growth in requisite knowledge and skills; analyze
93.12 students' progress and performance levels, identifying students' academic strengths and
93.13 diagnosing areas where students require curriculum or instructional adjustments, targeted
93.14 interventions, or remediation; and, based on analysis of students' progress and performance
93.15 data, determine students' learning and instructional needs and the instructional tools and
93.16 best practices that support academic rigor for the student; and

93.17 (3) consistent with this paragraph and section 120B.125, age-appropriate exploration
93.18 and planning activities and career assessments to encourage students to identify personally
93.19 relevant career interests and aptitudes and help students and their families develop a
93.20 regularly reexamined transition plan for postsecondary education or employment without
93.21 need for postsecondary remediation.

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

93.25 (d) Expectations of schools, districts, and the state for career or college readiness
93.26 under this subdivision must be comparable in rigor, clarity of purpose, and rates of student
93.27 completion. A student under paragraph (c), clause (2)₂ must receive targeted, relevant,
93.28 academically rigorous, and resourced instruction, which may include a targeted instruction
93.29 and intervention plan focused on improving the student's knowledge and skills in core
93.30 subjects so that the student has a reasonable chance to succeed in a career or college
93.31 without need for postsecondary remediation. Consistent with sections 120B.13, 124D.09,
93.32 124D.091, 124D.49, and related sections, an enrolling school or district must actively
93.33 encourage a student in grade 11 or 12 who is identified as academically ready for a career
93.34 or college to participate in courses and programs awarding college credit to high school
93.35 students. Students are not required to achieve a specified score or level of proficiency on
93.36 an assessment under this subdivision to graduate from high school.

94.1 ~~(d) To improve the secondary and postsecondary outcomes of all students, the~~
 94.2 ~~alignment between secondary and postsecondary education programs and Minnesota's~~
 94.3 ~~workforce needs, and the efficiency and cost-effectiveness of secondary and postsecondary~~
 94.4 ~~programs, the commissioner, after consulting with the chancellor of the Minnesota State~~
 94.5 ~~Colleges and Universities and using a request for proposal process, shall contract for a~~
 94.6 ~~series of assessments that are consistent with this subdivision, aligned with state academic~~
 94.7 ~~standards, and include career and college readiness benchmarks. Mathematics, reading,~~
 94.8 ~~and writing assessments for students in grades 8 and 10 must be predictive of a nationally~~
 94.9 ~~normed assessment for career and college readiness. This~~

94.10 (e) Though not a high school graduation requirement, students are encouraged to
 94.11 participate in a nationally recognized college entrance exam. With funding provided by
 94.12 the state, a district must pay the cost, one time, for an interested student in grade 11 or
 94.13 12 who is eligible for a meal benefit to take a nationally recognized assessment must be a
 94.14 college entrance exam and given to students in grade 11 before graduating. This series
 94.15 of assessments must include a college placement diagnostic exam and contain career
 94.16 exploration elements.

94.17 (f) The commissioner and the chancellor of the Minnesota State Colleges and
 94.18 Universities must collaborate in aligning instruction and assessments for adult basic
 94.19 education students and English learners to provide the students with diagnostic information
 94.20 about any targeted interventions, accommodations, modifications, and supports they
 94.21 need so that assessments and other performance measures are accessible to them and
 94.22 they may seek postsecondary education or employment without need for postsecondary
 94.23 remediation. When administering formative or summative assessments used to measure
 94.24 the academic progress, including the oral academic development, of English learners
 94.25 and inform their instruction, schools must ensure that the assessments are accessible to
 94.26 the students and students have the modifications and supports they need to sufficiently
 94.27 understand the assessments.

94.28 ~~(+)~~ (g) Districts and schools, on an annual basis, must use ~~the~~ career exploration
 94.29 elements ~~in these assessments~~ to help students, beginning no later than grade 9, and their
 94.30 families explore and plan for postsecondary education or careers based on the students'
 94.31 interests, aptitudes, and aspirations. Districts and schools must use timely regional labor
 94.32 market information and partnerships, among other resources, to help students and their
 94.33 families successfully develop, pursue, review, and revise an individualized plan for
 94.34 postsecondary education or a career. This process must help increase students' engagement
 94.35 in and connection to school, improve students' knowledge and skills, and deepen students'
 94.36 understanding of career pathways as a sequence of academic and career courses that lead

95.1 to an industry-recognized credential, an associate's degree, or a bachelor's degree and are
 95.2 available to all students, whatever their interests and career goals.

95.3 ~~(2) Students in grade 10 or 11 not yet academically ready for a career or college based~~
 95.4 ~~on their growth in academic achievement between grades 8 and 10 must take the college~~
 95.5 ~~placement diagnostic exam before taking the college entrance exam under clause (3).~~
 95.6 ~~Students, their families, the school, and the district can then use the results of the college~~
 95.7 ~~placement diagnostic exam for targeted instruction, intervention, or remediation and~~
 95.8 ~~improve students' knowledge and skills in core subjects sufficient for a student to graduate~~
 95.9 ~~and have a reasonable chance to succeed in a career or college without remediation.~~

95.10 ~~(3) All students except those eligible for alternative assessments must be given the~~
 95.11 ~~college entrance part of these assessments in grade 11. (h) A student under this clause~~
 95.12 ~~who demonstrates attainment of required state academic standards, which include career~~
 95.13 ~~and college readiness benchmarks, on these high school assessments under subdivision 1a~~
 95.14 ~~is academically ready for a career or college and is encouraged to participate in courses~~
 95.15 ~~awarding college credit to high school students. Such courses and programs may include~~
 95.16 ~~sequential courses of study within broad career areas and technical skill assessments~~
 95.17 ~~that extend beyond course grades.~~

95.18 ~~(4) (i) As appropriate, students through grade 12 must continue to participate in~~
 95.19 ~~targeted instruction, intervention, or remediation and be encouraged to participate in~~
 95.20 ~~courses awarding college credit to high school students.~~

95.21 ~~(5) A study to determine the alignment between these assessments and state~~
 95.22 ~~academic standards under this chapter must be conducted. Where alignment exists, the~~
 95.23 ~~commissioner must seek federal approval to, and immediately upon receiving approval,~~
 95.24 ~~replace the federally required assessments referenced under subdivision 1a and section~~
 95.25 ~~120B.35, subdivision 2, with assessments under this paragraph.~~

95.26 ~~(e) (j) In developing, supporting, and improving students' academic readiness for a~~
 95.27 ~~career or college, schools, districts, and the state must have a continuum of empirically~~
 95.28 ~~derived, clearly defined benchmarks focused on students' attainment of knowledge~~
 95.29 ~~and skills so that students, their parents, and teachers know how well students must~~
 95.30 ~~perform to have a reasonable chance to succeed in a career or college without need for~~
 95.31 ~~postsecondary remediation. The commissioner, in consultation with local school officials~~
 95.32 ~~and educators, and Minnesota's public postsecondary institutions must ensure that the~~
 95.33 ~~foundational knowledge and skills for students' successful performance in postsecondary~~
 95.34 ~~employment or education and an articulated series of possible targeted interventions are~~
 95.35 ~~clearly identified and satisfy Minnesota's postsecondary admissions requirements. The~~
 95.36 ~~commissioner of education, in consultation with the chancellor of the Minnesota State~~

96.1 Colleges and Universities, shall identify the minimum score guidelines on the high
 96.2 school reading, writing, and mathematics Minnesota Comprehensive Assessments that
 96.3 demonstrate readiness for:

- 96.4 (1) a certificate level program;
- 96.5 (2) a two-year college program; and
- 96.6 (3) a four-year college program.

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

96.10 ~~(g)~~ (l) The school board granting students their diplomas may formally decide to
 96.11 include a notation of high achievement on the high school diplomas of those graduating
 96.12 seniors who, according to established school board criteria, demonstrate exemplary
 96.13 academic achievement during high school.

96.14 ~~(h)~~ (m) The 3rd through ~~7th~~ 8th grade computer-adaptive assessment results ~~and grade~~
 96.15 ~~8~~ and high school test results shall be available to districts for diagnostic purposes affecting
 96.16 student learning and district instruction and curriculum, and for establishing educational
 96.17 accountability. The commissioner must establish empirically derived benchmarks on
 96.18 adaptive assessments in grades 3 through ~~7~~ 8 that reveal a trajectory toward career and
 96.19 college readiness. The commissioner must disseminate to the public the computer-adaptive
 96.20 assessments, ~~grade 8~~, and high school test results upon receiving those results.

96.21 ~~(i)~~ (n) The grades 3 through ~~7~~ 8 computer-adaptive assessments ~~and grade 8~~ and
 96.22 high school tests must be aligned with state academic standards. The commissioner shall
 96.23 determine the testing process and the order of administration. The statewide results shall
 96.24 be aggregated at the site and district level, consistent with subdivision 1a.

96.25 ~~(j)~~ (o) The commissioner shall include the following components in the statewide
 96.26 public reporting system:

- 96.27 (1) uniform statewide computer-adaptive assessments of all students in grades 3
 96.28 through ~~7~~ 8 and testing at the ~~grade 8~~ and high school levels that provides appropriate,
 96.29 technically sound accommodations or alternate assessments;
- 96.30 (2) educational indicators that can be aggregated and compared across school
 96.31 districts and across time on a statewide basis, including average daily attendance, high
 96.32 school graduation rates, and high school drop-out rates by age and grade level;
- 96.33 (3) state results on the American College Test; and

96.34 (4) state results from participation in the National Assessment of Educational
 96.35 Progress so that the state can benchmark its performance against the nation and other

97.1 states, and, where possible, against other countries, and contribute to the national effort
97.2 to monitor achievement.

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

97.9 ~~(h)~~ (q) For purposes of statewide accountability, "cultural competence," "cultural
97.10 competency," or "culturally competent" means the ability and will to interact effectively
97.11 with people of different cultures, native languages, and socioeconomic backgrounds.

97.12 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective for the 2015-2016 school year and
97.13 later.

97.14 Sec. 8. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 120B.30, subdivision 1a, is amended to read:

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

97.17 (1) "Computer-adaptive assessments" means fully adaptive assessments.

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

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

97.22 (4) "Above-grade level" test items contain subject area content that is above the
97.23 grade level of the student taking the assessment and is considered aligned with state
97.24 academic standards to the extent it is aligned with content represented in state academic
97.25 standards above the grade level of the student taking the assessment. Notwithstanding
97.26 the student's grade level, administering above-grade level test items to a student does not
97.27 violate the requirement that state assessments must be aligned with state standards.

97.28 (5) "Below-grade level" test items contain subject area content that is below the
97.29 grade level of the student taking the test and is considered aligned with state academic
97.30 standards to the extent it is aligned with content represented in state academic standards
97.31 below the student's current grade level. Notwithstanding the student's grade level,
97.32 administering below-grade level test items to a student does not violate the requirement
97.33 that state assessments must be aligned with state standards.

97.34 (b) The commissioner must use fully adaptive mathematics and reading assessments
97.35 for grades 3 through 7 ~~beginning in the 2015-2016 school year and later~~ 8.

98.1 (c) For purposes of conforming with existing federal educational accountability
98.2 requirements, the commissioner must develop and implement computer-adaptive reading
98.3 and mathematics assessments for grades 3 through 7 8, state-developed ~~grade 8~~ and high
98.4 school reading, writing, and mathematics tests aligned with state academic standards, and
98.5 science assessments under clause (2) that districts and sites must use to monitor student
98.6 growth toward achieving those standards. The commissioner must not develop statewide
98.7 assessments for academic standards in social studies, health and physical education, and
98.8 the arts. The commissioner must require:

98.9 (1) annual computer-adaptive reading and mathematics assessments in grades 3
98.10 through 7 8, and ~~grade 8~~ and high school reading, writing, and mathematics tests; and

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

98.15 (d) The commissioner must ensure that for annual computer-adaptive assessments:

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

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

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

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

98.29 (e) The commissioner must ensure that all state tests administered to elementary and
98.30 secondary students measure students' academic knowledge and skills and not students'
98.31 values, attitudes, and beliefs.

98.32 (f) Reporting of state assessment results must:

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

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

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

99.1 (g) Consistent with applicable federal law, the commissioner must include
 99.2 appropriate, technically sound accommodations or alternative assessments for the very
 99.3 few students with disabilities for whom statewide assessments are inappropriate and
 99.4 for English learners.

99.5 (h) A school, school district, and charter school must administer statewide
 99.6 assessments under this section, as the assessments become available, to evaluate student
 99.7 progress toward career and college readiness in the context of the state's academic
 99.8 standards. A school, school district, or charter school may use a student's performance
 99.9 on a statewide assessment as one of multiple criteria to determine grade promotion or
 99.10 retention. A school, school district, or charter school may use a high school student's
 99.11 performance on a statewide assessment as a percentage of the student's final grade in a
 99.12 course, or place a student's assessment score on the student's transcript.

99.13 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective for the 2016-2017 school year and
 99.14 later.

99.15 Sec. 9. **APPROPRIATIONS.**

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

99.18 Subd. 2. **Statewide testing and reporting system.** For the statewide testing and
 99.19 reporting system under Minnesota Statutes, section 120B.30:

99.20 \$ 11,176,000 2016

99.21 \$ 10,864,000 2017

99.22 Any balance in the first year does not cancel but is available in the second year.

99.23 Subd. 3. **ACT test reimbursement.** To reimburse districts for students who qualify
 99.24 under Minnesota Statutes, section 120B.30, subdivision 1, paragraph (e), for onetime
 99.25 payment of their ACT examination fee:

99.26 \$ 1,750,000 2016

99.27 \$ 1,750,000 2017

99.28 The Department of Education must reimburse districts for their onetime payments
 99.29 on behalf of students eligible for a meal benefit who take the college entrance exam in
 99.30 grade 11 or 12.

99.31 Any balance in the first year does not cancel but is available in the second year.

99.32 Sec. 10. **REPEALER.**

100.1 Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 120B.128, is repealed.

100.2 **ARTICLE 4**

100.3 **CHARTER SCHOOLS**

100.4 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 123B.88, is amended by adding a
100.5 subdivision to read:

100.6 Subd. 10a. **Nonresident charter school pupil transportation.** If a school district is
100.7 providing transportation for a charter school under section 124D.10, subdivision 16, the
100.8 school district must allow a nonresident pupil attending the charter school to be transported
100.9 on a district-operated or contracted route from any scheduled stop to any other scheduled
100.10 stop on that route. The district providing the pupil transportation services may charge a
100.11 fee to the nonresident pupil. The fee for each nonresident pupil must not exceed the lesser
100.12 of 15 cents per mile or the district's actual cost of transportation per mile traveled.

100.13 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 1, 2015.

100.14 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 124D.10, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

100.15 Subdivision 1. **Purposes.** (a) The primary purpose of this section is to improve all
100.16 pupil learning and all student achievement. Additional purposes include to:

100.17 (1) increase learning opportunities for all pupils;

100.18 (2) encourage the use of different and innovative teaching methods;

100.19 (3) measure learning outcomes and create different and innovative forms of
100.20 measuring outcomes;

100.21 (4) establish new forms of accountability for schools; or

100.22 (5) create new professional opportunities for teachers, including the opportunity to
100.23 be responsible for the learning program at the school site.

100.24 (b) This section does not provide a means to keep open a school that a school board
100.25 decides to close. However, a school board may endorse or authorize the establishing of
100.26 a charter school to replace the school the board decided to close. Applicants seeking a
100.27 charter under this circumstance must demonstrate to the authorizer that the charter sought
100.28 is substantially different in purpose and program from the school the board closed and
100.29 that the proposed charter satisfies the requirements of this subdivision. If the school
100.30 board that closed the school authorizes the charter, it must document in its affidavit to the
100.31 commissioner that the charter is substantially different in program and purpose from
100.32 the school it closed.

100.33 (c) An authorizer shall not approve an application submitted by a charter school
100.34 developer under subdivision 4, paragraph (a), if the application does not comply with this

101.1 subdivision. The commissioner shall not approve an affidavit submitted by an authorizer
101.2 under subdivision 4, paragraph (b), if the affidavit does not comply with this subdivision.

101.3 Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 124D.10, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

101.4 Subd. 3. **Authorizer.** (a) For purposes of this section, the terms defined in this
101.5 subdivision have the meanings given them.

101.6 "Application" to receive approval as an authorizer means the proposal an eligible
101.7 authorizer submits to the commissioner under paragraph ~~(e)~~ (d) before that authorizer is
101.8 able to submit any affidavit to charter to a school.

101.9 "Application" under subdivision 4 means the charter school business plan a
101.10 school developer submits to an authorizer for approval to establish a charter school that
101.11 documents the school developer's mission statement, school purposes, program design,
101.12 financial plan, governance and management structure, and background and experience,
101.13 plus any other information the authorizer requests. The application also shall include a
101.14 "statement of assurances" of legal compliance prescribed by the commissioner.

101.15 "Affidavit" means a written statement the authorizer submits to the commissioner
101.16 for approval to establish a charter school under subdivision 4 attesting to its review and
101.17 approval process before chartering a school.

101.18 (b) The following organizations may authorize one or more charter schools:

101.19 (1) a school board, intermediate school district school board, or education district
101.20 organized under sections 123A.15 to 123A.19;

101.21 (2) a charitable organization under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code
101.22 of 1986, excluding a nonpublic sectarian or religious institution; any person other than a
101.23 natural person that directly or indirectly, through one or more intermediaries, controls,
101.24 is controlled by, or is under common control with the nonpublic sectarian or religious
101.25 institution; and any other charitable organization under this clause that in the federal IRS
101.26 Form 1023, Part IV, describes activities indicating a religious purpose, that:

101.27 (i) is a member of the Minnesota Council of Nonprofits or the Minnesota Council on
101.28 Foundations;

101.29 (ii) is registered with the attorney general's office; and

101.30 (iii) is incorporated in the state of Minnesota and has been operating continuously
101.31 for at least five years but does not operate a charter school;

101.32 (3) a Minnesota private college, notwithstanding clause (2), that grants two- or
101.33 four-year degrees and is registered with the Minnesota Office of Higher Education under
101.34 chapter 136A; community college, state university, or technical college governed by the

102.1 Board of Trustees of the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities; or the University
102.2 of Minnesota;

102.3 (4) a nonprofit corporation subject to chapter 317A, described in section 317A.905,
102.4 and exempt from federal income tax under section 501(c)(6) of the Internal Revenue Code
102.5 of 1986, may authorize one or more charter schools if the charter school has operated
102.6 for at least three years under a different authorizer and if the nonprofit corporation has
102.7 existed for at least 25 years; or

102.8 (5) single-purpose authorizers formed as charitable, nonsectarian organizations
102.9 under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 and incorporated in the state
102.10 of Minnesota under chapter 317A as a corporation with no members or under section
102.11 322B.975 as a nonprofit limited liability company for the sole purpose of chartering schools.

102.12 (c) Eligible organizations interested in being approved as an authorizer under this
102.13 paragraph must submit a proposal to the commissioner that includes the provisions
102.14 of paragraph ~~(e)~~ (d) and a five-year financial plan. Such authorizers shall consider and
102.15 approve charter school applications using the criteria provided in subdivision 4 and shall
102.16 not limit the applications it solicits, considers, or approves to any single curriculum,
102.17 learning program, or method.

102.18 ~~(e)~~ (d) An eligible authorizer under this subdivision must apply to the commissioner
102.19 for approval as an authorizer before submitting any affidavit to the commissioner to charter
102.20 a school. The application for approval as a charter school authorizer must demonstrate
102.21 the applicant's ability to implement the procedures and satisfy the criteria for chartering a
102.22 school under this section. The commissioner must approve or disapprove an application
102.23 within 45 business days of the application deadline. If the commissioner disapproves
102.24 the application, the commissioner must notify the applicant of the specific deficiencies
102.25 in writing and the applicant then has 20 business days to address the deficiencies to the
102.26 commissioner's satisfaction. After the 20 business days expire, the commissioner has 15
102.27 business days to make a final decision to approve or disapprove the application. Failing to
102.28 address the deficiencies to the commissioner's satisfaction makes an applicant ineligible to
102.29 be an authorizer. The commissioner, in establishing criteria for approval, must consider
102.30 the applicant's:

- 102.31 (1) capacity and infrastructure;
102.32 (2) application criteria and process;
102.33 (3) contracting process;
102.34 (4) ongoing oversight and evaluation processes; and
102.35 (5) renewal criteria and processes.

103.1 ~~(d)~~ (e) An applicant must include in its application to the commissioner to be an
103.2 approved authorizer at least the following:

103.3 (1) how chartering schools is a way for the organization to carry out its mission;

103.4 (2) a description of the capacity of the organization to serve as an authorizer,
103.5 including the personnel who will perform the authorizing duties, their qualifications, the
103.6 amount of time they will be assigned to this responsibility, and the financial resources
103.7 allocated by the organization to this responsibility;

103.8 (3) a description of the application and review process the authorizer will use to
103.9 make decisions regarding the granting of charters;

103.10 (4) a description of the type of contract it will arrange with the schools it charters
103.11 that meets the provisions of subdivision 6;

103.12 (5) the process to be used for providing ongoing oversight of the school consistent
103.13 with the contract expectations specified in clause (4) that assures that the schools chartered
103.14 are complying with both the provisions of applicable law and rules, and with the contract;

103.15 (6) a description of the criteria and process the authorizer will use to grant expanded
103.16 applications under subdivision 4, paragraph ~~(j)~~ (s);

103.17 (7) the process for making decisions regarding the renewal or termination of
103.18 the school's charter based on evidence that demonstrates the academic, organizational,
103.19 and financial competency of the school, including its success in increasing student
103.20 achievement and meeting the goals of the charter school agreement; and

103.21 (8) an assurance specifying that the organization is committed to serving as an
103.22 authorizer for the full five-year term.

103.23 ~~(e)~~ (f) A disapproved applicant under this section may resubmit an application
103.24 during a future application period.

103.25 ~~(f)~~ (g) If the governing board of an approved authorizer votes to withdraw as
103.26 an approved authorizer for a reason unrelated to any cause under subdivision 23, the
103.27 authorizer must notify all its chartered schools and the commissioner in writing by July 15
103.28 of its intent to withdraw as an authorizer on June 30 in the next calendar year, regardless
103.29 of when the authorizer's five-year term of approval ends. The commissioner may approve
103.30 the transfer of a charter school to a new authorizer under this paragraph after the new
103.31 authorizer submits an affidavit to the commissioner.

103.32 ~~(g)~~ (h) The authorizer must participate in department-approved training.

103.33 ~~(h)~~ (i) The commissioner shall review an authorizer's performance every five years
103.34 in a manner and form determined by the commissioner and may review an authorizer's
103.35 performance more frequently at the commissioner's own initiative or at the request of a
103.36 charter school operator, charter school board member, or other interested party. The

104.1 commissioner, after completing the review, shall transmit a report with findings to the
104.2 authorizer.

104.3 (j) If, consistent with this section, the commissioner finds that an authorizer has not
104.4 fulfilled the requirements of this section, the commissioner may subject the authorizer
104.5 to corrective action, which may include terminating the contract with the charter school
104.6 board of directors of a school it chartered. The commissioner must notify the authorizer
104.7 in writing of any findings that may subject the authorizer to corrective action and
104.8 the authorizer then has 15 business days to request an informal hearing before the
104.9 commissioner takes corrective action. If the commissioner terminates a contract between
104.10 an authorizer and a charter school under this paragraph, the commissioner may assist the
104.11 charter school in acquiring a new authorizer.

104.12 ~~(j)~~ (k) The commissioner may at any time take corrective action against an
104.13 authorizer, including terminating an authorizer's ability to charter a school for:

104.14 (1) failing to demonstrate the criteria under paragraph ~~(e)~~ (d) under which the
104.15 commissioner approved the authorizer;

104.16 (2) violating a term of the chartering contract between the authorizer and the charter
104.17 school board of directors;

104.18 (3) unsatisfactory performance as an approved authorizer; or

104.19 (4) any good cause shown that provides the commissioner a legally sufficient reason
104.20 to take corrective action against an authorizer.

104.21 Sec. 4. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 124D.10, subdivision 4, is amended to read:

104.22 Subd. 4. **Formation of school.** (a) An authorizer, after receiving an application from
104.23 a school developer, may charter a licensed teacher under section 122A.18, subdivision
104.24 1, or a group of individuals that includes one or more licensed teachers under section
104.25 122A.18, subdivision 1, to operate a school subject to the commissioner's approval of the
104.26 authorizer's affidavit under paragraph ~~(b)~~ (d).

104.27 (b) The school must be organized and operated as a nonprofit corporation under
104.28 chapter 317A and the provisions under the applicable chapter shall apply to the school
104.29 except as provided in this section.

104.30 (c) Notwithstanding sections 465.717 and 465.719, a school district, subject to this
104.31 section and section 124D.11, may create a corporation for the purpose of establishing a
104.32 charter school.

104.33 ~~(b)~~ (d) Before the operators may establish and operate a school, the authorizer must
104.34 file an affidavit with the commissioner stating its intent to charter a school. An authorizer
104.35 must file a separate affidavit for each school it intends to charter. An authorizer must file

105.1 an affidavit by ~~May 1 to be able to charter a new school in the next school year after the~~
 105.2 ~~commissioner approves the authorizer's affidavit~~ at least 14 months before July 1 of the
 105.3 year the new charter school plans to serve students. The affidavit must state the terms and
 105.4 conditions under which the authorizer would charter a school and how the authorizer
 105.5 intends to oversee the fiscal and student performance of the charter school and to comply
 105.6 with the terms of the written contract between the authorizer and the charter school
 105.7 board of directors under subdivision 6. The commissioner must approve or disapprove
 105.8 the authorizer's affidavit within 60 business days of receipt of the affidavit. If the
 105.9 commissioner disapproves the affidavit, the commissioner shall notify the authorizer of
 105.10 the deficiencies in the affidavit and the authorizer then has 20 business days to address the
 105.11 deficiencies. The commissioner must notify the authorizer of final approval or disapproval
 105.12 within 15 business days after receiving the authorizer's response to the deficiencies in the
 105.13 affidavit. If the authorizer does not address deficiencies to the commissioner's satisfaction,
 105.14 the commissioner's disapproval is final. Failure to obtain commissioner approval precludes
 105.15 an authorizer from chartering the school that is the subject of this affidavit.

105.16 ~~(e)~~ (e) The authorizer may prevent an approved charter school from opening for
 105.17 operation if, among other grounds, the charter school violates this section or does not meet
 105.18 the ready-to-open standards that are part of the authorizer's oversight and evaluation
 105.19 process or are stipulated in the charter school contract.

105.20 ~~(d)~~ (f) The operators authorized to organize and operate a school, before entering
 105.21 into a contract or other agreement for professional or other services, goods, or facilities,
 105.22 must incorporate as a nonprofit corporation under chapter 317A ~~and~~.

105.23 (g) The operators authorized to organize and operate a school, before entering into a
 105.24 contract or other agreement for professional or other services, goods, or facilities, must
 105.25 establish a board of directors composed of at least five members who are not related parties
 105.26 until a timely election for members of the ongoing charter school board of directors is
 105.27 held according to the school's articles and bylaws under paragraph ~~(f)~~ (l). ~~A charter school~~
 105.28 ~~board of directors must be composed of at least five members who are not related parties.~~

105.29 (h) Staff members employed at the school, including teachers providing instruction
 105.30 under a contract with a cooperative, members of the board of directors, and all parents
 105.31 or legal guardians of children enrolled in the school are the voters eligible to elect the
 105.32 members of the school's board of directors. A charter school must notify eligible voters of
 105.33 the school board election dates at least 30 days before the election.

105.34 (i) Board of director meetings must comply with chapter 13D.

105.35 ~~(e)~~ (j) A charter school shall publish and maintain on the school's official Web site:
 105.36 (1) the minutes of meetings of the board of directors, and of members and committees

106.1 having any board-delegated authority, for at least one calendar year from the date
106.2 of publication; (2) directory information for members of the board of directors and
106.3 committees having board-delegated authority; and (3) identifying and contact information
106.4 for the school's authorizer. Identifying and contact information for the school's authorizer
106.5 must be included in other school materials made available to the public.

106.6 (k) Upon request of an individual, the charter school must also make available in
106.7 a timely fashion financial statements showing all operations and transactions affecting
106.8 income, surplus, and deficit during the school's last annual accounting period; and a
106.9 balance sheet summarizing assets and liabilities on the closing date of the accounting
106.10 period. A charter school also must include that same information about its authorizer in
106.11 other school materials that it makes available to the public.

106.12 ~~(f)~~ (l) Every charter school board member shall attend annual training throughout
106.13 the member's term on the board. All new board members shall attend initial training on
106.14 the board's role and responsibilities, employment policies and practices, and financial
106.15 management. A new board member who does not begin the required initial training within
106.16 six months after being seated and complete that training within 12 months of being seated
106.17 on the board is automatically ineligible to continue to serve as a board member. The
106.18 school shall include in its annual report the training attended by each board member
106.19 during the previous year.

106.20 ~~(g)~~ (m) The ongoing board must be elected before the school completes its third
106.21 year of operation. Board elections must be held during the school year but may not be
106.22 conducted on days when the school is closed for holidays, breaks, or vacations.

106.23 (n) The charter school board of directors shall be composed of at least five nonrelated
106.24 members and include: (i) at least one licensed teacher employed as a teacher at the school
106.25 or providing instruction under contract between the charter school and a cooperative; (ii)
106.26 at least one parent or legal guardian of a student enrolled in the charter school who is not
106.27 an employee of the charter school; and (iii) at least one interested community member
106.28 who resides in Minnesota and is not employed by the charter school and does not have a
106.29 child enrolled in the school. The board may include a majority of teachers described in
106.30 this paragraph or parents or community members, or it may have no clear majority. The
106.31 chief financial officer and the chief administrator may only serve as ex-officio nonvoting
106.32 board members. No charter school employees shall serve on the board other than teachers
106.33 under item (i). Contractors providing facilities, goods, or services to a charter school shall
106.34 not serve on the board of directors of the charter school.

107.1 (o) Board bylaws shall outline the process and procedures for changing the board's
 107.2 governance structure, consistent with chapter 317A. A board may change its governance
 107.3 structure only:

107.4 (1) by a majority vote of the board of directors and a majority vote of the licensed
 107.5 teachers employed by the school as teachers, including licensed teachers providing
 107.6 instruction under a contract between the school and a cooperative; and

107.7 (2) with the authorizer's approval.

107.8 Any change in board governance structure must conform with the composition of
 107.9 the board established under this paragraph.

107.10 ~~(h)~~ (p) The granting or renewal of a charter by an authorizer must not be conditioned
 107.11 upon the bargaining unit status of the employees of the school.

107.12 ~~(i)~~ (q) The granting or renewal of a charter school by an authorizer must not be
 107.13 contingent on the charter school being required to contract, lease, or purchase services
 107.14 from the authorizer.

107.15 (r) Any potential contract, lease, or purchase of service from an authorizer must
 107.16 be disclosed to the commissioner, accepted through an open bidding process, and be a
 107.17 separate contract from the charter contract. The school must document the open bidding
 107.18 process. An authorizer must not enter into a contract to provide management and financial
 107.19 services for a school that it authorizes, unless the school documents that it received at
 107.20 least two competitive bids.

107.21 ~~(j)~~ (s) A charter school may apply to the authorizer to amend the school charter to
 107.22 expand the operation of the school to additional grades or sites that would be students'
 107.23 primary enrollment site beyond those defined in the original affidavit approved by the
 107.24 commissioner. After approving the school's application, the authorizer shall submit a
 107.25 supplementary affidavit in the form and manner prescribed by the commissioner. The
 107.26 authorizer must file a supplement affidavit by October 1 to be eligible to expand in the next
 107.27 school year. The supplementary affidavit must document that the school has demonstrated
 107.28 to the satisfaction of the authorizer the following:

107.29 (1) the need for the expansion with supporting long-range enrollment projections;

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

107.34 (3) a history of sound school finances and a finance plan to implement the expansion
 107.35 in a manner to promote the school's financial sustainability; and

108.1 (4) board capacity and an administrative and management plan to implement its
108.2 expansion.

108.3 ~~(k)~~ (t) The commissioner shall have 30 business days to review and comment on the
108.4 supplemental affidavit. The commissioner shall notify the authorizer in writing of any
108.5 deficiencies in the supplemental affidavit and the authorizer then has 20 business days to
108.6 address, to the commissioner's satisfaction, any deficiencies in the supplemental affidavit.
108.7 The commissioner must notify the authorizer of final approval or disapproval within 15
108.8 business days after receiving the authorizer's response to the deficiencies in the affidavit.
108.9 The school may not expand grades or add sites until the commissioner has approved the
108.10 supplemental affidavit. The commissioner's approval or disapproval of a supplemental
108.11 affidavit is final.

108.12 Sec. 5. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 124D.10, subdivision 8, is amended to read:

108.13 Subd. 8. **Federal, state, and local requirements.** (a) A charter school shall meet all
108.14 federal, state, and local health and safety requirements applicable to school districts.

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

108.17 (c) A school authorized by a school board may be located in any district, unless the
108.18 school board of the district of the proposed location disapproves by written resolution.

108.19 (d) A charter school must be nonsectarian in its programs, admission policies,
108.20 employment practices, and all other operations. An authorizer may not authorize a charter
108.21 school or program that is affiliated with a nonpublic sectarian school or a religious
108.22 institution.

108.23 (e) A charter school student must be released for religious instruction, consistent
108.24 with section 120A.22, subdivision 12, clause (3).

108.25 ~~(e)~~ (f) Charter schools must not be used as a method of providing education or
108.26 generating revenue for students who are being home-schooled. This paragraph does not
108.27 apply to shared time aid under section 126C.19.

108.28 ~~(f)~~ (g) The primary focus of a charter school must be to provide a comprehensive
108.29 program of instruction for at least one grade or age group from five through 18 years of
108.30 age. Instruction may be provided to people older than 18 years of age. A charter school
108.31 may offer a free or fee-based preschool or prekindergarten that meets high-quality early
108.32 learning instructional program standards that are aligned with Minnesota's early learning
108.33 standards for children. The hours a student is enrolled in a fee-based prekindergarten
108.34 program do not generate pupil units under section 126C.05 and must not be used to
108.35 calculate general education revenue under section 126C.10. A charter school with at least

109.1 90 percent of enrolled students who are eligible for special education services and have
 109.2 a primary disability of deaf or hard-of-hearing may enroll prekindergarten pupils with a
 109.3 disability under section 126C.05, subdivision 1, paragraph (a), and must comply with the
 109.4 federal Individuals with Disabilities Education Act under Code of Federal Regulations,
 109.5 title 34, section 300.324, subsection (2), clause (iv).

109.6 ~~(g)~~ (h) Except as provided in paragraph (g), a charter school may not charge tuition.
 109.7 ~~(h)~~ (i) A charter school is subject to and must comply with chapter 363A and section
 109.8 121A.04.

109.9 ~~(i)~~ (j) Once a student is enrolled in the school, the student is considered enrolled
 109.10 in the school until the student formally withdraws or is expelled under the Pupil Fair
 109.11 Dismissal Act in sections 121A.40 to 121A.56. A charter school is subject to and must
 109.12 comply with the Pupil Fair Dismissal Act, sections 121A.40 to 121A.56, ~~and~~.

109.13 ~~(k)~~ (k) A charter school is subject to and must comply with the Minnesota Public School
 109.14 Fee Law, sections 123B.34 to 123B.39.

109.15 ~~(j)~~ (l) A charter school is subject to the same financial audits, audit procedures, and
 109.16 audit requirements as a district, except as required under subdivision 6a. Audits must be
 109.17 conducted in compliance with generally accepted governmental auditing standards, the
 109.18 federal Single Audit Act, if applicable, and section 6.65. A charter school is subject
 109.19 to and must comply with sections 15.054; 118A.01; 118A.02; 118A.03; 118A.04;
 109.20 118A.05; 118A.06; 471.38; 471.391; 471.392; and 471.425. The audit must comply with
 109.21 the requirements of sections 123B.75 to 123B.83, except to the extent deviations are
 109.22 necessary because of the program at the school. Deviations must be approved by the
 109.23 commissioner and authorizer. The Department of Education, state auditor, legislative
 109.24 auditor, or authorizer may conduct financial, program, or compliance audits. A charter
 109.25 school determined to be in statutory operating debt under sections 123B.81 to 123B.83
 109.26 must submit a plan under section 123B.81, subdivision 4.

109.27 ~~(k)~~ (m) A charter school is a district for the purposes of tort liability under chapter 466.

109.28 ~~(h)~~ (n) A charter school must comply with chapters 13 and 13D; and sections
 109.29 120A.22, subdivision 7; 121A.75; and 260B.171, subdivisions 3 and 5.

109.30 ~~(m)~~ (o) A charter school is subject to the Pledge of Allegiance requirement under
 109.31 section 121A.11, subdivision 3.

109.32 ~~(n)~~ (p) A charter school offering online courses or programs must comply with
 109.33 section 124D.095.

109.34 ~~(o)~~ (q) A charter school and charter school board of directors are subject to chapter
 109.35 181.

110.1 ~~(p)~~ (r) A charter school must comply with section 120A.22, subdivision 7, governing
 110.2 the transfer of students' educational records and sections 138.163 and 138.17 governing
 110.3 the management of local records.

110.4 ~~(q)~~ (s) A charter school that provides early childhood health and developmental
 110.5 screening must comply with sections 121A.16 to 121A.19.

110.6 ~~(r)~~ (t) A charter school that provides school-sponsored youth athletic activities
 110.7 must comply with section 121A.38.

110.8 ~~(s)~~ (u) A charter school is subject to and must comply with continuing truant
 110.9 notification under section 260A.03.

110.10 ~~(t)~~ (v) A charter school must develop and implement a teacher evaluation and
 110.11 peer review process under section 122A.40, subdivision 8, paragraph (b), clauses (2) to
 110.12 (13). The teacher evaluation process in this paragraph does not create any additional
 110.13 employment rights for teachers.

110.14 ~~(u)~~ (w) A charter school must adopt a policy, plan, budget, and process, consistent
 110.15 with section 120B.11, to review curriculum, instruction, and student achievement and
 110.16 strive for the world's best workforce.

110.17 ~~(v)~~ (x) A charter school must comply with section 121A.031 governing policies on
 110.18 prohibited conduct.

110.19 ~~(w)~~ (y) A charter school must comply with all pupil transportation requirements in
 110.20 section 123B.88, subdivision 1. A charter school must not require parents to surrender
 110.21 their rights to pupil transportation under section 123B.88, subdivision 2.

110.22 Sec. 6. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 124D.10, subdivision 9, is amended to read:

110.23 Subd. 9. **Admission requirements.** (a) A charter school may limit admission to:

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

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

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

110.29 (b) A charter school shall enroll an eligible pupil who submits a timely application,
 110.30 unless the number of applications exceeds the capacity of a program, class, grade level, or
 110.31 building. In this case, pupils must be accepted by lot. The charter school must develop
 110.32 and publish, including on its Web site, a lottery policy and process that it must use when
 110.33 accepting pupils by lot.

110.34 (c) A charter school shall give enrollment preference to a sibling of an enrolled pupil
 110.35 and to a foster child of that pupil's parents and may give preference for enrolling children

111.1 of the school's staff before accepting other pupils by lot. A charter school that is located in
 111.2 Duluth township in St. Louis County and admits students in kindergarten through grade
 111.3 6 must give enrollment preference to students residing within a five-mile radius of the
 111.4 school and to the siblings of enrolled children. ~~A If a charter school has a preschool or~~
 111.5 ~~prekindergarten program under subdivision 8, paragraph (g), that is free to all participants,~~
 111.6 ~~the charter school may give enrollment preference to children currently enrolled in the~~
 111.7 ~~school's free preschool or prekindergarten program under subdivision 8, paragraph (f),~~
 111.8 who are eligible to enroll in kindergarten in the next school year.

111.9 (d) A person shall not be admitted to a charter school (1) as a kindergarten pupil,
 111.10 unless the pupil is at least five years of age on September 1 of the calendar year in which
 111.11 the school year for which the pupil seeks admission commences; or (2) as a first grade
 111.12 student, unless the pupil is at least six years of age on September 1 of the calendar year in
 111.13 which the school year for which the pupil seeks admission commences or has completed
 111.14 kindergarten; except that a charter school may establish and publish on its Web site a
 111.15 policy for admission of selected pupils at an earlier age, consistent with the enrollment
 111.16 process in paragraphs (b) and (c).

111.17 (e) Except as permitted in paragraph (d), a charter school may not limit admission
 111.18 to pupils on the basis of intellectual ability, measures of achievement or aptitude, or
 111.19 athletic ability and may not establish any criteria or requirements for admission that are
 111.20 inconsistent with this subdivision.

111.21 (f) The charter school shall not distribute any services or goods of value to students,
 111.22 parents, or guardians as an inducement, term, or condition of enrolling a student in a
 111.23 charter school.

111.24 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective for the 2015-2016 school year and
 111.25 later.

111.26 Sec. 7. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 124D.10, subdivision 12, is amended to read:

111.27 Subd. 12. **Pupils with a disability.** A charter school must comply with sections
 111.28 125A.02, 125A.03 to 125A.24, ~~and 125A.65, and 125A.75~~ and rules relating to the
 111.29 education of pupils with a disability as though it were a district. A charter school enrolling
 111.30 prekindergarten pupils with a disability under subdivision 8, paragraph (g), must comply
 111.31 with sections 125A.259 to 125A.48 and rules relating to the Interagency Early Intervention
 111.32 System as though it were a school district.

111.33 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective for fiscal year 2016 and later.

112.1 Sec. 8. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 124D.10, subdivision 14, is amended to read:

112.2 Subd. 14. **Annual public reports.** (a) A charter school must publish an annual
112.3 report approved by the board of directors. The annual report must at least include
112.4 information on school enrollment, student attrition, governance and management, staffing,
112.5 finances, academic performance, innovative practices and implementation, and future
112.6 plans. A charter school may combine this report with the reporting required under section
112.7 120B.11. A charter school must post the annual report on the school's official Web site. A
112.8 charter school must also distribute the annual report by publication, mail, or electronic
112.9 means to its authorizer, school employees, and parents and legal guardians of students
112.10 enrolled in the charter school. The reports are public data under chapter 13.

112.11 (b) The commissioner shall establish specifications for an authorizer's annual public
112.12 report that is part of the system to evaluate authorizer performance under subdivision
112.13 3, paragraph (h). The report shall at least include key indicators of school academic,
112.14 operational, and financial performance.

112.15 Sec. 9. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 124D.10, subdivision 16, is amended to read:

112.16 Subd. 16. **Transportation.** (a) A charter school after its first fiscal year of operation
112.17 by March 1 of each fiscal year and a charter school by July 1 of its first fiscal year of
112.18 operation must notify the district in which the school is located and the Department of
112.19 Education if it will provide its own transportation or use the transportation services of the
112.20 district in which it is located for the fiscal year.

112.21 (b) If a charter school elects to provide transportation for pupils, the transportation
112.22 must be provided by the charter school within the district in which the charter school is
112.23 located. The state must pay transportation aid to the charter school according to section
112.24 124D.11, subdivision 2.

112.25 For pupils who reside outside the district in which the charter school is located, the
112.26 charter school is not required to provide or pay for transportation between the pupil's
112.27 residence and the border of the district in which the charter school is located. A parent
112.28 may be reimbursed by the charter school for costs of transportation from the pupil's
112.29 residence to the border of the district in which the charter school is located if the pupil is
112.30 from a family whose income is at or below the poverty level, as determined by the federal
112.31 government. The reimbursement may not exceed the pupil's actual cost of transportation
112.32 or 15 cents per mile traveled, whichever is less. Reimbursement may not be paid for
112.33 more than 250 miles per week.

112.34 At the time a pupil enrolls in a charter school, the charter school must provide the
112.35 parent or guardian with information regarding the transportation.

113.1 (c) If a charter school does not elect to provide transportation, transportation for
 113.2 pupils enrolled at the school must be provided by the district in which the school is located,
 113.3 according to sections 123B.88, subdivision 6, and 124D.03, subdivision 8, for a pupil
 113.4 residing in the same district in which the charter school is located. Transportation may
 113.5 be provided by the district in which the school is located, according to sections 123B.88,
 113.6 subdivision 6, and 124D.03, subdivision 8, for a pupil residing in a different district and
 113.7 must be provided according to section 123B.88, subdivision 10a. If the district provides the
 113.8 transportation, the scheduling of routes, manner and method of transportation, control and
 113.9 discipline of the pupils, and any other matter relating to the transportation of pupils under
 113.10 this paragraph shall be within the sole discretion, control, and management of the district.

113.11 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 1, 2015.

113.12 Sec. 10. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 124D.10, subdivision 23, is amended to read:

113.13 Subd. 23. **Causes for nonrenewal or termination of charter school contract.** (a)
 113.14 The duration of the contract with an authorizer must be for the term contained in the
 113.15 contract according to subdivision 6. The authorizer may or may not renew a contract at
 113.16 the end of the term for any ground listed in paragraph (b). An authorizer may unilaterally
 113.17 terminate a contract during the term of the contract for any ground listed in paragraph (b).
 113.18 At least 60 business days before not renewing or terminating a contract, the authorizer
 113.19 shall notify the board of directors of the charter school of the proposed action in writing.
 113.20 The notice shall state the grounds for the proposed action in reasonable detail and that the
 113.21 charter school's board of directors may request in writing an informal hearing before the
 113.22 authorizer within 15 business days of receiving notice of nonrenewal or termination of
 113.23 the contract. Failure by the board of directors to make a written request for an informal
 113.24 hearing within the 15-business-day period shall be treated as acquiescence to the proposed
 113.25 action. Upon receiving a timely written request for a hearing, the authorizer shall give ten
 113.26 business days' notice to the charter school's board of directors of the hearing date. The
 113.27 authorizer shall conduct an informal hearing before taking final action. The authorizer
 113.28 shall take final action to renew or not renew a contract no later than 20 business days
 113.29 before the proposed date for terminating the contract or the end date of the contract.

113.30 (b) A contract may be terminated or not renewed upon any of the following grounds:

- 113.31 (1) failure to demonstrate satisfactory academic achievement for all students,
 113.32 including the requirements for pupil performance contained in the contract;
 113.33 (2) failure to meet generally accepted standards of fiscal management;
 113.34 (3) violations of law; or
 113.35 (4) other good cause shown.

114.1 If a contract is terminated or not renewed under this paragraph, the school must be
114.2 dissolved according to the applicable provisions of chapter 317A.

114.3 (c) If the authorizer and the charter school board of directors mutually agree not to
114.4 renew the contract, a change in authorizers is allowed. The authorizer and the school
114.5 board must jointly submit a written and signed letter of their intent to the commissioner
114.6 to mutually not renew the contract. The authorizer that is a party to the existing contract
114.7 must inform the proposed authorizer about the fiscal, operational, and student performance
114.8 status of the school, as well as any outstanding contractual obligations that exist. The
114.9 charter contract between the proposed authorizer and the school must identify and provide
114.10 a plan to address any outstanding obligations from the previous contract. The proposed
114.11 contract must be submitted at least 105 business days before the end of the existing
114.12 charter contract. The commissioner shall have 30 business days to review and make a
114.13 determination. The proposed authorizer and the school shall have 15 business days to
114.14 respond to the determination and address any issues identified by the commissioner. A
114.15 final determination by the commissioner shall be made no later than 45 business days
114.16 before the end of the current charter contract. If no change in authorizer is approved, the
114.17 school and the current authorizer may withdraw their letter of nonrenewal and enter into a
114.18 new contract. If the transfer of authorizers is not approved and the current authorizer and
114.19 the school do not withdraw their letter and enter into a new contract, the school must be
114.20 dissolved according to applicable law and the terms of the contract.

114.21 (d) The commissioner, after providing reasonable notice to the board of directors of
114.22 a charter school and the existing authorizer, and after providing an opportunity for a public
114.23 hearing, may terminate the existing contract between the authorizer and the charter school
114.24 board if the charter school has a history of:

- 114.25 (1) failure to meet pupil performance requirements consistent with state law;
114.26 (2) financial mismanagement or failure to meet generally accepted standards of
114.27 fiscal management; or
114.28 (3) repeated or major violations of the law.

114.29 (e) Notwithstanding other provisions of this subdivision, the authorizer of a charter
114.30 school may terminate an existing contract between the authorizer and the charter school at
114.31 the end of the current school year, after notifying the charter school board of directors by
114.32 December 1, if in each of the previous three consecutive school years the performance of
114.33 the charter school based on federal school accountability measures and on state measures
114.34 of student performance and growth would place the school in the bottom ten percent of all
114.35 public schools as determined by the commissioner. If an authorizer chooses to terminate
114.36 the contract, the school must be closed according to applicable law and the terms of the

115.1 contract. The authorizer must work with the charter school's board of directors to ensure
 115.2 parents of children currently enrolled at the school are aware of school choice options
 115.3 and receive assistance in selecting an appropriate choice for their children for the next
 115.4 school year. If the authorizer chooses not to terminate the existing contract under these
 115.5 conditions, the authorizer must submit a public, written justification of its decision to the
 115.6 commissioner by December 1. The federal and state measures identified in this paragraph
 115.7 do not prevent an authorizer from closing schools under other conditions, consistent with
 115.8 applicable law and contract terms.

115.9 Sec. 11. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 124D.10, is amended by adding a
 115.10 subdivision to read:

115.11 Subd. 24a. **Merger.** (a) Two or more charter schools may merge under chapter
 115.12 317A. The effective date of a merger must be July 1. The merged school must continue
 115.13 under the identity of one of the merging schools. A new charter contract under subdivision
 115.14 6 must be executed by July 1. The authorizer must submit to the commissioner a copy of
 115.15 the new signed charter contract within ten business days of its execution.

115.16 (b) Each merging school must submit a separate year-end report for the previous year
 115.17 for that school only. After the final fiscal year of the premerger schools is closed out, the
 115.18 fund balances and debts from the merging schools must be transferred to the merged school.

115.19 (c) For its first year of operation, the merged school is eligible to receive aid from
 115.20 programs requiring approved applications equal to the sum of the aid of all of the merging
 115.21 schools. For aids based on prior year data, the merged school is eligible to receive aid for
 115.22 its first year of operation based on the combined data of all of the merging schools.

115.23 Sec. 12. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 124D.11, subdivision 9, is amended to read:

115.24 Subd. 9. **Payment of aids to charter schools.** (a) Notwithstanding section
 115.25 127A.45, subdivision 3, if the current year aid payment percentage under section
 115.26 127A.45, subdivision 2, paragraph (d), is 90 or greater, aid payments for the current
 115.27 fiscal year to a charter school shall be of an equal amount on each of the 24 payment
 115.28 dates. Notwithstanding section 127A.45, subdivision 3, if the current year aid payment
 115.29 percentage under section 127A.45, subdivision 2, paragraph (d), is less than 90, aid
 115.30 payments for the current fiscal year to a charter school shall be of an equal amount on
 115.31 each of the 16 payment dates in July through February.

115.32 (b) Notwithstanding paragraph (a) and section 127A.45, for a charter school ceasing
 115.33 operation on or prior to June 30 of a school year, for the payment periods occurring after
 115.34 the school ceases serving students, the commissioner shall withhold the estimated state aid

116.1 owed the school. The charter school board of directors and authorizer must submit to the
116.2 commissioner a closure plan under chapter 308A or 317A, and financial information about
116.3 the school's liabilities and assets. After receiving the closure plan, financial information,
116.4 an audit of pupil counts, documentation of lease expenditures, and monitoring of special
116.5 education expenditures, the commissioner may release cash withheld and may continue
116.6 regular payments up to the current year payment percentages if further amounts are
116.7 owed. If, based on audits and monitoring, the school received state aid in excess of the
116.8 amount owed, the commissioner shall retain aid withheld sufficient to eliminate the aid
116.9 overpayment. For a charter school ceasing operations prior to, or at the end of, a school
116.10 year, notwithstanding section 127A.45, subdivision 3, preliminary final payments may
116.11 be made after receiving the closure plan, audit of pupil counts, monitoring of special
116.12 education expenditures, documentation of lease expenditures, and school submission of
116.13 Uniform Financial Accounting and Reporting Standards (UFARS) financial data for the
116.14 final year of operation. Final payment may be made upon receipt of audited financial
116.15 statements under section 123B.77, subdivision 3.

116.16 (c) If a charter school fails to comply with the commissioner's directive to return,
116.17 for cause, federal or state funds administered by the department, the commissioner may
116.18 withhold an amount of state aid sufficient to satisfy the directive.

116.19 (d) If, within the timeline under section 471.425, a charter school fails to pay the state
116.20 of Minnesota, a school district, intermediate school district, or service cooperative after
116.21 receiving an undisputed invoice for goods and services, the commissioner may withhold
116.22 an amount of state aid sufficient to satisfy the claim and shall distribute the withheld
116.23 aid to the interested state agency, school district, intermediate school district, or service
116.24 cooperative. An interested state agency, school district, intermediate school district, or
116.25 education cooperative shall notify the commissioner when a charter school fails to pay an
116.26 undisputed invoice within 75 business days of when it received the original invoice.

116.27 ~~(e) Notwithstanding section 127A.45, subdivision 3, and paragraph (a), 80 percent~~
116.28 ~~of the start-up cost aid under subdivision 8 shall be paid within 45 days after the first day~~
116.29 ~~of student attendance for that school year.~~

116.30 ~~(f)~~ (e) In order to receive state aid payments under this subdivision, a charter school
116.31 in its first three years of operation must submit a school calendar in the form and manner
116.32 requested by the department and a quarterly report to the Department of Education. The
116.33 report must list each student by grade, show the student's start and end dates, if any,
116.34 with the charter school, and for any student participating in a learning year program,
116.35 the report must list the hours and times of learning year activities. The report must be
116.36 submitted not more than two weeks after the end of the calendar quarter to the department.

117.1 The department must develop a Web-based reporting form for charter schools to use
 117.2 when submitting enrollment reports. A charter school in its fourth and subsequent year of
 117.3 operation must submit a school calendar and enrollment information to the department in
 117.4 the form and manner requested by the department.

117.5 ~~(g)~~ (f) Notwithstanding sections 317A.701 to 317A.791, upon closure of a charter
 117.6 school and satisfaction of creditors, cash and investment balances remaining shall be
 117.7 returned to the state.

117.8 ~~(h)~~ (g) A charter school must have a valid, signed contract under section 124D.10,
 117.9 subdivision 6, on file at the Department of Education at least 15 days prior to the date of
 117.10 first payment of state aid for the fiscal year.

117.11 ~~(i)~~ (h) State aid entitlements shall be computed for a charter school only for the
 117.12 portion of a school year for which it has a valid, signed contract under section 124D.10,
 117.13 subdivision 6.

117.14 Sec. 13. **REVISOR'S INSTRUCTION.**

117.15 The revisor of statutes shall renumber the provisions of Minnesota Statutes listed
 117.16 in column A to the references listed in column B. The revisor of statutes may alter the
 117.17 renumbering to incorporate statutory changes made during the 2015 regular legislative
 117.18 session. The revisor shall also make necessary cross-reference changes in Minnesota
 117.19 Statutes and Minnesota Rules consistent with the renumbering in this instruction and the
 117.20 relettering of paragraphs in sections 1 to 12.

117.21	<u>Column A</u>	<u>Column B</u>
117.22	<u>124D.10, subd. 1, paragraph (a)</u>	<u>124E.01, subd. 1</u>
117.23	<u>124D.10, subd. 1, paragraph (b)</u>	<u>124E.06, subd. 3, paragraph (d)</u>
117.24	<u>124D.10, subd. 1, paragraph (c)</u>	<u>124E.06, subd. 1, paragraph (b)</u>
117.25	<u>124D.10, subd. 2</u>	<u>124E.01, subd. 2</u>
117.26	<u>124D.10, subd. 3, paragraph (a)</u>	<u>124E.02, paragraph (a)</u>
117.27	<u>124D.10, subd. 3, paragraph (b)</u>	<u>124E.05, subd. 1</u>
117.28	<u>124D.10, subd. 3, paragraph (c)</u>	<u>124E.05, subd. 2, paragraph (a)</u>
117.29	<u>124D.10, subd. 3, paragraph (d)</u>	<u>124E.05, subd. 3, paragraph (a)</u>
117.30	<u>124D.10, subd. 3, paragraph (e)</u>	<u>124E.05, subd. 4</u>
117.31	<u>124D.10, subd. 3, paragraph (f)</u>	<u>124E.05, subd. 3, paragraph (b)</u>
117.32	<u>124D.10, subd. 3, paragraph (g)</u>	<u>124E.05, subd. 7</u>
117.33	<u>124D.10, subd. 3, paragraph (h)</u>	<u>124E.05, subd. 2, paragraph (b)</u>
117.34	<u>124D.10, subd. 3, paragraph (i)</u>	<u>124E.05, subd. 5</u>
117.35	<u>124D.10, subd. 3, paragraph (j)</u>	<u>124E.05, subd. 6, paragraph (a)</u>
117.36	<u>124D.10, subd. 3, paragraph (k)</u>	<u>124E.05, subd. 6, paragraph (b)</u>
117.37	<u>124D.10, subd. 4, paragraph (a)</u>	<u>124E.06, subd. 1, paragraph (a)</u>
117.38	<u>124D.10, subd. 4, paragraph (b)</u>	<u>124E.06, subd. 2, paragraph (a)</u>

118.1	<u>124D.10, subd. 4, paragraph (c)</u>	<u>124E.06, subd. 2, paragraph (c)</u>
118.2	<u>124D.10, subd. 4, paragraph (d)</u>	<u>124E.06, subd. 4</u>
118.3	<u>124D.10, subd. 4, paragraph (e)</u>	<u>124E.06, subd. 3, paragraph (g)</u>
118.4	<u>124D.10, subd. 4, paragraph (f)</u>	<u>124E.06, subd. 2, paragraph (b)</u>
118.5	<u>124D.10, subd. 4, paragraph (g)</u>	<u>124E.07, subd. 1</u>
118.6	<u>124D.10, subd. 4, paragraph (h)</u>	<u>124E.07, subd. 5</u>
118.7	<u>124D.10, subd. 4, paragraph (i)</u>	<u>124E.07, subd. 8, paragraph (a)</u>
118.8	<u>124D.10, subd. 4, paragraph (j)</u>	<u>124E.07, subd. 8, paragraph (b)</u>
118.9	<u>124D.10, subd. 4, paragraph (k)</u>	<u>124E.17, subd. 2</u>
118.10	<u>124D.10, subd. 4, paragraph (l)</u>	<u>124E.07, subd. 7</u>
118.11	<u>124D.10, subd. 4, paragraph (m)</u>	<u>124E.07, subd. 2</u>
118.12	<u>124D.10, subd. 4, paragraph (n)</u>	<u>124E.07, subd. 3, paragraph (a)</u>
118.13	<u>124D.10, subd. 4, paragraph (o)</u>	<u>124E.07, subd. 4</u>
118.14	<u>124D.10, subd. 4, paragraph (p)</u>	<u>124E.10, subd. 2, paragraph (c)</u>
118.15	<u>124D.10, subd. 4, paragraph (q)</u>	<u>124E.10, subd. 2, paragraph (b)</u>
118.16	<u>124D.10, subd. 4, paragraph (r)</u>	<u>124E.10, subd. 2, paragraph (a)</u>
118.17	<u>124D.10, subd. 4, paragraph (s)</u>	<u>124E.06, subd. 5, paragraph (a)</u>
118.18	<u>124D.10, subd. 4, paragraph (t)</u>	<u>124E.06, subd. 5, paragraph (b)</u>
118.19	<u>124D.10, subd. 4a, paragraph (a)</u>	<u>124E.07, subd. 3, paragraph (b)</u>
118.20	<u>124D.10, subd. 4a, paragraph (b)</u>	<u>124E.14, paragraph (a)</u>
118.21	<u>124D.10, subd. 4a, paragraph (c)</u>	<u>124E.07, subd. 3, paragraph (c)</u>
118.22	<u>124D.10, subd. 4a, paragraph (d)</u>	<u>124E.07, subd. 3, paragraph (d)</u>
118.23	<u>124D.10, subd. 4a, paragraph (e)</u>	<u>124E.14, paragraph (b)</u>
118.24	<u>124D.10, subd. 4a, paragraph (f)</u>	<u>124E.14, paragraph (c)</u>
118.25	<u>124D.10, subd. 5</u>	<u>124E.06, subd. 6</u>
118.26	<u>124D.10, subd. 6</u>	<u>124E.10, subd. 1, paragraph (a)</u>
118.27	<u>124D.10, subd. 6a</u>	<u>124E.16, subd. 1, paragraphs (b) to</u>
118.28		<u>(e)</u>
118.29	<u>124D.10, subd. 7</u>	<u>124E.03, subd. 1</u>
118.30	<u>124D.10, subd. 8, paragraph (a)</u>	<u>124E.03, subd. 2, paragraph (a)</u>
118.31	<u>124D.10, subd. 8, paragraph (b)</u>	<u>124E.03, subd. 2, paragraph (b)</u>
118.32	<u>124D.10, subd. 8, paragraph (c)</u>	<u>124E.06, subd. 3, paragraph (e)</u>
118.33	<u>124D.10, subd. 8, paragraph (d)</u>	<u>124E.06, subd. 3, paragraph (b)</u>
118.34	<u>124D.10, subd. 8, paragraph (e)</u>	<u>124E.03, subd. 4, paragraph (a)</u>
118.35	<u>124D.10, subd. 8, paragraph (f)</u>	<u>124E.06, subd. 3, paragraph (c)</u>
118.36	<u>124D.10, subd. 8, paragraph (g)</u>	<u>124E.06, subd. 3, paragraph (a)</u>
118.37	<u>124D.10, subd. 8, paragraph (h)</u>	<u>124E.06, subd. 3, paragraph (f)</u>
118.38	<u>124D.10, subd. 8, paragraph (i)</u>	<u>124E.03, subd. 4, paragraph (b)</u>
118.39	<u>124D.10, subd. 8, paragraph (j)</u>	<u>124E.11, paragraph (g)</u>
118.40	<u>124D.10, subd. 8, paragraph (k)</u>	<u>124E.03, subd. 2, paragraph (c)</u>
118.41	<u>124D.10, subd. 8, paragraph (l)</u>	<u>124E.16, subd. 1, paragraph (a)</u>
118.42	<u>124D.10, subd. 8, paragraph (m)</u>	<u>124E.03, subd. 2, paragraph (d)</u>
118.43	<u>124D.10, subd. 8, paragraph (n)</u>	<u>124E.03, subd. 5, paragraph (a)</u>
118.44	<u>124D.10, subd. 8, paragraph (o)</u>	<u>124E.03, subd. 2, paragraph (e)</u>

119.1	<u>124D.10, subd. 8, paragraph (p)</u>	<u>124E.03, subd. 7, paragraph (a)</u>
119.2	<u>124D.10, subd. 8, paragraph (q)</u>	<u>124E.03, subd. 2, paragraph (f)</u>
119.3	<u>124D.10, subd. 8, paragraph (r)</u>	<u>124E.03, subd. 5, paragraph (b)</u>
119.4	<u>124D.10, subd. 8, paragraph (s)</u>	<u>124E.03, subd. 7, paragraph (b)</u>
119.5	<u>124D.10, subd. 8, paragraph (t)</u>	<u>124E.03, subd. 7, paragraph (c)</u>
119.6	<u>124D.10, subd. 8, paragraph (u)</u>	<u>124E.03, subd. 2, paragraph (g)</u>
119.7	<u>124D.10, subd. 8, paragraph (v)</u>	<u>124E.03, subd. 2, paragraph (h)</u>
119.8	<u>124D.10, subd. 8, paragraph (w)</u>	<u>124E.03, subd. 2, paragraph (i)</u>
119.9	<u>124D.10, subd. 8, paragraph (x)</u>	<u>124E.03, subd. 4, paragraph (c)</u>
119.10	<u>124D.10, subd. 8, paragraph (y)</u>	<u>124E.15, paragraph (a)</u>
119.11	<u>124D.10, subd. 8a</u>	<u>124E.25, subd. 3, paragraph (a)</u>
119.12	<u>124D.10, subd. 8b</u>	<u>124E.25, subd. 3, paragraph (b)</u>
119.13	<u>124D.10, subd. 9</u>	<u>124E.11, paragraphs (a) to (f)</u>
119.14	<u>124D.10, subd. 10</u>	<u>124E.10, subd. 1, paragraph (b)</u>
119.15	<u>124D.10, subd. 11, paragraph (a)</u>	<u>124E.12, subd. 1</u>
119.16	<u>124D.10, subd. 11, paragraph (b)</u>	<u>124E.12, subd. 2</u>
119.17	<u>124D.10, subd. 11, paragraph (c)</u>	<u>124E.07, subd. 6</u>
119.18	<u>124D.10, subd. 11, paragraph (d)</u>	<u>124E.12, subd. 5</u>
119.19	<u>124D.10, subd. 12</u>	<u>124E.03, subd. 3</u>
119.20	<u>124D.10, subd. 13</u>	<u>124E.03, subd. 6</u>
119.21	<u>124D.10, subd. 14</u>	<u>124E.16, subd. 2</u>
119.22	<u>124D.10, subd. 15, paragraphs (a)</u>	<u>124E.10, subd. 3, paragraphs (a) to</u>
119.23	<u>to (e)</u>	<u>(e)</u>
119.24	<u>124D.10, subd. 15, paragraph (f)</u>	<u>124E.05, subd. 8</u>
119.25	<u>124D.10, subd. 16</u>	<u>124E.15, paragraphs (b) to (d)</u>
119.26	<u>124D.10, subd. 17</u>	<u>124E.13, subd. 1</u>
119.27	<u>124D.10, subd. 17a</u>	<u>124E.13, subd. 3</u>
119.28	<u>124D.10, subd. 17b</u>	<u>124E.13, subd. 4</u>
119.29	<u>124D.10, subd. 19</u>	<u>124E.17, subd. 1</u>
119.30	<u>124D.10, subd. 20</u>	<u>124E.12, subd. 6</u>
119.31	<u>124D.10, subd. 21</u>	<u>124E.12, subd. 3</u>
119.32	<u>124D.10, subd. 22</u>	<u>124E.12, subd. 4</u>
119.33	<u>124D.10, subd. 23, paragraphs (a)</u>	<u>124E.10, subd. 4, paragraphs (a) and</u>
119.34	<u>and (b)</u>	<u>(b)</u>
119.35	<u>124D.10, subd. 23, paragraph (c)</u>	<u>124E.10, subd. 5</u>
119.36	<u>124D.10, subd. 23, paragraph (d)</u>	<u>124E.10, subd. 4, paragraph (c)</u>
119.37	<u>124D.10, subd. 23a, paragraph (a)</u>	<u>124E.13, subd. 2, paragraph (a)</u>
119.38	<u>124D.10, subd. 23a, paragraph (b)</u>	<u>124E.02, paragraph (b)</u>
119.39	<u>124D.10, subd. 23a, paragraph (c)</u>	<u>124E.13, subd. 2, paragraph (b)</u>
119.40	<u>124D.10, subd. 23a, paragraph (d)</u>	<u>124E.13, subd. 2, paragraph (c)</u>
119.41	<u>124D.10, subd. 24</u>	<u>124E.10, subd. 6</u>
119.42	<u>124D.10, subd. 25</u>	<u>124E.09</u>
119.43	<u>124D.10, subd. 27</u>	<u>124E.08</u>
119.44	<u>124D.11, subd. 1</u>	<u>124E.20, subd. 1</u>

120.1	<u>124D.11, subd. 2</u>	<u>124E.23</u>
120.2	<u>124D.11, subd. 3</u>	<u>124E.20, subd. 2</u>
120.3	<u>124D.11, subd. 4</u>	<u>124E.22</u>
120.4	<u>124D.11, subd. 5</u>	<u>124E.21</u>
120.5	<u>124D.11, subd. 6</u>	<u>124E.24</u>
120.6	<u>124D.11, subd. 7</u>	<u>124E.26</u>
120.7	<u>124D.11, subd. 9, paragraph (a)</u>	<u>124E.25, subd. 1, paragraph (a)</u>
120.8	<u>124D.11, subd. 9, paragraph (b)</u>	<u>124E.25, subd. 1, paragraph (b)</u>
120.9	<u>124D.11, subd. 9, paragraph (c)</u>	<u>124E.25, subd. 4, paragraph (a)</u>
120.10	<u>124D.11, subd. 9, paragraph (d)</u>	<u>124E.25, subd. 4, paragraph (b)</u>
120.11	<u>124D.11, subd. 9, paragraph (e)</u>	<u>124E.25, subd. 2, paragraph (a)</u>
120.12	<u>124D.11, subd. 9, paragraph (f)</u>	<u>124E.25, subd. 1, paragraph (c)</u>
120.13	<u>124D.11, subd. 9, paragraph (g)</u>	<u>124E.25, subd. 2, paragraph (b)</u>
120.14	<u>124D.11, subd. 9, paragraph (h)</u>	<u>124E.25, subd. 2, paragraph (c)</u>

120.15 Sec. 14. **APPROPRIATIONS.**

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

120.18 Subd. 2. **Charter school building lease aid.** For building lease aid under Minnesota
 120.19 Statutes, section 124D.11, subdivision 4:

120.20	<u>\$</u>	<u>66,787,000</u>	<u>.....</u>	<u>2016</u>
120.21	<u>\$</u>	<u>73,603,000</u>	<u>.....</u>	<u>2017</u>

120.22 The 2016 appropriation includes \$6,032,000 for 2015 and \$60,755,000 for 2016.

120.23 The 2017 appropriation includes \$6,750,000 for 2016 and \$66,853,000 for 2017.

120.24 **ARTICLE 5**

120.25 **SPECIAL EDUCATION**

120.26 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 122A.31, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

120.27 Subdivision 1. **Requirements for American sign language/English interpreters.**

120.28 (a) In addition to any other requirements that a school district establishes, any person
 120.29 employed to provide American sign language/English interpreting or sign transliterating
 120.30 services on a full-time or part-time basis for a school district after July 1, 2000, must:

120.31 (1) hold current interpreter and transliterator certificates awarded by the Registry
 120.32 of Interpreters for the Deaf (RID), or the general level interpreter proficiency certificate
 120.33 awarded by the National Association of the Deaf (NAD), or a comparable state
 120.34 certification from the commissioner of education; and

121.1 (2) satisfactorily complete an interpreter/transliterators training program affiliated
121.2 with an accredited educational institution.

121.3 (b) New graduates of an interpreter/transliterators program affiliated with an
121.4 accredited education institution shall be granted a two-year provisional certificate by
121.5 the commissioner. During the two-year provisional period, the interpreter/transliterators
121.6 must develop and implement an education plan in collaboration with a mentor under
121.7 paragraph (c).

121.8 (c) A mentor of a provisionally certified interpreter/transliterators must be an
121.9 interpreter/transliterators who has either NAD level IV or V certification or RID
121.10 certified interpreter and certified transliterators certification and have at least three
121.11 years interpreting/transliterating experience in any educational setting. The mentor, in
121.12 collaboration with the provisionally certified interpreter/transliterators, shall develop and
121.13 implement an education plan designed to meet the requirements of paragraph (a), clause
121.14 (1), and include a weekly on-site mentoring process.

121.15 (d) Consistent with the requirements of this paragraph, a person holding a
121.16 provisional certificate may apply to the commissioner for one time-limited extension.
121.17 The commissioner, in consultation with the Commission of Deaf, DeafBlind and
121.18 Hard-of-Hearing Minnesotans, must grant the person a time-limited extension of the
121.19 provisional certificate based on the following documentation:

121.20 (1) letters of support from the person's mentor, a parent of a pupil the person serves,
121.21 the special education director of the district in which the person is employed, and a
121.22 representative from the regional service center of the deaf and hard-of-hearing;

121.23 (2) records of the person's formal education, training, experience, and progress on
121.24 the person's education plan; and

121.25 (3) an explanation of why the extension is needed.

121.26 As a condition of receiving the extension, the person must comply with a plan
121.27 and the accompanying time line for meeting the requirements of this subdivision. A
121.28 committee composed of the ~~director of the Minnesota Resource Center Serving Deaf and~~
121.29 ~~Hard-of-Hearing, or the director's designee~~ deaf and hard-of-hearing state specialist, a
121.30 representative of the Minnesota Association of Deaf Citizens, a representative of the
121.31 Minnesota Registry of Interpreters of the Deaf, and other appropriate persons selected
121.32 by the commissioner must develop the plan and time line for the person receiving the
121.33 extension.

121.34 (e) A school district may employ only an interpreter/transliterators who has been
121.35 certified under paragraph (a) or (b), or for whom a time-limited extension has been
121.36 granted under paragraph (d).

122.1 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 122A.31, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

122.2 Subd. 2. **Oral or cued speech transliterators.** (a) In addition to any other
122.3 requirements that a school district establishes, any person employed to provide oral
122.4 transliterating or cued speech transliterating services on a full-time or part-time basis for a
122.5 school district after July 1, 2000, must hold a current applicable transliterator certificate
122.6 awarded by the national certifying association or comparable state certification from
122.7 the commissioner of education.

122.8 (b) To provide oral or cued speech transliterator services on a full-time or part-time
122.9 basis, a person employed in a school district must comply with paragraph (a). The
122.10 commissioner shall grant a nonrenewable, two-year certificate to a school district on behalf
122.11 of a person who has not yet attained a current applicable transliterator certificate under
122.12 paragraph (a). A person for whom a nonrenewable, two-year certificate is issued must
122.13 work under the direction of a licensed teacher who is skilled in language development
122.14 of individuals who are deaf or hard-of-hearing. A person for whom a nonrenewable,
122.15 two-year certificate is issued also must enroll in a state-approved training program and
122.16 demonstrate progress towards the certification required under paragraph (a) sufficient for
122.17 the person to be certified at the end of the two-year period.

122.18 (c) Consistent with the requirements of this paragraph, a person holding a
122.19 provisional certificate may apply to the commissioner for one time-limited extension. The
122.20 commissioner, in consultation with the Commission Serving Deaf and Hard-of-Hearing
122.21 People, must grant the person a time-limited extension of the provisional certificate based
122.22 on the following documentation:

122.23 (1) letters of support from the person's mentor, a parent of a pupil the person serves,
122.24 the special education director of the district in which the person is employed, and a
122.25 representative from the regional service center of the deaf and hard-of-hearing;

122.26 (2) records of the person's formal education, training, experience, and progress on
122.27 the person's education plan; and

122.28 (3) an explanation of why the extension is needed.

122.29 As a condition of receiving the extension, the person must comply with a plan
122.30 and the accompanying time line for meeting the requirements of this subdivision. A
122.31 committee composed of the ~~director of the Minnesota Resource Center Serving Deaf and~~
122.32 ~~Hard-of-Hearing, or the director's designee~~ deaf and hard-of-hearing state specialist, a
122.33 representative of the Minnesota Association of Deaf Citizens, a representative of the
122.34 Minnesota Registry of Interpreters of the Deaf, and other appropriate persons selected
122.35 by the commissioner must develop the plan and time line for the person receiving the
122.36 extension.

123.1 Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 123B.88, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

123.2 Subdivision 1. **Providing transportation.** The board may provide for the
 123.3 transportation of pupils to and from school and for any other purpose. The board may
 123.4 also provide for the transportation of pupils to schools in other districts for grades and
 123.5 departments not maintained in the district, including high school, at the expense of the
 123.6 district, when funds are available therefor and if agreeable to the district to which it is
 123.7 proposed to transport the pupils, for the whole or a part of the school year, as it may
 123.8 deem advisable, and subject to its rules. In any district, the board must arrange for the
 123.9 attendance of all pupils living two miles or more from the school, except pupils whose
 123.10 transportation privileges have been voluntarily surrendered under subdivision 2, or
 123.11 whose privileges have been revoked under section 123B.91, subdivision 1, clause (6), or
 123.12 123B.90, subdivision 2. The district may provide for the transportation of or the boarding
 123.13 and rooming of the pupils who may be more economically and conveniently provided for
 123.14 by that means. Arrangements for attendance may include a requirement that parents or
 123.15 guardians request transportation before it is provided. The board must provide necessary
 123.16 transportation to and from the home of, consistent with section 123B.92, subdivision 1,
 123.17 paragraph (b), clause (4), for a child with a disability not yet enrolled in kindergarten
 123.18 when for the provision of special instruction and services under sections 125A.03 to
 123.19 125A.24, 125A.26 to 125A.48, and 125A.65 are provided in a location other than in
 123.20 the child's home. Special instruction and services for a child with a disability not yet
 123.21 enrolled in kindergarten include an individualized education program team placement
 123.22 in an early childhood program when that placement is necessary to address the child's
 123.23 level of functioning and needs. When transportation is provided, scheduling of routes,
 123.24 establishment of the location of bus stops, manner and method of transportation, control
 123.25 and discipline of school children, the determination of fees, and any other matter relating
 123.26 thereto must be within the sole discretion, control, and management of the board. The
 123.27 district may provide for the transportation of pupils or expend a reasonable amount
 123.28 for room and board of pupils whose attendance at school can more economically and
 123.29 conveniently be provided for by that means or who attend school in a building rented or
 123.30 leased by a district within the confines of an adjacent district.

123.31 Sec. 4. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 125A.01, is amended to read:

123.32 **125A.01 DEFINITIONS.**

123.33 Subdivision 1. **General application.** For purposes of this chapter, the words defined
 123.34 in section 120A.05 have the same meaning.

124.1 Subd. 2. **Dyslexia.** "Dyslexia" means a specific learning disability that is
124.2 neurological in origin. It is characterized by difficulties with accurate or fluent recognition
124.3 of words and by poor spelling and decoding abilities. These difficulties typically result
124.4 from a deficit in the phonological component of language that is often unexpected in
124.5 relation to other cognitive abilities and the provision of effective classroom instruction.
124.6 Secondary consequences may include problems in reading comprehension and reduced
124.7 reading experience that can impede the growth of vocabulary and background knowledge.
124.8 Students who have a dyslexia diagnosis must meet the state and federal eligibility
124.9 criteria in order to qualify for special education services.

124.10 Sec. 5. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 125A.023, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

124.11 **Subd. 3. Definitions.** For purposes of this section and section 125A.027, the
124.12 following terms have the meanings given them:

124.13 (a) "Health plan" means:

124.14 (1) a health plan under section 62Q.01, subdivision 3;

124.15 (2) a county-based purchasing plan under section 256B.692;

124.16 (3) a self-insured health plan established by a local government under section
124.17 471.617; or

124.18 (4) self-insured health coverage provided by the state to its employees or retirees.

124.19 (b) For purposes of this section, "health plan company" means an entity that issues
124.20 a health plan as defined in paragraph (a).

124.21 (c) "Interagency intervention service system" means a system that coordinates
124.22 services and programs required in state and federal law to meet the needs of eligible
124.23 children with disabilities ages birth through 21, including:

124.24 (1) services provided under the following programs or initiatives administered
124.25 by state or local agencies:

124.26 (i) the maternal and child health program under title V of the Social Security Act;

124.27 (ii) the Minnesota children with special health needs program under sections 144.05
124.28 and 144.07;

124.29 (iii) the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, Part B, section 619, and Part
124.30 C as amended;

124.31 (iv) medical assistance under title 42, chapter 7, of the Social Security Act;

124.32 (v) developmental disabilities services under chapter 256B;

124.33 (vi) the Head Start Act under title 42, chapter 105, of the Social Security Act;

124.34 (vii) vocational rehabilitation services provided under chapters 248 and 268A and
124.35 the Rehabilitation Act of 1973;

- 125.1 (viii) Juvenile Court Act services provided under sections 260.011 to 260.91;
 125.2 260B.001 to 260B.446; and 260C.001 to 260C.451;
- 125.3 (ix) Minnesota Comprehensive Children's Mental Health Act under section 245.487;
 125.4 (x) the community health services grants under sections 145.88 to 145.9266;
 125.5 (xi) the Local Public Health Act under chapter 145A; and
 125.6 (xii) the Vulnerable Children and Adults Act, sections 256M.60 to 256M.80;
- 125.7 (2) service provision and funding that can be coordinated through:
 125.8 (i) the children's mental health collaborative under section 245.493;
 125.9 (ii) the family services collaborative under section 124D.23;
 125.10 (iii) the community transition interagency committees under section 125A.22; and
 125.11 (iv) the interagency early intervention committees under section 125A.259;
- 125.12 (3) financial and other funding programs to be coordinated including medical
 125.13 assistance under title 42, chapter 7, of the Social Security Act, the MinnesotaCare program
 125.14 under chapter 256L, Supplemental Social Security Income, Developmental Disabilities
 125.15 Assistance, and any other employment-related activities associated with the Social
 125.16 Security Administration; and services provided under a health plan in conformity with an
 125.17 individual family service plan or an individualized education program or an individual
 125.18 interagency intervention plan; and
- 125.19 (4) additional appropriate services that local agencies and counties provide on
 125.20 an individual need basis upon determining eligibility and receiving a request from (i)
 125.21 the ~~interagency early intervention committee~~ school board or county board and (ii) the
 125.22 child's parent.
- 125.23 (d) "Children with disabilities" has the meaning given in section 125A.02.
 125.24 (e) A "standardized written plan" means those individual services or programs, with
 125.25 accompanying funding sources, available through the interagency intervention service
 125.26 system to an eligible child other than the services or programs described in the child's
 125.27 individualized education program or the child's individual family service plan.

125.28 Sec. 6. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 125A.023, subdivision 4, is amended to read:

125.29 Subd. 4. **State Interagency Committee.** (a) The commissioner of education, on
 125.30 behalf of the governor, shall convene an interagency committee to develop and implement
 125.31 a coordinated, multidisciplinary, interagency intervention service system for children ages
 125.32 three to 21 with disabilities. The commissioners of commerce, education, health, human
 125.33 rights, human services, employment and economic development, and corrections shall
 125.34 each appoint two committee members from their departments; and the Association of
 125.35 Minnesota Counties, Minnesota School Boards Association, the Minnesota Administrators

126.1 of Special Education, and the School Nurse Association of Minnesota shall each appoint
 126.2 one committee member. The committee shall select a chair from among its members.

126.3 (b) The committee shall:

126.4 (1) identify and assist in removing state and federal barriers to local coordination of
 126.5 services provided to children with disabilities;

126.6 (2) identify adequate, equitable, and flexible funding sources to streamline these
 126.7 services;

126.8 (3) develop guidelines for implementing policies that ensure a comprehensive and
 126.9 coordinated system of all state and local agency services, including multidisciplinary
 126.10 assessment practices for children with disabilities ages three to 21, including:

126.11 (i) develop, consistent with federal law, a standardized written plan for providing
 126.12 services to a child with disabilities;

126.13 (ii) identify how current systems for dispute resolution can be coordinated;

126.14 (iii) develop an evaluation process to measure the success of state and local
 126.15 interagency efforts in improving the quality and coordination of services to children with
 126.16 disabilities ages three to 21; and

126.17 (iv) develop guidelines to assist the governing boards of the interagency early
 126.18 intervention committees in carrying out the duties assigned in section 125A.027,
 126.19 subdivision 1, paragraph (b); and

126.20 (4) carry out other duties necessary to develop and implement within communities
 126.21 a coordinated, multidisciplinary, interagency intervention service system for children
 126.22 with disabilities.

126.23 (c) The committee shall consult on an ongoing basis with the state Special Education
 126.24 Advisory Panel and the governor's Interagency Coordinating Council in carrying out
 126.25 its duties under this section, including assisting the governing school boards of the
 126.26 interagency early intervention committees and county boards.

126.27 Sec. 7. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 125A.027, is amended to read:

126.28 **125A.027 INTERAGENCY EARLY INTERVENTION COMMITTEE**
 126.29 **RESPONSIBILITIES LOCAL AGENCY COORDINATION RESPONSIBILITIES.**

126.30 Subdivision 1. **Additional duties School board and county board responsibilities.**

126.31 (a) It is the joint responsibility of school and county boards to coordinate, provide, and
 126.32 pay for appropriate services and to facilitate payment for services from public and private
 126.33 sources. Appropriate services for children eligible under section 125A.02 and receiving
 126.34 services from two or more public agencies of which one is the public school must be
 126.35 determined in consultation with parents, physicians, and other education, medical health,

127.1 and human services providers. The services provided must conform with a standardized
 127.2 written plan for each eligible child ages three to 21.

127.3 (b) Appropriate services include those services listed on a child's standardized
 127.4 written plan. These services are those that are required to be documented on a plan under
 127.5 federal and state law or rule.

127.6 (c) School and county boards shall coordinate interagency services. Service
 127.7 responsibilities for eligible children, ages three to 21, may be established in interagency
 127.8 agreements or joint powers board agreements. In addition, interagency agreements or
 127.9 joint powers board agreements may be developed to establish agency responsibility that
 127.10 ensures that coordinated interagency services are coordinated, provided, and paid for and
 127.11 that payment is facilitated from public and private sources. School boards must provide,
 127.12 pay for, and facilitate payment for special education services as required under sections
 127.13 125A.03 and 125A.06. County boards must provide, pay for, and facilitate payment for
 127.14 those programs over which they have service and fiscal responsibility as referenced in
 127.15 section 125A.023, subdivision 3, paragraph (c), clause (1).

127.16 Subd. 1a. **Local governance structure.** (a) The governing school boards of
 127.17 the interagency early intervention committees and county boards are responsible for
 127.18 developing and implementing interagency policies and procedures to coordinate services
 127.19 at the local level for children with disabilities ages three to 21 under guidelines established
 127.20 by the state interagency committee under section 125A.023, subdivision 4. Consistent
 127.21 with the requirements in this section and section 125A.023, the governing school boards
 127.22 of the interagency early intervention committees and county boards may organize as a
 127.23 joint powers board under section 471.59 or enter into an interagency agreement that
 127.24 establishes a governance structure.

127.25 (b) The governing board of each interagency early intervention committee as defined
 127.26 in section 125A.30, paragraph (a), which may include a juvenile justice professional, shall:

127.27 (1) identify state and federal barriers to local coordination of services provided to
 127.28 children with disabilities;

127.29 (2) implement policies that ensure a comprehensive and coordinated system of all
 127.30 state and local agency services, including practices on multidisciplinary assessment,
 127.31 standardized written plans, dispute resolution, and system evaluation for children with
 127.32 disabilities ages three to 21;

127.33 (3) coordinate services and facilitate payment for services from public and private
 127.34 institutions, agencies, and health plan companies; and

127.35 (4) share needed information consistent with state and federal data practices
 127.36 requirements.

128.1 Subd. 2. **Appropriate and necessary services.** (a) Parents, physicians, other health
 128.2 care professionals including school nurses, and education and human services providers
 128.3 jointly must determine appropriate and necessary services for eligible children with
 128.4 disabilities ages three to 21. The services provided to the child under this section must
 128.5 conform with the child's standardized written plan. The governing school board of an
 128.6 interagency early intervention committee or county board must provide those services
 128.7 contained in a child's individualized education program and those services for which
 128.8 a legal obligation exists.

128.9 (b) Nothing in this section or section 125A.023 increases or decreases the obligation
 128.10 of the state, county, regional agency, local school district, or local agency or organization
 128.11 to pay for education, health care, or social services.

128.12 (c) A health plan may not exclude any medically necessary covered service solely
 128.13 because the service is or could be identified in a child's individual family service plan,
 128.14 individualized education program, a plan established under section 504 of the federal
 128.15 Rehabilitation Act of 1973, or a student's individual health plan. This paragraph reaffirms
 128.16 the obligation of a health plan company to provide or pay for certain medically necessary
 128.17 covered services, and encourages a health plan company to coordinate this care with any
 128.18 other providers of similar services. Also, a health plan company may not exclude from a
 128.19 health plan any medically necessary covered service such as an assessment or physical
 128.20 examination solely because the resulting information may be used for an individualized
 128.21 education program or a standardized written plan.

128.22 ~~Subd. 4. **Responsibilities of school and county boards.** (a) It is the joint~~
 128.23 ~~responsibility of school and county boards to coordinate, provide, and pay for appropriate~~
 128.24 ~~services, and to facilitate payment for services from public and private sources.~~
 128.25 ~~Appropriate service for children eligible under section 125A.02 and receiving service~~
 128.26 ~~from two or more public agencies of which one is the public school must be determined in~~
 128.27 ~~consultation with parents, physicians, and other education, medical health, and human~~
 128.28 ~~services providers. The services provided must be in conformity with a standardized~~
 128.29 ~~written plan for each eligible child ages 3 to 21.~~

128.30 (b) ~~Appropriate services include those services listed on a child's standardized~~
 128.31 ~~written plan. These services are those that are required to be documented on a plan under~~
 128.32 ~~federal and state law or rule.~~

128.33 (c) ~~School and county boards shall coordinate interagency services. Service~~
 128.34 ~~responsibilities for eligible children, ages 3 to 21, may be established in interagency~~
 128.35 ~~agreements or joint powers board agreements. In addition, interagency agreements or joint~~
 128.36 ~~powers board agreements may be developed to establish agency responsibility that assures~~

129.1 ~~that coordinated interagency services are coordinated, provided, and paid for, and that~~
 129.2 ~~payment is facilitated from public and private sources. School boards must provide,~~
 129.3 ~~pay for, and facilitate payment for special education services as required under sections~~
 129.4 ~~125A.03 and 125A.06. County boards must provide, pay for, and facilitate payment for~~
 129.5 ~~those programs over which they have service and fiscal responsibility as referenced in~~
 129.6 ~~section 125A.023, subdivision 3, paragraph (c), clause (1).~~

129.7 Sec. 8. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 125A.08, is amended to read:

129.8 **125A.08 INDIVIDUALIZED EDUCATION PROGRAMS.**

129.9 (a) At the beginning of each school year, each school district shall have in effect, for
 129.10 each child with a disability, an individualized education program.

129.11 (b) As defined in this section, every district must ensure the following:

129.12 (1) all students with disabilities are provided the special instruction and services
 129.13 which are appropriate to their needs. Where the individualized education program team
 129.14 has determined appropriate goals and objectives based on the student's needs, including
 129.15 the extent to which the student can be included in the least restrictive environment,
 129.16 and where there are essentially equivalent and effective instruction, related services, or
 129.17 assistive technology devices available to meet the student's needs, cost to the district may
 129.18 be among the factors considered by the team in choosing how to provide the appropriate
 129.19 services, instruction, or devices that are to be made part of the student's individualized
 129.20 education program. The individualized education program team shall consider and
 129.21 may authorize services covered by medical assistance according to section 256B.0625,
 129.22 subdivision 26. The student's needs and the special education instruction and services to
 129.23 be provided must be agreed upon through the development of an individualized education
 129.24 program. The program must address the student's need to develop skills to live and
 129.25 work as independently as possible within the community. The individualized education
 129.26 program team must consider positive behavioral interventions, strategies, and supports
 129.27 that address behavior needs for children with ~~attention deficit disorder or attention deficit~~
 129.28 ~~hyperactivity disorder~~. During grade 9, the program must address the student's needs for
 129.29 transition from secondary services to postsecondary education and training, employment,
 129.30 community participation, recreation, and leisure and home living. In developing the
 129.31 program, districts must inform parents of the full range of transitional goals and related
 129.32 services that should be considered. The program must include a statement of the needed
 129.33 transition services, including a statement of the interagency responsibilities or linkages or
 129.34 both before secondary services are concluded;

130.1 (2) children with a disability under age five and their families are provided special
130.2 instruction and services appropriate to the child's level of functioning and needs;

130.3 (3) children with a disability and their parents or guardians are guaranteed procedural
130.4 safeguards and the right to participate in decisions involving identification, assessment
130.5 including assistive technology assessment, and educational placement of children with a
130.6 disability;

130.7 (4) eligibility and needs of children with a disability are determined by an initial
130.8 evaluation or reevaluation, which may be completed using existing data under United
130.9 States Code, title 20, section 33, et seq.;

130.10 (5) to the maximum extent appropriate, children with a disability, including those
130.11 in public or private institutions or other care facilities, are educated with children who
130.12 are not disabled, and that special classes, separate schooling, or other removal of children
130.13 with a disability from the regular educational environment occurs only when and to the
130.14 extent that the nature or severity of the disability is such that education in regular classes
130.15 with the use of supplementary services cannot be achieved satisfactorily;

130.16 (6) in accordance with recognized professional standards, testing and evaluation
130.17 materials, and procedures used for the purposes of classification and placement of children
130.18 with a disability are selected and administered so as not to be racially or culturally
130.19 discriminatory; and

130.20 (7) the rights of the child are protected when the parents or guardians are not known
130.21 or not available, or the child is a ward of the state.

130.22 (c) For all paraprofessionals employed to work in programs ~~for~~ whose role in part
130.23 is to provide direct support to students with disabilities, the school board in each district
130.24 shall ensure that:

130.25 (1) before or ~~immediately upon~~ beginning at the time of employment, each
130.26 paraprofessional ~~develops~~ must develop sufficient knowledge and skills in emergency
130.27 procedures, building orientation, roles and responsibilities, confidentiality, vulnerability,
130.28 and reportability, among other things, to begin meeting the needs, especially
130.29 disability-specific and behavioral needs, of the students with whom the paraprofessional
130.30 works;

130.31 (2) annual training opportunities are ~~available~~ required to enable the paraprofessional
130.32 to continue to further develop the knowledge and skills that are specific to the students
130.33 with whom the paraprofessional works, including understanding disabilities, the unique
130.34 and individual needs of each student according to the student's disability and how the
130.35 disability affects the student's education and behavior, following lesson plans, and
130.36 implementing follow-up instructional procedures and activities; and

131.1 (3) a districtwide process obligates each paraprofessional to work under the ongoing
 131.2 direction of a licensed teacher and, where appropriate and possible, the supervision of a
 131.3 school nurse.

131.4 Sec. 9. **[125A.083] STUDENT INFORMATION SYSTEMS; TRANSFERRING**
 131.5 **RECORDS.**

131.6 To efficiently and effectively meet federal and state compliance and accountability
 131.7 requirements using an online case management reporting system, school districts may
 131.8 contract only with a student information system vendor employing a universal filing
 131.9 system that is compatible with the online system for compliance reporting under section
 131.10 125A.085 beginning in the 2018-2019 school year and later. A district's universal
 131.11 filing system under this section must facilitate the seamless transfer of student records
 131.12 for a student with disabilities who transfers between school districts, including records
 131.13 containing the student's evaluation report, service plan, and other due process forms and
 131.14 information, regardless of what filing system any one district uses.

131.15 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment
 131.16 and applies to all district contracts with student information system vendors entered into
 131.17 or modified after that date.

131.18 Sec. 10. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 125A.085, is amended to read:

131.19 **125A.085 ONLINE REPORTING OF REQUIRED DATA.**

131.20 (a) To ensure a strong focus on outcomes for children with disabilities informs
 131.21 federal and state compliance and accountability requirements and to increase opportunities
 131.22 for special educators and related-services providers to focus on teaching children with
 131.23 disabilities, the commissioner must customize a streamlined, user-friendly statewide
 131.24 online system, with a single model online form, for effectively and efficiently collecting
 131.25 and reporting required special education-related data to individuals with a legitimate
 131.26 educational interest and who are authorized by law to access the data.

131.27 (b) The commissioner must consult with qualified experts, including information
 131.28 technology specialists, licensed special education teachers and directors of special
 131.29 education, related-services providers, third-party vendors, a designee of the commissioner
 131.30 of human services, parents of children with disabilities, representatives of advocacy groups
 131.31 representing children with disabilities, and representatives of school districts and special
 131.32 education cooperatives on integrating, field testing, customizing, and sustaining this simple,

132.1 easily accessible, efficient, and effective online data system for uniform statewide reporting
 132.2 of required due process compliance data. Among other outcomes, the system must:

132.3 (1) reduce special education teachers' paperwork burden and thereby increase the
 132.4 teachers' opportunities to focus on teaching children;

132.5 (2) to the extent authorized by chapter 13 or other applicable state or federal law
 132.6 governing access to and dissemination of educational records, provide for efficiently
 132.7 and effectively transmitting the records of all transferring children with disabilities,
 132.8 including highly mobile and homeless children with disabilities, among others, and avoid
 132.9 fragmented service delivery;

132.10 (3) address language and other barriers and disparities that prevent parents from
 132.11 understanding and communicating information about the needs of their children with
 132.12 disabilities; and

132.13 (4) help continuously improve the interface among the online systems serving
 132.14 children with disabilities in order to maintain and reinforce the children's ability to learn.

132.15 (c) The commissioner must use the federal Office of Special Education Programs
 132.16 model forms for the (1) individualized education program, (2) notice of procedural
 132.17 safeguards, and (3) prior written notice that are consistent with Part B of IDEA to integrate
 132.18 and customize a state-sponsored universal special education online case management
 132.19 system, consistent with the requirements of state law and this section for customizing a
 132.20 statewide online reporting system. The commissioner must use a request for proposal
 132.21 process to contract for the technology and software needed for customizing the online
 132.22 system in order for the system to be fully functional, consistent with the requirements of
 132.23 this section. This online system must be made available to school districts without charge
 132.24 beginning in the 2015-2016 school year. For the 2015-2016 ~~through 2017-2018~~ school
 132.25 years and later, school districts may use this online system or may contract with an outside
 132.26 vendor for compliance reporting. ~~Beginning in the 2018-2019 school year and later,~~
 132.27 ~~school districts must use this online system for compliance reporting.~~

132.28 (d) All data on individuals maintained in the statewide reporting system are
 132.29 classified as provided in chapter 13 or other applicable state or federal law. An authorized
 132.30 individual's ability to enter, update, or access data must be limited through the use of
 132.31 role-based access codes corresponding to that individual's official duties or training level,
 132.32 and the statutory authorization that grants access for a particular purpose. Any action
 132.33 in which data in the system are entered, updated, accessed, or shared or disseminated
 132.34 outside of the system must be recorded in an audit trail. The audit trail must identify the
 132.35 specific user responsible for the action, the date and time the action occurred, and the
 132.36 purpose for the action. Data contained in the audit trail maintain the same classification

133.1 as the underlying data affected by the action, provided the responsible authority makes
133.2 the data available to a student or the student's parent upon request, and the responsible
133.3 authority may access the data to audit the system's user activity and security safeguards.
133.4 Before entering data on a student, the responsible authority must provide the student or the
133.5 student's parent written notice of the data practices rights and responsibilities required
133.6 by this section and a reasonable opportunity to refuse consent to have the student's data
133.7 included in the system. Upon receiving the student or the student's parent written refusal
133.8 to consent, the school district must not enter data on that student into the system and must
133.9 delete any existing data on that student currently in the system.

133.10 (e) Consistent with this section, the commissioner must establish a public Internet
133.11 Web interface to provide information to educators, parents, and the public about the form
133.12 and content of required special education reports, to respond to queries from educators,
133.13 parents, and the public about specific aspects of special education reports and reporting,
133.14 and to use the information garnered from the interface to streamline and revise special
133.15 education reporting on the online system under this section. The public Internet Web
133.16 interface must have a prominently linked page describing the rights and responsibilities
133.17 of students and parents whose data are included in the statewide reporting system, and
133.18 include information on the data practices rights of students and parents provided by this
133.19 section and a form students or parents may use to refuse consent to have a student's data
133.20 included in the system. The public Internet Web interface must not provide access to the
133.21 educational records of any individual child.

133.22 (f) The commissioner annually by February 1 must submit to the legislature a report
133.23 on the status, recent changes, and sustainability of the online system under this section.

133.24 Sec. 11. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 125A.0942, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

134.9 (iv) a brief record of the child's behavioral and physical status;

134.10 (6) the room used for seclusion must:

134.11 (i) be at least six feet by five feet;

134.12 (ii) be well lit, well ventilated, adequately heated, and clean;

134.13 (iii) have a window that allows staff to directly observe a child in seclusion;

134.14 (iv) have tamperproof fixtures, electrical switches located immediately outside the
134.15 door, and secure ceilings;

134.16 (v) have doors that open out and are unlocked, locked with keyless locks that
134.17 have immediate release mechanisms, or locked with locks that have immediate release
134.18 mechanisms connected with a fire and emergency system; and

134.19 (vi) not contain objects that a child may use to injure the child or others;

134.20 (7) before using a room for seclusion, a school must:

134.21 (i) receive written notice from local authorities that the room and the locking
134.22 mechanisms comply with applicable building, fire, and safety codes; and

134.23 (ii) register the room with the commissioner, who may view that room; and

134.24 (8) until August 1, 2015, a school district may use prone restraints with children
134.25 age five or older if:

134.26 (i) the district has provided to the department a list of staff who have had specific
134.27 training on the use of prone restraints;

134.28 (ii) the district provides information on the type of training that was provided and
134.29 by whom;

134.30 (iii) only staff who received specific training use prone restraints;

134.31 (iv) each incident of the use of prone restraints is reported to the department within
134.32 five working days on a form provided by the department; and

134.33 (v) the district, before using prone restraints, must review any known medical or
134.34 psychological limitations that contraindicate the use of prone restraints.

134.35 The department must collect data on districts' use of prone restraints and publish the data
134.36 in a readily accessible format on the department's Web site on a quarterly basis.

135.1 (b) By February 1, 2015, and annually thereafter, stakeholders ~~must~~ may, as
 135.2 necessary, recommend to the commissioner specific and measurable implementation and
 135.3 outcome goals for reducing the use of restrictive procedures and the commissioner must
 135.4 submit to the legislature a report on districts' progress in reducing the use of restrictive
 135.5 procedures that recommends how to further reduce these procedures and eliminate
 135.6 the use of prone restraints. The statewide plan includes the following components:
 135.7 measurable goals; the resources, training, technical assistance, mental health services, and
 135.8 collaborative efforts needed to significantly reduce districts' use of prone restraints; and
 135.9 recommendations to clarify and improve the law governing districts' use of restrictive
 135.10 procedures. The commissioner must consult with interested stakeholders when preparing
 135.11 the report, including representatives of advocacy organizations, special education directors,
 135.12 teachers, paraprofessionals, intermediate school districts, school boards, day treatment
 135.13 providers, county social services, state human services department staff, mental health
 135.14 professionals, and autism experts. By June 30 each year, districts must report summary
 135.15 data on their use of restrictive procedures to the department, in a form and manner
 135.16 determined by the commissioner. The summary data must include information about the
 135.17 use of restrictive procedures, including use of reasonable force under section 121A.582.

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

135.19 Sec. 12. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 125A.21, is amended to read:

135.20 **125A.21 THIRD-PARTY PAYMENT.**

135.21 Subdivision 1. **Obligation to pay.** Nothing in sections 125A.03 to 125A.24 and
 135.22 125A.65 relieves an insurer or similar third party from an otherwise valid obligation to
 135.23 pay, or changes the validity of an obligation to pay, for services rendered to a child with
 135.24 a disability, and the child's family. A school district shall pay the nonfederal share of
 135.25 medical assistance services provided according to section 256B.0625, subdivision 26.
 135.26 Eligible expenditures must not be made from federal funds or funds used to match other
 135.27 federal funds. Any federal disallowances are the responsibility of the school district. A
 135.28 school district may pay or reimburse co-payments, coinsurance, deductibles, and other
 135.29 enrollee cost-sharing amounts, on behalf of the student or family, in connection with
 135.30 health and related services provided under an individual educational plan or individualized
 135.31 family service plan.

135.32 Subd. 2. **Third-party reimbursement.** (a) Beginning July 1, 2000, districts
 135.33 shall seek reimbursement from insurers and similar third parties for the cost of services
 135.34 provided by the district whenever the services provided by the district are otherwise

136.1 covered by the child's health coverage. Districts shall request, but may not require, the
136.2 child's family to provide information about the child's health coverage when a child with a
136.3 disability begins to receive services from the district of a type that may be reimbursable,
136.4 and shall request, but may not require, updated information after that as needed.

136.5 (b) For children enrolled in medical assistance under chapter 256B or MinnesotaCare
136.6 under chapter 256L who have no other health coverage, a district shall provide an initial
136.7 and annual written notice to the enrolled child's parent or legal representative of its intent
136.8 to seek reimbursement from medical assistance or MinnesotaCare for the individualized
136.9 education program or individualized family service plan health-related services provided
136.10 by the district. The initial notice must give the child's parent or legal representative the
136.11 right to request a copy of the child's education records on the health-related services that
136.12 the district provided to the child and disclosed to a third-party payer.

136.13 (c) The district shall give the parent or legal representative annual written notice of:

136.14 (1) the district's intent to seek reimbursement from medical assistance or
136.15 MinnesotaCare for individualized education program or individualized family service plan
136.16 health-related services provided by the district;

136.17 (2) the right of the parent or legal representative to request a copy of all records
136.18 concerning individualized education program or individualized family service plan
136.19 health-related services disclosed by the district to any third party; and

136.20 (3) the right of the parent or legal representative to withdraw consent for disclosure
136.21 of a child's records at any time without consequence.

136.22 The written notice shall be provided as part of the written notice required by Code of
136.23 Federal Regulations, title 34, section 300.504 or 303.520. The district must ensure that the
136.24 parent of a child with a disability is given notice, in understandable language, of federal and
136.25 state procedural safeguards available to the parent under this paragraph and paragraph (b).

136.26 (d) In order to access the private health care coverage of a child who is covered by
136.27 private health care coverage in whole or in part, a district must:

136.28 (1) obtain annual written informed consent from the parent or legal representative, in
136.29 compliance with subdivision 5; and

136.30 (2) inform the parent or legal representative that a refusal to permit the district
136.31 or state Medicaid agency to access their private health care coverage does not relieve
136.32 the district of its responsibility to provide all services necessary to provide free and
136.33 appropriate public education at no cost to the parent or legal representative.

136.34 (e) If the commissioner of human services obtains federal approval to exempt
136.35 covered individualized education program or individualized family service plan
136.36 health-related services from the requirement that private health care coverage refuse

137.1 payment before medical assistance may be billed, paragraphs (b), (c), and (d) shall also
 137.2 apply to students with a combination of private health care coverage and health care
 137.3 coverage through medical assistance or MinnesotaCare.

137.4 (f) In the event that Congress or any federal agency or the Minnesota legislature
 137.5 or any state agency establishes lifetime limits, limits for any health care services,
 137.6 cost-sharing provisions, or otherwise provides that individualized education program or
 137.7 individualized family service plan health-related services impact benefits for persons
 137.8 enrolled in medical assistance or MinnesotaCare, the amendments to this subdivision
 137.9 adopted in 2002 are repealed on the effective date of any federal or state law or regulation
 137.10 that imposes the limits. In that event, districts must obtain informed consent consistent
 137.11 with this subdivision as it existed prior to the 2002 amendments and subdivision 5, before
 137.12 seeking reimbursement for children enrolled in medical assistance under chapter 256B or
 137.13 MinnesotaCare under chapter 256L who have no other health care coverage.

137.14 Subd. 3. **Use of reimbursements.** Of the reimbursements received, districts may:

137.15 (1) retain an amount sufficient to compensate the district for its administrative costs
 137.16 of obtaining reimbursements;

137.17 (2) regularly obtain from education- and health-related entities training and other
 137.18 appropriate technical assistance designed to improve the district's ability to access
 137.19 third-party payments for individualized education program or individualized family
 137.20 service plan health-related services; or

137.21 (3) reallocate reimbursements for the benefit of students with individualized
 137.22 education programs or ~~individual~~ individualized family service plans in the district.

137.23 Subd. 4. **Parents not obligated to use health coverage.** To the extent required by
 137.24 federal law, a school district may not require parents of children with disabilities, if they
 137.25 would incur a financial cost, to use private or public health coverage to pay for the services
 137.26 that must be provided under an individualized education program or individualized
 137.27 family service plan.

137.28 Subd. 5. **Informed consent.** When obtaining informed consent, consistent with
 137.29 sections 13.05, subdivision 4a; 256B.77, subdivision 2, paragraph (p); and Code of
 137.30 Federal Regulations, title 34, parts 99 ~~and~~, 300, and 303, to bill health plans for covered
 137.31 services, the school district must notify the legal representative (1) that the cost of the
 137.32 person's private health insurance premium may increase due to providing the covered
 137.33 service in the school setting, (2) that the school district may pay certain enrollee health
 137.34 plan costs, including but not limited to, co-payments, coinsurance, deductibles, premium
 137.35 increases or other enrollee cost-sharing amounts for health and related services required
 137.36 by an individual service plan, or ~~individual~~ individualized family service plan, and (3) that

138.1 the school's billing for each type of covered service may affect service limits and prior
 138.2 authorization thresholds. The informed consent may be revoked in writing at any time
 138.3 by the person authorizing the billing of the health plan.

138.4 Subd. 6. **District obligation to provide service.** To the extent required by federal
 138.5 law, no school district may deny, withhold, or delay any service that must be provided
 138.6 under an individualized education program or individualized family service plan because
 138.7 a family has refused to provide informed consent to bill a health plan for services or a
 138.8 health plan company has refused to pay any, all, or a portion of the cost of services billed.

138.9 Subd. 7. **District disclosure of information.** A school district may disclose
 138.10 information contained in a student's individualized education program, consistent with
 138.11 section 13.32, subdivision 3, paragraph (a), and Code of Federal Regulations, title 34,
 138.12 parts 99 ~~and~~, 300, and 303; including records of the student's diagnosis and treatment, to a
 138.13 health plan company only with the signed and dated consent of the student's parent, or
 138.14 other legally authorized individual. The school district shall disclose only that information
 138.15 necessary for the health plan company to decide matters of coverage and payment. A
 138.16 health plan company may use the information only for making decisions regarding
 138.17 coverage and payment, and for any other use permitted by law.

138.18 Sec. 13. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 125A.28, is amended to read:

138.19 **125A.28 STATE INTERAGENCY COORDINATING COUNCIL.**

138.20 An Interagency Coordinating Council of at least 17, but not more than 25 members is
 138.21 established, in compliance with Public Law 108-446, section 641. The members must be
 138.22 appointed by the governor and reasonably represent the population of Minnesota. Council
 138.23 members must elect the council chair, who may not be a representative of the Department
 138.24 of Education. The council must be composed of at least five parents, including persons
 138.25 of color, of children with disabilities under age 12, including at least three parents of a
 138.26 child with a disability under age seven, five representatives of public or private providers
 138.27 of services for children with disabilities under age five, including a special education
 138.28 director, county social service director, local Head Start director, and a community health
 138.29 services or public health nursing administrator, one member of the senate, one member of
 138.30 the house of representatives, one representative of teacher preparation programs in early
 138.31 childhood-special education or other preparation programs in early childhood intervention,
 138.32 at least one representative of advocacy organizations for children with disabilities under
 138.33 age five, one physician who cares for young children with special health care needs, one
 138.34 representative each from the commissioners of commerce, education, health, human
 138.35 services, a representative from the state agency responsible for child care, foster care,

139.1 mental health, homeless coordinator of education of homeless children and youth, and a
 139.2 representative from Indian health services or a tribal council. Section 15.059, subdivisions
 139.3 2 to 4, apply to the council. The council must meet at least quarterly.

139.4 The council must address methods of implementing the state policy of developing
 139.5 and implementing comprehensive, coordinated, multidisciplinary interagency programs of
 139.6 early intervention services for children with disabilities and their families.

139.7 The duties of the council include recommending policies to ensure a comprehensive
 139.8 and coordinated system of all state and local agency services for children under age five
 139.9 with disabilities and their families. The policies must address how to incorporate each
 139.10 agency's services into a unified state and local system of multidisciplinary assessment
 139.11 practices, individual intervention plans, comprehensive systems to find children in need of
 139.12 services, methods to improve public awareness, and assistance in determining the role of
 139.13 interagency early intervention committees.

139.14 ~~On the date that Minnesota Part C Annual Performance Report is submitted to~~
 139.15 Within 30 days of receiving the annual determination from the federal Office of Special
 139.16 Education on the Minnesota Part C Annual Performance Report, the council must
 139.17 recommend to the governor and the commissioners of education, health, human services,
 139.18 commerce, and employment and economic development policies for a comprehensive
 139.19 and coordinated system.

139.20 Annually, the council must prepare and submit a report to the governor and the
 139.21 secretary of the federal Department of Education on the status of early intervention
 139.22 services and programs for infants and toddlers with disabilities and their families under
 139.23 the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, United States Code, title 20, sections
 139.24 1471 to 1485 (Part C, Public Law 102-119), as operated in Minnesota. The Minnesota
 139.25 Part C annual performance report may serve as the report.

139.26 Notwithstanding any other law to the contrary, the State Interagency Coordinating
 139.27 Council does not expire unless federal law no longer requires the existence of the council
 139.28 or committee.

139.29 Sec. 14. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 125A.63, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

139.30 Subd. 2. **Programs.** (a) ~~The resource centers department~~ must offer summer
 139.31 institutes or other training programs throughout the state for deaf or hard-of-hearing, blind
 139.32 or visually impaired, and multiply disabled pupils. ~~The resource centers department~~ must
 139.33 also offer workshops for teachers, and leadership development for teachers.

139.34 ~~A program~~ (b) Training and workshop programs offered ~~through the resource centers~~
 139.35 under paragraph (a) must help promote and develop education programs offered by school

140.1 districts or other organizations. The ~~program~~ programs must assist school districts or other
 140.2 organizations to develop innovative programs.

140.3 Sec. 15. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 125A.63, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

140.4 Subd. 3. **Programs by nonprofits.** The ~~resource-centers~~ department may contract
 140.5 to have nonprofit organizations provide programs ~~through the resource-centers~~ under
 140.6 subdivision 2.

140.7 Sec. 16. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 125A.63, subdivision 4, is amended to read:

140.8 Subd. 4. **Advisory committees.** (a) The commissioner shall establish ~~an~~ advisory
 140.9 ~~committee~~ committees for each ~~resource-center~~ the deaf and hard-of-hearing and for the
 140.10 blind and visually impaired. The advisory committees shall develop recommendations
 140.11 ~~regarding the resource-centers~~ and submit an annual report to the commissioner on the
 140.12 form and in the manner prescribed by the commissioner.

140.13 (b) The advisory ~~committee for the Resource-Center~~ committees for the deaf and
 140.14 hard of hearing and for the blind and visually impaired shall meet periodically at least four
 140.15 times per year and each submit an annual report to the commissioner, the education policy
 140.16 and finance committees of the legislature, and the Commission of Deaf, DeafBlind, and
 140.17 ~~Hard-of-Hearing~~ Hard-of-Hearing Minnesotans. The ~~report~~ reports must, at least:

140.18 (1) identify and report the aggregate, data-based education outcomes for children
 140.19 with the primary disability classification of deaf and hard of hearing or of blind and
 140.20 visually impaired, consistent with the commissioner's child count reporting practices, the
 140.21 commissioner's state and local outcome data reporting system by district and region, and
 140.22 the school performance report cards under section 120B.36, subdivision 1; and

140.23 (2) describe the implementation of a data-based plan for improving the education
 140.24 outcomes of deaf and hard of hearing or blind and visually impaired children that is
 140.25 premised on evidence-based best practices, and provide a cost estimate for ongoing
 140.26 implementation of the plan.

140.27 Sec. 17. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 125A.63, subdivision 5, is amended to read:

140.28 Subd. 5. **Statewide hearing loss early education intervention coordinator.** (a)
 140.29 The coordinator shall:

140.30 (1) collaborate with the early hearing detection and intervention coordinator for the
 140.31 Department of Health, ~~the director of the Department of Education Resource Center for~~
 140.32 ~~Deaf and Hard-of-Hearing~~ deaf and hard-of-hearing state specialist, and the Department
 140.33 of Health Early Hearing Detection and Intervention Advisory Council;

141.1 (2) coordinate and support Department of Education early hearing detection and
141.2 intervention teams;

141.3 (3) leverage resources by serving as a liaison between interagency early intervention
141.4 committees; part C coordinators from the Departments of Education, Health, and
141.5 Human Services; Department of Education regional low-incidence facilitators; service
141.6 coordinators from school districts; Minnesota children with special health needs in the
141.7 Department of Health; public health nurses; child find; Department of Human Services
141.8 Deaf and Hard-of-Hearing Services Division; and others as appropriate;

141.9 (4) identify, support, and promote culturally appropriate and evidence-based early
141.10 intervention practices for infants with hearing loss, and provide training, outreach, and use
141.11 of technology to increase consistency in statewide service provision;

141.12 (5) identify culturally appropriate specialized reliable and valid instruments to assess
141.13 and track the progress of children with hearing loss and promote their use;

141.14 (6) ensure that early childhood providers, parents, and members of the individual
141.15 family service and intervention plan are provided with child progress data resulting from
141.16 specialized assessments;

141.17 (7) educate early childhood providers and teachers of the deaf and hard-of-hearing
141.18 to use developmental data from specialized assessments to plan and adjust individual
141.19 family service plans; and

141.20 (8) make recommendations that would improve educational outcomes to the early
141.21 hearing detection and intervention committee, the commissioners of education and health,
141.22 the Commission of Deaf, DeafBlind and Hard-of-Hearing Minnesotans, and the advisory
141.23 council of the ~~Minnesota Department of Education Resource Center~~ for the deaf and
141.24 hard-of-hearing.

141.25 (b) The Department of Education must provide aggregate data regarding outcomes
141.26 of deaf and hard-of-hearing children who receive early intervention services within the
141.27 state in accordance with the state performance plan.

141.28 Sec. 18. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 125A.76, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

141.29 Subdivision 1. **Definitions.** (a) For the purposes of this section and section 125A.79,
141.30 the definitions in this subdivision apply.

141.31 (b) "Basic revenue" has the meaning given it in section 126C.10, subdivision 2.
141.32 For the purposes of computing basic revenue pursuant to this section, each child with a
141.33 disability shall be counted as prescribed in section 126C.05, subdivision 1.

141.34 (c) "Essential personnel" means teachers, cultural liaisons, related services, and
141.35 support services staff providing services to students. Essential personnel may also include

142.1 special education paraprofessionals or clericals providing support to teachers and students
142.2 by preparing paperwork and making arrangements related to special education compliance
142.3 requirements, including parent meetings and individualized education programs. Essential
142.4 personnel does not include administrators and supervisors.

142.5 (d) "Average daily membership" has the meaning given it in section 126C.05.

142.6 (e) "Program growth factor" means 1.046 for fiscal years 2012 through 2015, 1.0
142.7 for fiscal year 2016, 1.046 for fiscal year 2017, and the product of 1.046 and the program
142.8 growth factor for the previous year for fiscal year 2018 and later.

142.9 (f) "Nonfederal special education expenditure" means all direct expenditures that
142.10 are necessary and essential to meet the district's obligation to provide special instruction
142.11 and services to children with a disability according to sections 124D.454, 125A.03 to
142.12 125A.24, 125A.259 to 125A.48, and 125A.65 as submitted by the district and approved by
142.13 the department under section 125A.75, subdivision 4, excluding expenditures:

142.14 (1) reimbursed with federal funds;

142.15 (2) reimbursed with other state aids under this chapter;

142.16 (3) for general education costs of serving students with a disability;

142.17 (4) for facilities;

142.18 (5) for pupil transportation; and

142.19 (6) for postemployment benefits.

142.20 (g) "Old formula special education expenditures" means expenditures eligible for
142.21 revenue under Minnesota Statutes 2012, section 125A.76, subdivision 2.

142.22 (h) For the Minnesota State Academy for the Deaf and the Minnesota State Academy
142.23 for the Blind, expenditures under paragraphs (f) and (g) are limited to the salary and
142.24 fringe benefits of one-to-one instructional and behavior management aides and one-to-one
142.25 licensed, certified professionals assigned to a child attending the academy, if the aides or
142.26 professionals are required by the child's individualized education program.

142.27 (i) "Cross subsidy reduction aid percentage" means 1.0 percent for fiscal year 2014
142.28 and 2.27 percent for fiscal year 2015.

142.29 (j) "Cross subsidy reduction aid limit" means \$20 for fiscal year 2014 and \$48
142.30 for fiscal year 2015.

142.31 (k) "Special education aid increase limit" means \$80 for fiscal year 2016, \$100 for
142.32 fiscal year 2017, and, for fiscal year 2018 and later, the sum of the special education aid
142.33 increase limit for the previous fiscal year and \$40.

142.34 (l) "District" means a school district, a charter school, or a cooperative unit as
142.35 defined in section 123A.24, subdivision 2. Notwithstanding section 123A.26, cooperative

143.1 units as defined in section 123A.24, subdivision 2, are eligible to receive special education
143.2 aid under this section and section 125A.79.

143.3 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective for fiscal year 2016 and later.

143.4 Sec. 19. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 125A.76, subdivision 2c, is amended to read:

143.5 Subd. 2c. **Special education aid.** (a) For fiscal year 2014 and fiscal year 2015, a
143.6 district's special education aid equals the sum of the district's special education aid under
143.7 subdivision 5, the district's cross subsidy reduction aid under subdivision 2b, and the
143.8 district's excess cost aid under section 125A.79, subdivision 7.

143.9 (b) For fiscal year 2016 and later, a district's special education aid equals the sum of
143.10 the district's special education initial aid under subdivision 2a and the district's excess cost
143.11 aid under section 125A.79, subdivision 5.

143.12 (c) Notwithstanding paragraph (b), for fiscal year 2016, the special education aid for
143.13 a school district must not exceed the sum of the special education aid the district would
143.14 have received for fiscal year 2016 under Minnesota Statutes 2012, sections 125A.76
143.15 and 125A.79, as adjusted according to Minnesota Statutes 2012, sections 125A.11 and
143.16 127A.47, subdivision 7, and the product of the district's average daily membership served
143.17 and the special education aid increase limit.

143.18 (d) Notwithstanding paragraph (b), for fiscal year 2017 and later, the special education
143.19 aid for a school district must not exceed the sum of: (i) the product of the district's average
143.20 daily membership served and the special education aid increase limit and (ii) the product
143.21 of the sum of the special education aid the district would have received for fiscal year 2016
143.22 under Minnesota Statutes 2012, sections 125A.76 and 125A.79, as adjusted according
143.23 to Minnesota Statutes 2012, sections 125A.11 and 127A.47, subdivision 7, the ratio of
143.24 the district's average daily membership served for the current fiscal year to the district's
143.25 average daily membership served for fiscal year 2016, and the program growth factor.

143.26 (e) Notwithstanding paragraph (b), for fiscal year 2016 and later the special
143.27 education aid for a school district, not including a charter school or cooperative unit as
143.28 defined in section 123A.24, must not be less than the lesser of (1) the district's nonfederal
143.29 special education expenditures for that fiscal year or (2) the product of the sum of the
143.30 special education aid the district would have received for fiscal year 2016 under Minnesota
143.31 Statutes 2012, sections 125A.76 and 125A.79, as adjusted according to Minnesota Statutes
143.32 2012, sections 125A.11 and 127A.47, subdivision 7, the ratio of the district's adjusted
143.33 daily membership for the current fiscal year to the district's average daily membership for
143.34 fiscal year 2016, and the program growth factor.

144.1 (f) Notwithstanding subdivision 2a and section 125A.79, a charter school in its first
 144.2 year of operation shall generate special education aid based on current year data. A newly
 144.3 formed cooperative unit as defined in section 123A.24 may apply to the commissioner
 144.4 for approval to generate special education aid for its first year of operation based on
 144.5 current year data, with an offsetting adjustment to the prior year data used to calculate aid
 144.6 for programs at participating school districts or previous cooperatives that were replaced
 144.7 by the new cooperative.

144.8 Sec. 20. **SPECIAL EDUCATION EVALUATION.**

144.9 **Subdivision 1. Special education teachers' compliance with legal requirements.**
 144.10 The Department of Education must identify ways to give teachers working with eligible
 144.11 children with disabilities sufficient written and online resources to make informed decisions
 144.12 about how to effectively comply with legal requirements related to providing special
 144.13 education programs and services, including writing individualized education programs and
 144.14 related documents, among other requirements. The department must work collaboratively
 144.15 with teachers working with eligible children with disabilities, other school and district staff,
 144.16 and representatives of affected organizations, including Education Minnesota, Minnesota
 144.17 School Boards Association, and Minnesota Administrators of Special Education, among
 144.18 others, to identify obstacles to and solutions for teachers' confusion about complying with
 144.19 legal requirements governing special education programs and services. The department
 144.20 must work with schools and districts to provide staff development training to better
 144.21 comply with applicable legal requirements while meeting the educational needs and
 144.22 improving the educational progress of eligible children with disabilities.

144.23 **Subd. 2. Efficiencies to reduce paperwork.** The Department of Education, in
 144.24 collaboration with teachers and administrators working with eligible children with
 144.25 disabilities in schools and districts, must identify strategies to effectively decrease the
 144.26 amount of time teachers spend completing paperwork for special education programs and
 144.27 services, evaluate whether the strategies are cost-effective, and determine whether other
 144.28 schools and districts are able to effectively use the strategies given available staff and
 144.29 resources. Where an evaluation shows that particular paperwork reduction strategies are
 144.30 cost-effective without undermining the purpose of the paperwork or the integrity of special
 144.31 education requirements, the department must electronically disseminate and promote the
 144.32 strategies to other schools and districts throughout the state.

144.33 **Subd. 3. Special education forms; reading level.** The Department of Education
 144.34 must determine the current reading level of its special education forms, establish a target

145.1 reading level for such forms, and, based on that target level, determine whether alternative
 145.2 forms are needed to accommodate the lexical and sublexical cognitive processes of
 145.3 individual form users and readers. The department must work with interested special
 145.4 education stakeholders and reading experts in making the determinations and identification
 145.5 required in this subdivision.

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

145.7 Sec. 21. **APPROPRIATIONS.**

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

145.11 **Subd. 2. Special education; regular.** For special education aid under Minnesota
 145.12 Statutes, section 125A.75:

145.13 \$ 1,170,508,000 2016

145.14 \$ 1,229,706,000 2017

145.15 The 2016 appropriation includes \$137,932,000 for 2015 and \$1,032,576,000 for
 145.16 2016.

145.17 The 2017 appropriation includes \$145,356,000 for 2016 and \$1,084,350,000 for
 145.18 2017.

145.19 **Subd. 3. Aid for children with disabilities.** For aid under Minnesota Statutes,
 145.20 section 125A.75, subdivision 3, for children with disabilities placed in residential facilities
 145.21 within the district boundaries for whom no district of residence can be determined:

145.22 \$ 1,406,000 2016

145.23 \$ 1,629,000 2017

145.24 If the appropriation for either year is insufficient, the appropriation for the other
 145.25 year is available.

145.26 **Subd. 4. Travel for home-based services.** For aid for teacher travel for home-based
 145.27 services under Minnesota Statutes, section 125A.75, subdivision 1:

145.28 \$ 361,000 2016

145.29 \$ 371,000 2017

145.30 The 2016 appropriation includes \$35,000 for 2015 and \$326,000 for 2016.

145.31 The 2017 appropriation includes \$36,000 for 2016 and \$335,000 for 2017.

146.1 Subd. 5. **Court-placed special education revenue.** For reimbursing serving school
 146.2 districts for unreimbursed eligible expenditures attributable to children placed in the serving
 146.3 school district by court action under Minnesota Statutes, section 125A.79, subdivision 4:

146.4 \$ 56,000 2016

146.5 \$ 57,000 2017

146.6 Subd. 6. **Special education out-of-state tuition.** For special education out-of-state
 146.7 tuition according to Minnesota Statutes, section 125A.79, subdivision 8:

146.8 \$ 250,000 2016

146.9 \$ 250,000 2017

146.10 Subd. 7. **Training and technical assistance to reduce district use of seclusion**
 146.11 **and restraint.** (a) For providing school districts with training and technical assistance to
 146.12 reduce district use of seclusion and restraint on students with complex needs:

146.13 \$ 750,000 2016

146.14 (b) Of this appropriation, \$500,000 is available to the commissioner to reimburse
 146.15 school districts for the cost of hiring experts to provide staff training in reducing district
 146.16 use of seclusion and restraint on students with complex needs.

146.17 (c) Of this appropriation, \$250,000 is available to the commissioner for the costs
 146.18 of providing specialized training and assistance to school districts with a high use of
 146.19 seclusion and restraint on students with complex needs.

146.20 (d) The commissioner may contract with experts from intermediate school district
 146.21 teams or level four programs to provide the specialized training and technical assistance.

146.22 (e) Any funds unexpended in fiscal year 2016 do not cancel but carry forward into
 146.23 the next fiscal year.

146.24 Sec. 22. **REPEALER.**

146.25 Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 125A.63, subdivision 1, is repealed.

146.26 **ARTICLE 6**

146.27 **FACILITIES AND TECHNOLOGY**

146.28 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 123B.59, subdivision 6, is amended to read:

146.29 Subd. 6. **Alternative facilities aid.** A district's alternative facilities aid is the amount
 146.30 equal to equals 53.33 percent of the district's annual debt service costs, provided that the
 146.31 amount does not exceed the amount certified to be levied for those purposes for taxes
 146.32 payable in 1997, or for a district that made a levy under subdivision 5, paragraph (b), the

147.1 lesser of the district's annual levy amount, or one-sixth of the amount of levy that it certified
 147.2 for that purpose for taxes payable in 1998 alternative facilities aid for fiscal year 2016.

147.3 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective for fiscal year 2017 and later.

147.4 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 123B.59, subdivision 7, is amended to read:

147.5 Subd. 7. **Alternative facilities appropriation.** (a) An amount not to exceed
 147.6 ~~\$19,700,000~~ \$20,000,000 for fiscal year ~~2000~~ 2016 and ~~\$20,000,000~~ \$11,187,000 for
 147.7 fiscal year ~~2001~~ 2017 and each year thereafter is appropriated from the general fund to the
 147.8 commissioner of education for payment of alternative facilities aid under subdivision 6.

147.9 (b) The appropriation in paragraph (a) must be reduced by the amount of any money
 147.10 specifically appropriated for the same purpose in any year from any state fund.

147.11 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective for fiscal year 2017 and later.

147.12 Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 125B.26, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

147.13 Subd. 2. **E-rates.** To be eligible for aid under this section, a district, charter school,
 147.14 or intermediate school district is required to file an e-rate application either separately or
 147.15 through its telecommunications access cluster ~~and have a current technology plan on file~~
 147.16 ~~with the department.~~ Discounts received on telecommunications expenditures shall be
 147.17 reflected in the costs submitted to the department for aid under this section.

147.18 Sec. 4. **FAIR SCHOOL DOWNTOWN TRANSITION.**

147.19 Subdivision 1. **Student enrollment.** A student enrolled in the FAIR School
 147.20 downtown during the 2014-2015 school year and a student accepted for enrollment during
 147.21 the 2015-2016 school year may continue to enroll in the FAIR School downtown in any
 147.22 year through the 2018-2019 school year. For the 2015-2016 school year and later, other
 147.23 students may apply for enrollment under Minnesota Statutes, section 124D.03.

147.24 Subd. 2. **Compensatory revenue; literacy aid; alternative compensation**
 147.25 revenue. For the 2015-2016 school year only, the Department of Education must calculate
 147.26 compensatory revenue, literacy aid, and alternative compensation revenue for the FAIR
 147.27 School downtown based on the October 1, 2014, enrollment counts.

147.28 Subd. 3. **Pupil transportation.** The district may transport a pupil enrolled in the
 147.29 2014-2015 school year and a pupil accepted for enrollment during the 2015-2016 school
 147.30 year to and from the FAIR School downtown in succeeding school years regardless of

148.1 the pupil's district of residence. Pupil transportation expenses under this section are
148.2 reimbursable under Minnesota Statutes, section 124D.87.

148.3 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following the date on which
148.4 the real and personal property of the FAIR School downtown in Minneapolis is conveyed
148.5 to Special School District No. 1, Minneapolis.

148.6 Sec. 5. **FAIR SCHOOL CRYSTAL TRANSITION.**

148.7 Subdivision 1. **Student enrollment.** A student enrolled in the FAIR School
148.8 Crystal during the 2014-2015 school year and a student accepted for enrollment during
148.9 the 2015-2016 school year may continue to enroll in the FAIR School Crystal in any
148.10 year through the 2019-2020 school year. For the 2015-2016 school year and later, other
148.11 students may apply for enrollment under Minnesota Statutes, section 124D.03.

148.12 Subd. 2. **Compensatory revenue; literacy aid; alternative compensation**
148.13 **revenue.** For the 2015-2016 school year only, the Department of Education must calculate
148.14 compensatory revenue, literacy aid, and alternative compensation revenue for the FAIR
148.15 School Crystal based on the October 1, 2014, enrollment counts.

148.16 Subd. 3. **Pupil transportation.** The district may transport a pupil enrolled in
148.17 the 2014-2015 school year and a pupil accepted for enrollment during the 2015-2016
148.18 school year to and from the FAIR School Crystal in succeeding school years regardless
148.19 of the pupil's district of residence. Pupil transportation expenses under this section are
148.20 reimbursable under Minnesota Statutes, section 124D.87.

148.21 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following the date on which
148.22 the real and personal property of the FAIR School Crystal in Crystal is conveyed to
148.23 Independent School District No. 281, Robbinsdale.

148.24 Sec. 6. **APPROPRIATIONS.**

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

148.28 Subd. 2. **Health and safety revenue.** For health and safety aid according to
148.29 Minnesota Statutes, section 123B.57, subdivision 5:

148.30	\$	<u>501,000</u>	<u>.....</u>	<u>2016</u>
148.31	\$	<u>477,000</u>	<u>.....</u>	<u>2017</u>

149.1 The 2016 appropriation includes \$66,000 for 2015 and \$435,000 for 2016.

149.2 The 2017 appropriation includes \$48,000 for 2016 and \$399,000 for 2017.

149.3 Subd. 3. **Debt service equalization.** For debt service aid according to Minnesota

149.4 Statutes, sections 123B.53, subdivision 6, and 123B.535, subdivision 5:

149.5 \$ 20,349,000 2016

149.6 \$ 22,171,000 2017

149.7 The 2016 appropriation includes \$2,295,000 for 2015 and \$18,054,000 for 2016.

149.8 The 2017 appropriation includes \$2,005,000 for 2016 and \$20,166,000 for 2017.

149.9 Subd. 4. **Alternative facilities bonding aid.** For alternative facilities bonding aid,

149.10 according to Minnesota Statutes, section 123B.59, subdivision 1:

149.11 \$ 19,287,000 2016

149.12 \$ 11,187,000 2017

149.13 The 2016 appropriation includes \$1,928,000 for 2015 and \$17,359,000 for 2016.

149.14 The 2017 appropriation includes \$1,928,000 for 2016 and \$9,259,000 for 2017.

149.15 Subd. 5. **Equity in telecommunications access.** For equity in telecommunications

149.16 access:

149.17 \$ 3,750,000 2016

149.18 \$ 3,750,000 2017

149.19 If the appropriation amount is insufficient, the commissioner shall reduce the

149.20 reimbursement rate in Minnesota Statutes, section 125B.26, subdivisions 4 and 5, and the

149.21 revenue for fiscal years 2016 and 2017 shall be prorated.

149.22 Any balance in the first year does not cancel but is available in the second year.

149.23 Subd. 6. **Deferred maintenance aid.** For deferred maintenance aid, according to

149.24 Minnesota Statutes, section 123B.591, subdivision 4:

149.25 \$ 3,520,000 2016

149.26 \$ 2,714,000 2017

149.27 The 2016 appropriation includes \$409,000 for 2015 and \$3,111,000 for 2016.

149.28 The 2017 appropriation includes \$345,000 for 2016 and \$2,369,000 for 2017.

149.29 **ARTICLE 7**

149.30 **NUTRITION AND ACCOUNTING**

149.31 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 16A.103, subdivision 1c, is amended to

149.32 read:

150.1 Subd. 1c. **Expenditure data.** (a) State agencies must submit any revisions
150.2 in expenditure data the commissioner determines necessary for the forecast to the
150.3 commissioner at least four weeks prior to the release of the forecast. The information
150.4 submitted by state agencies and any modifications to that information made by the
150.5 commissioner must be made available to legislative fiscal staff no later than three weeks
150.6 prior to the release of the forecast.

150.7 (b) Notwithstanding paragraph (a), the Department of Education must submit any
150.8 revisions in expenditure data to the commissioner at least three weeks before the release of
150.9 the November forecast, and the commissioner must make E-12 expenditure data available to
150.10 legislative fiscal staff no later than two weeks before the release of the November forecast.

150.11 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 123A.24, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

150.12 Subdivision 1. **Distribution of assets and liabilities.** (a) If a district withdraws
150.13 from a cooperative unit defined in subdivision 2, the distribution of assets and assignment
150.14 of liabilities to the withdrawing district shall be determined according to this subdivision.

150.15 (b) The withdrawing district remains responsible for its share of debt incurred by the
150.16 cooperative unit according to section 123B.02, subdivision 3. The district and cooperative
150.17 unit may mutually agree, through a board resolution by each, to terms and conditions of
150.18 the distribution of assets and the assignment of liabilities.

150.19 (c) If the cooperative unit and the district cannot agree on the terms and conditions,
150.20 the commissioner shall resolve the dispute by determining the district's proportionate share
150.21 of assets and liabilities based on the district's enrollment, financial contribution, usage, or
150.22 other factor or combination of factors determined appropriate by the commissioner. If the
150.23 dispute requires the commissioner to involve an administrative law judge, any fees due
150.24 to the Office of Administrative Hearings must be equally split between the district and
150.25 cooperative unit. The assets must be disbursed to the withdrawing district in a manner
150.26 that minimizes financial disruption to the cooperative unit.

150.27 (d) Assets related to an insurance pool shall not be disbursed to a member district
150.28 under paragraph (c).

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

150.30 Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 123B.77, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

150.31 Subd. 3. **Statement for comparison and correction.** (a) By November 30 15 of the
150.32 calendar year of the submission of the unaudited financial data, the district must provide to
150.33 the commissioner audited financial data for the preceding fiscal year. The audit must be
150.34 conducted in compliance with generally accepted governmental auditing standards, the

151.1 federal Single Audit Act, and the Minnesota legal compliance guide issued by the Office
 151.2 of the State Auditor. An audited financial statement prepared in a form which will allow
 151.3 comparison with and correction of material differences in the unaudited financial data shall
 151.4 be submitted to the commissioner and the state auditor by December ~~31~~ 15. The audited
 151.5 financial statement must also provide a statement of assurance pertaining to uniform
 151.6 financial accounting and reporting standards compliance and a copy of the management
 151.7 letter submitted to the district by the school district's auditor.

151.8 (b) By February ~~15~~ 1 of the calendar year following the submission of the unaudited
 151.9 financial data, the commissioner shall convert the audited financial data required by this
 151.10 subdivision into the consolidated financial statement format required under subdivision 1a
 151.11 and publish the information on the department's Web site.

151.12 Sec. 4. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 125A.75, subdivision 9, is amended to read:

151.13 Subd. 9. **Litigation costs; annual report.** (a) By November 30 of each year,
 151.14 a school district must annually report the district's special education litigation costs,
 151.15 including attorney fees and costs of due process hearings, to the commissioner of
 151.16 education, consistent with the Uniform Financial Accounting and Reporting Standards.

151.17 (b) By ~~January 15~~ February 1 of each year, the commissioner shall report school
 151.18 district special education litigation costs to the house of representatives and the senate
 151.19 committees having jurisdiction over kindergarten through grade 12 education finance.

151.20 Sec. 5. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 127A.05, subdivision 6, is amended to read:

151.21 Subd. 6. **Survey of districts.** The commissioner of education shall survey the state's
 151.22 school districts and teacher preparation programs and report to the education committees
 151.23 of the legislature by ~~January 15~~ February 1 of each odd-numbered year on the status of
 151.24 teacher early retirement patterns, the teacher shortage, and the substitute teacher shortage,
 151.25 including patterns and shortages in subject areas and regions of the state. The report must
 151.26 also include how districts are making progress in hiring teachers and substitutes in the
 151.27 areas of shortage and a five-year projection of teacher demand for each district.

151.28 Sec. 6. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 127A.49, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

151.29 Subdivision 1. **Omissions.** No adjustments to any aid payments made pursuant
 151.30 to this chapter or chapters 120B, 122A, 123A, 123B, 124D, 125A, and 126C resulting
 151.31 from omissions in district reports, except those adjustments determined by the legislative
 151.32 auditor, shall be made for any school year after December ~~30~~ 15 of the next school year,
 151.33 unless otherwise specifically provided by law.

152.1 Sec. 7. Laws 2013, chapter 116, article 7, section 19, is amended to read:

152.2 Sec. 19. **FUND TRANSFER; FISCAL YEARS YEAR 2014 AND 2015**
 152.3 **THROUGH FISCAL YEAR 2017 ONLY.**

152.4 (a) Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes, section 123B.80, subdivision 3, for fiscal
 152.5 years year 2014 and 2015 through fiscal year 2017 only, the commissioner must approve
 152.6 a request for a fund transfer if the transfer does not increase state aid obligations to the
 152.7 district or result in additional property tax authority for the district. This section does not
 152.8 permit transfers from the community service fund, the food service fund, or the reserved
 152.9 account for staff development under section 122A.61.

152.10 (b) A school board may approve a fund transfer under paragraph (a) only after
 152.11 adopting a resolution stating the fund transfer will not diminish instructional opportunities
 152.12 for students.

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

152.14 Sec. 8. **APPROPRIATIONS.**

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

152.18 **Subd. 2. School lunch.** For school lunch aid according to Minnesota Statutes,
 152.19 section 124D.111, and Code of Federal Regulations, title 7, section 210.17:

152.20 \$ 15,661,000 2016

152.21 \$ 15,818,000 2017

152.22 **Subd. 3. School breakfast.** For traditional school breakfast aid under Minnesota
 152.23 Statutes, section 124D.1158:

152.24 \$ 9,731,000 2016

152.25 \$ 10,361,000 2017

152.26 **Subd. 4. Kindergarten milk.** For kindergarten milk aid under Minnesota Statutes,
 152.27 section 124D.118:

152.28 \$ 942,000 2016

152.29 \$ 942,000 2017

152.30 **Subd. 5. Summer school service replacement aid.** For summer food service
 152.31 replacement aid under Minnesota Statutes, section 124D.119:

153.1 \$ 150,000 2016
 153.2 \$ 150,000 2017

153.3 **ARTICLE 8**

153.4 **LIBRARIES**

153.5 Section 1. **DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION; LIBRARY APPROPRIATIONS.**

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

153.9 Subd. 2. **Basic system support.** For basic system support aid under Minnesota
 153.10 Statutes, section 134.355:

153.11 \$ 13,570,000 2016
 153.12 \$ 13,570,000 2017

153.13 The 2016 appropriation includes \$1,357,000 for 2015 and \$12,213,000 for 2016.
 153.14 The 2017 appropriation includes \$1,357,000 for 2016 and \$12,213,000 for 2017.

153.15 Subd. 3. **Multicounty, multitype library systems.** For aid under Minnesota
 153.16 Statutes, sections 134.353 and 134.354, to multicounty, multitype library systems:

153.17 \$ 1,300,000 2016
 153.18 \$ 1,300,000 2017

153.19 The 2016 appropriation includes \$130,000 for 2015 and \$1,170,000 for 2016.
 153.20 The 2017 appropriation includes \$130,000 for 2016 and \$1,170,000 for 2017.

153.21 Subd. 4. **Electronic library for Minnesota.** For statewide licenses to online
 153.22 databases selected in cooperation with the Minnesota Office of Higher Education for
 153.23 school media centers, public libraries, state government agency libraries, and public
 153.24 or private college or university libraries:

153.25 \$ 900,000 2016
 153.26 \$ 900,000 2017

153.27 Any balance in the first year does not cancel but is available in the second year.

153.28 Subd. 5. **Regional library telecommunications aid.** For regional library
 153.29 telecommunications aid under Minnesota Statutes, section 134.355:

153.30 \$ 2,300,000 2016
 153.31 \$ 2,300,000 2017

153.32 The 2016 appropriation includes \$230,000 for 2015 and \$2,070,000 for 2016.

154.1 The 2017 appropriation includes \$230,000 for 2016 and \$2,070,000 for 2017.

154.2 **ARTICLE 9**

154.3 **EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION**

154.4 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 121A.17, subdivision 5, is amended to read:

154.5 Subd. 5. **Developmental screening program information.** (a) The board must
 154.6 inform each resident family with a child eligible to participate in the developmental
 154.7 screening program, and a charter school that provides screening must inform families
 154.8 that apply for admission to the charter school, about the availability of the program and
 154.9 the state's requirement that a child receive a developmental screening or provide health
 154.10 records indicating that the child received a comparable developmental screening from a
 154.11 public or private health care organization or individual health care provider not later than
 154.12 30 days after the first day of attending kindergarten in a public school. A school district
 154.13 must inform all resident families with eligible children under age seven, and a charter
 154.14 school that provides screening must inform families that apply for admission to the charter
 154.15 school, that their children may receive a developmental screening conducted either by the
 154.16 school district or by a public or private health care organization or individual health care
 154.17 provider and that the screening is not required if a statement signed by the child's parent
 154.18 or guardian is submitted to the administrator or other person having general control and
 154.19 supervision of the school that the child has not been screened.

154.20 (b) A school district that enrolls students from an adjoining state under section
 154.21 124D.041 may inform a nonresident child whose family resides at a Minnesota address as
 154.22 assigned by the United States Postal Service about the availability of the developmental
 154.23 screening program and may provide screening under this section to that child.

154.24 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective for revenue for fiscal year 2016
 154.25 and later.

154.26 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 124D.041, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

154.27 Subdivision 1. **Agreements.** (a) The commissioner may enter into an agreement
 154.28 with the designated authority from an adjoining state to establish an enrollment options
 154.29 program between Minnesota and the adjoining state. Any agreement entered into pursuant
 154.30 to this section must specify the following:

154.31 (1) for students who are not residents of Minnesota, the enrollment options program
 154.32 applies only to a student whose resident school district borders Minnesota;

154.33 (2) the commissioner must negotiate equal, reciprocal rates with the designated
 154.34 authority from the adjoining state;

155.1 (3) if the adjoining state sends more students to Minnesota than Minnesota sends to
 155.2 the adjoining state, the adjoining state must pay the state of Minnesota the rate agreed
 155.3 upon under clause (2) for the excess number of students sent to Minnesota;

155.4 (4) if Minnesota sends more students to the adjoining state than the adjoining state
 155.5 sends to Minnesota, the state of Minnesota will pay the adjoining state the rate agreed
 155.6 upon under clause (2) for the excess number of students sent to the adjoining state;

155.7 (5) the application procedures for the enrollment options program between
 155.8 Minnesota and the adjoining state;

155.9 (6) the reasons for which an application for the enrollment options program between
 155.10 Minnesota and the adjoining state may be denied; and

155.11 (7) that a Minnesota school district is not responsible for transportation for any
 155.12 resident student attending school in an adjoining state under the provisions of this section.
 155.13 A Minnesota school district may, at its discretion, provide transportation services for
 155.14 such a student.

155.15 (b) Any agreement entered into pursuant to this section may specify additional
 155.16 terms relating to any student in need of special education and related services pursuant
 155.17 to chapter 125A, including early childhood special education services. Any additional
 155.18 terms must apply equally to both states.

155.19 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 1, 2015.

155.20 Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 124D.041, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

155.21 Subd. 2. **Pupil accounting.** (a) Any student from an adjoining state enrolled in
 155.22 Minnesota pursuant to this section is included in the receiving school district's average
 155.23 daily membership and pupil units according to section 126C.05 as if the student were
 155.24 a resident of another Minnesota school district attending the receiving school district
 155.25 under section 124D.03.

155.26 (b) Any Minnesota resident student enrolled in an adjoining state pursuant to this
 155.27 section is included in the resident school district's average daily membership and pupil
 155.28 units according to section 126C.05 as if the student were a resident of the district attending
 155.29 another Minnesota school district under section 124D.03.

155.30 (c) A prekindergarten child from an adjoining state whose family resides at a
 155.31 Minnesota address as assigned by the United States Postal Service and is receiving early
 155.32 childhood special education services from a Minnesota school district is considered
 155.33 enrolled in a Minnesota school district.

155.34 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 1, 2015.

156.1 Sec. 4. **[124D.1295] EARLY LEARNING PROGRAM COORDINATION.**

156.2 **Subdivision 1. Early learning program coordination.** A school board, after
 156.3 receiving written comments from its early childhood advisory council, may adopt
 156.4 a resolution allowing the district to offer a coordinated early learning program. A
 156.5 coordinated early learning program may provide early childhood family education
 156.6 services, school readiness services, and other early learning programs providing services
 156.7 to parents and children.

156.8 **Subd. 2. Early learning program revenue sources.** A school district's early
 156.9 learning program revenue includes its early childhood family education revenue under
 156.10 section 124D.135, school readiness program revenue under section 124D.16, and any
 156.11 other revenues set aside for early learning activities.

156.12 **Subd. 3. Reserve account.** A district that offers a coordinated early learning
 156.13 program must place all of the revenue it receives under subdivision 2 in an early learning
 156.14 program reserve account established in the community service fund.

156.15 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 1, 2015.

156.16 Sec. 5. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 124D.13, is amended to read:

156.17 **124D.13 EARLY CHILDHOOD FAMILY EDUCATION (ECFE) PROGRAMS.**

156.18 **Subdivision 1. Establishment; purpose.** A district that provides a community
 156.19 education program under sections 124D.18 and 124D.19 may establish an early childhood
 156.20 family education program as an individual program or as a part of an early learning
 156.21 program under section 124D.1295. Two or more districts, each of which provides a
 156.22 community education program, may cooperate to jointly provide an early childhood
 156.23 family education program. The purpose of the early childhood family education program
 156.24 is to provide parenting education to support children's learning and development.

156.25 **Subd. 2. Program requirements.** (a) Early childhood family education programs
 156.26 are programs for children in the period of life from birth to kindergarten, for the parents
 156.27 and other relatives of these children, and for expectant parents. To the extent that funds
 156.28 are insufficient to provide programs for all children, early childhood family education
 156.29 programs should emphasize programming for a child from birth to age three and
 156.30 encourage parents and other relatives to involve four- and five-year-old children in school
 156.31 readiness programs, and other public and nonpublic early learning programs. A district
 156.32 may not limit participation to school district residents. Early childhood family education
 156.33 programs must provide:

157.1 (1) programs to educate parents and other relatives about the physical, cognitive,
157.2 social, and emotional development of children and to enhance the skills of parents and
157.3 other relatives in providing for their children's learning and development;

157.4 (2) structured learning activities requiring interaction between children and their
157.5 parents or relatives;

157.6 (3) structured learning activities for children that promote children's development
157.7 and positive interaction with peers, which are held while parents or relatives attend parent
157.8 education classes;

157.9 (4) information on related community resources;

157.10 (5) information, materials, and activities that support the safety of children, including
157.11 prevention of child abuse and neglect;

157.12 (6) a community needs assessment that identifies new and underserved populations,
157.13 identifies child and family risk factors, particularly those that impact children's learning
157.14 and development, and assesses family and parenting education needs in the community;

157.15 (7) programming and services that are tailored to the needs of families and parents
157.16 prioritized in the community needs assessment; and

157.17 (8) information about and, if needed, assist in making arrangements for an early
157.18 childhood health and developmental screening under sections 121A.16 and 121A.17,
157.19 when the child nears the third birthday.

157.20 Early childhood family education programs should prioritize programming and
157.21 services for families and parents identified in the community needs assessment, particularly
157.22 those families and parents with children with the most risk factors birth to age three.

157.23 Early childhood family education programs are encouraged to provide parents of
157.24 English learners with translated oral and written information to monitor the program's
157.25 impact on their children's English language development, to know whether their children
157.26 are progressing in developing their English and native language proficiency, and to
157.27 actively engage with and support their children in developing their English and native
157.28 language proficiency.

157.29 The programs must include learning experiences for children, parents, and other
157.30 relatives that promote children's early literacy and, where practicable, their native language
157.31 skills and activities for children that require substantial involvement of the children's
157.32 parents or other relatives. The program may provide parenting education programming or
157.33 services to anyone identified in the community needs assessment. Providers must review
157.34 the program periodically to assure the instruction and materials are not racially, culturally,
157.35 or sexually biased. The programs must encourage parents to be aware of practices that
157.36 may affect equitable development of children.

158.1 (b) For the purposes of this section, "relative" or "relatives" means noncustodial
158.2 grandparents or other persons related to a child by blood, marriage, adoption, or foster
158.3 placement, excluding parents.

158.4 Subd. 3. **Substantial parental involvement.** The requirement of substantial
158.5 parental or other relative involvement in subdivision 2 means that:

158.6 (a) parents or other relatives must be physically present much of the time in classes
158.7 with their children or be in concurrent classes;

158.8 (b) parenting education or family education must be an integral part of every early
158.9 childhood family education program;

158.10 (c) early childhood family education appropriations must not be used for traditional
158.11 day care or nursery school, or similar programs; and

158.12 (d) the form of parent involvement common to kindergarten, elementary school, or
158.13 early childhood special education programs such as parent conferences, newsletters, and
158.14 notes to parents do not qualify a program under subdivision 2.

158.15 Subd. 4. **Home visiting program.** (a) A district that levies for home visiting under
158.16 section 124D.135, subdivision 6, shall use this revenue to include as part of the early
158.17 childhood family education programs a parent education component that is designed to
158.18 reach isolated or at-risk families.

158.19 The home visiting program must:

158.20 (1) incorporate evidence-informed parenting education practices designed to support
158.21 the healthy growth and development of children, with a priority focus on reaching those
158.22 children who have high needs at as early an age as possible;

158.23 (2) establish clear objectives and protocols for home visits;

158.24 (3) encourage families to make a transition from home visits to site-based parenting
158.25 programs;

158.26 (4) provide program services that are community-based, accessible, and culturally
158.27 relevant;

158.28 (5) foster collaboration among existing agencies and community-based organizations
158.29 that serve young children and their families, such as public health evidence-based models
158.30 of home visiting and Head Start home visiting; and

158.31 (6) provide information about and assist in making arrangements for an early
158.32 childhood health and developmental screening when the child nears his or her third birthday.

158.33 The home visiting program should be provided by licensed parenting educators,
158.34 certified family life educators, or professionals with an equivalent license that reflect the
158.35 demographic composition of the community to the extent possible.

159.1 (b) A home visiting program must include information focused on early brain
159.2 development, including but not limited to brain development at different life stages,
159.3 expectations of cognitive functions at different life stages, suggested activities to
159.4 encourage healthy brain development, and suggested activities to discourage negative
159.5 brain development based on a child's surroundings.

159.6 Subd. 5. **Separate accounts.** The A district operating an early childhood family
159.7 education program independent of an early learning program under section 124D.1295
159.8 must maintain a separate account within the community education fund for money for
159.9 early childhood family education programs.

159.10 Subd. 6. **Participants' fees.** A district must establish a reasonable sliding fee scale
159.11 but it shall waive the fee for a participant unable to pay.

159.12 Subd. 7. **Additional funding.** A district may receive funds from any governmental
159.13 agency or private source.

159.14 Subd. 8. **Coordination.** (a) A district must describe strategies to coordinate and
159.15 maximize public and private community resources and reduce duplication of services.

159.16 (b) A district is encouraged to coordinate adult basic education programs provided to
159.17 parents and early childhood family education programs provided to children to accomplish
159.18 the goals of section 124D.895.

159.19 Subd. 9. **District advisory councils.** The board must appoint an advisory council
159.20 from the area in which the program is provided. A majority of the council must be parents
159.21 participating in the program, who represent the demographics of the community. The
159.22 district must ensure, to the extent possible, that the council includes representation of
159.23 families who are racially, culturally, linguistically, and economically diverse. The council
159.24 must assist the board in developing, planning, and monitoring the early childhood family
159.25 education program and the early learning program under section 124D.1295. The council
159.26 must report to the board and the community education advisory council.

159.27 Subd. 10. **Alternative council.** A board may direct the community education
159.28 council, required according to section 124D.19, subdivision 2, to perform the functions of
159.29 the Advisory Council for Early Childhood Family Education.

159.30 Subd. 11. **Teachers.** A school board must employ necessary licensed teachers for its
159.31 early childhood family education programs. The Board of Teaching, at its discretion, may
159.32 grant an applicant a variance under this subdivision, consistent with sections 122A.09,
159.33 subdivision 10, and 122A.25, and Board of Teaching rules.

159.34 Subd. 12. **Assistance.** The department must provide assistance to districts with
159.35 programs described in this section. The department must establish guidelines that list

160.1 barriers to learning and development affecting children served by early childhood family
160.2 education programs.

160.3 Subd. 13. **Program data submission requirements.** Districts receiving early
160.4 childhood family education revenue under section 124D.135 must submit annual program
160.5 data, including data that demonstrates the program response to the community needs
160.6 assessment, to the department by July 15 in the form and manner prescribed by the
160.7 commissioner.

160.8 Subd. 14. **Supervision.** A program provided by a board must be supervised by a
160.9 licensed early childhood teacher or a licensed parent educator.

160.10 Subd. 15. **Parenting education transition program.** To the extent that funds are
160.11 sufficient, early childhood family education may provide parenting education transition
160.12 programming for parents of children birth to grade three in districts in which there is a
160.13 prekindergarten-grade three initiative in order to facilitate continued parent engagement
160.14 in children's learning and development. Early childhood family education programs are
160.15 encouraged to develop partnerships to provide a parenting education liaison to providers
160.16 of other public and nonpublic early learning programs, such as Head Start, school
160.17 readiness, child care, early childhood special education, local public health programs,
160.18 and health care providers.

160.19 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 1, 2015.

160.20 Sec. 6. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 124D.135, is amended to read:

160.21 **124D.135 EARLY CHILDHOOD FAMILY EDUCATION (ECFE) REVENUE.**

160.22 Subdivision 1. **Revenue.** The revenue for early childhood family education
160.23 programs for a school district equals \$120 for fiscal year 2014 and the formula allowance
160.24 for the year times 0.023 for fiscal year 2015 and later, times the greater of:

160.25 (1) 150; or

160.26 (2) the number of people under five years of age residing in the district on October 1
160.27 of the previous school year.

160.28 Subd. 2. **Population.** For the purposes of subdivision 1, data reported to the
160.29 department may be used to determine the number of people under five years of age
160.30 residing in the district. The commissioner, with the assistance of the state demographer,
160.31 shall review the number reported by any district operating an early childhood family
160.32 education program. If requested, the district shall submit to the commissioner an
160.33 explanation of its methods and other information necessary to document accuracy. If the
160.34 commissioner determines that the district has not provided sufficient documentation of

161.1 accuracy, the commissioner may request the state demographer to prepare an estimate of
161.2 the number of people under five years of age residing in the district and may use this
161.3 estimate for the purposes of subdivision 1.

161.4 Subd. 3. **Early childhood family education levy.** By September 30 of each year,
161.5 the commissioner shall establish a tax rate for early childhood family education revenue
161.6 that raises \$22,135,000 in each fiscal year. If the amount of the early childhood family
161.7 education levy would exceed the early childhood family education revenue, the early
161.8 childhood family education levy must equal the early childhood family education revenue.
161.9 A district may not certify an early childhood family education levy unless it has met the
161.10 annual program data reporting requirements under section 124D.13, subdivision 13.

161.11 Subd. 4. **Early childhood family education aid.** If a district complies with the
161.12 provisions of section 124D.13, it must receive early childhood family education aid equal
161.13 to the difference between the early childhood family education revenue and the early
161.14 childhood family education levy. If the district does not levy the entire amount permitted,
161.15 the early childhood family education aid must be reduced in proportion to the actual
161.16 amount levied.

161.17 Subd. 5. **Use of revenue restricted.** (a) Early childhood family education revenue
161.18 may be used only for early learning programs, including early childhood family education
161.19 programs.

161.20 (b) Not more than five percent of early childhood family education revenue, as defined
161.21 in subdivision 7, may be used to administer early childhood family education programs.

161.22 (c) An early childhood family education program may use up to ten percent of its
161.23 early childhood family education revenue as defined in subdivision 1, including revenue
161.24 from participant fees, for equipment that is used in the early childhood family education
161.25 program. This revenue may only be used for the following purposes:

161.26 (1) to purchase or lease computers and related materials; and

161.27 (2) to purchase or lease equipment for instruction for participating children and
161.28 their families.

161.29 If a district anticipates an unusual circumstance requiring its early childhood family
161.30 education program capital expenditures to exceed the ten percent limitation, prior approval
161.31 to exceed the limit must be obtained in writing from the commissioner.

161.32 Subd. 6. **Home visiting levy.** A district that is eligible to levy for early childhood
161.33 family education under subdivision 3 and that enters into a collaborative agreement to
161.34 provide education services and social services to families with young children may levy
161.35 an amount equal to \$1.60 times the number of people under five years of age residing in
161.36 the district on September 1 of the last school year. Levy revenue under this subdivision

162.1 must not be included as revenue under subdivision 1. The revenue must be used for home
162.2 visiting programs under section 124D.13, subdivision 4.

162.3 Subd. 7. **Reserve account.** Early childhood family education revenue, which
162.4 includes aids, levies, fees, grants, and all other revenues received by the district for early
162.5 childhood family education programs, must be maintained in either an early learning
162.6 program reserve account or a separate early childhood family education reserve account
162.7 within the community service fund.

162.8 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 1, 2015.

162.9 Sec. 7. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 124D.16, is amended to read:

162.10 **124D.16 SCHOOL READINESS AID.**

162.11 Subd. 2. **Amount of aid.** (a) A district is eligible to receive school readiness aid
162.12 for eligible prekindergarten pupils enrolled in a school readiness program under section
162.13 124D.15 if the biennial plan required by section 124D.15, subdivision 3a, has been
162.14 approved by the commissioner.

162.15 (b) A district must receive school readiness aid equal to:

162.16 (1) the number of four-year-old children in the district on October 1 for the previous
162.17 school year times the ratio of 50 percent of the total school readiness aid for that year to
162.18 the total number of four-year-old children reported to the commissioner for the previous
162.19 school year; plus

162.20 (2) the number of pupils enrolled in the school district from families eligible for the
162.21 free or reduced school lunch program for the previous school year times the ratio of
162.22 50 percent of the total school readiness aid for that year to the total number of pupils
162.23 in the state from families eligible for the free or reduced school lunch program for the
162.24 previous school year.

162.25 (c) For fiscal year 2015 and later, the total school readiness aid entitlement equals
162.26 \$12,170,000.

162.27 Subd. 3. **Use of aid.** School readiness aid shall be used only to provide a school
162.28 readiness program or an early learning program and may be used to provide transportation.
162.29 Not more than five percent of program revenue, as defined in subdivision 5, may be used
162.30 for the cost of administering the program. Aid must be used to supplement and not supplant
162.31 local, state, and federal funding. Aid may not be used for instruction and services required
162.32 under sections 125A.03 to 125A.24 and 125A.65. Aid may not be used to purchase land
162.33 or construct buildings, but may be used to lease or renovate existing buildings.

163.1 Subd. 5. **Reserve account.** School readiness revenue, which includes aids, fees,
 163.2 grants, and all other revenues received by the district school readiness programs, must
 163.3 be maintained in either an early learning program reserve account or a separate school
 163.4 readiness reserve account within the community service fund.

163.5 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 1, 2015.

163.6 Sec. 8. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 124D.165, is amended to read:

163.7 **124D.165 EARLY LEARNING SCHOLARSHIPS.**

163.8 Subdivision 1. **Establishment; purpose.** There is established within the Office of
 163.9 Early Learning an early learning scholarships program ~~in order~~ to increase access to
 163.10 high-quality early childhood programs for children ages three to five.

163.11 Subd. 2. **Family eligibility.** (a) For a family to receive an early learning scholarship,
 163.12 parents or guardians must meet the following eligibility requirements:

163.13 (1) have a child three or four years of age on September 1 of the current school year,
 163.14 who has not yet started kindergarten; and

163.15 (2) have income equal to or less than 185 percent of federal poverty level income
 163.16 in the current calendar year, or be able to document their child's current participation in
 163.17 the free and reduced-price lunch program or child and adult care food program, National
 163.18 School Lunch Act, United States Code, title 42, sections 1751 and 1766; the Food
 163.19 Distribution Program on Indian Reservations, Food and Nutrition Act, United States
 163.20 Code, title 7, sections 2011-2036; Head Start under the federal Improving Head Start for
 163.21 School Readiness Act of 2007; Minnesota family investment program under chapter 256J;
 163.22 child care assistance programs under chapter 119B; the supplemental nutrition assistance
 163.23 program; or placement in foster care under section 260C.212.

163.24 (b) Notwithstanding the other provisions of this section, a parent under age 21 who
 163.25 is pursuing a high school or general education equivalency diploma or postsecondary
 163.26 training or education is eligible for an early learning scholarship if the parent has a child
 163.27 age zero to five years old and meets the income eligibility guidelines in this subdivision.

163.28 (c) Any siblings between the ages zero to five years old of a child who has been
 163.29 awarded a scholarship under this section must be awarded a scholarship upon request,
 163.30 provided the sibling attends the same program as long as funds are available.

163.31 (d) Beginning September 1, 2015, any child under the age of five years old on
 163.32 September 1 of the current school year who has not started kindergarten and is a recipient
 163.33 of an early learning scholarship funded under the federal Race to the Top - Early Learning

164.1 Challenge Grant must receive a scholarship under this section at the end of the child's Race
 164.2 to the Top - Early Learning Challenge Grant scholarship as long as funds are available.

164.3 ~~(d)~~ (e) A child who has received a scholarship under this section must continue to
 164.4 receive a scholarship each year until that child is eligible for kindergarten under section
 164.5 120A.20 and as long as funds are available.

164.6 ~~(e)~~ (f) Early learning scholarships may not be counted as earned income for the
 164.7 purposes of medical assistance under chapter 256B, MinnesotaCare under chapter 256L,
 164.8 Minnesota family investment program under chapter 256J, child care assistance programs
 164.9 under chapter 119B, or Head Start under the federal Improving Head Start for School
 164.10 Readiness Act of 2007.

164.11 (g) A child from an adjoining state whose family resides at a Minnesota address as
 164.12 assigned by the United States Postal Service, who has received developmental screening
 164.13 under sections 121A.16 to 121A.19, who intends to enroll in a Minnesota school district,
 164.14 and whose family meets the criteria of paragraph (a) is eligible for an early learning
 164.15 scholarship under this section.

164.16 Subd. 3. **Administration.** (a) The ~~commissioner~~ director of the Office of Early
 164.17 Learning shall establish application timelines and determine the schedule for awarding
 164.18 scholarships that meets operational needs of eligible families and programs.

164.19 ~~(b)~~ (b) The ~~commissioner~~ director may prioritize applications on factors including:

164.20 (1) family income;

164.21 (2) geographic location; and

164.22 (3) whether the ~~child's family~~ child:

164.23 (i) is in foster care;

164.24 (ii) is experiencing homelessness;

164.25 (iii) is on a waiting list for a publicly funded program providing early education
 164.26 or child care services; or

164.27 (iv) has a parent under age 21 who is pursuing a high school or postsecondary
 164.28 training or education.

164.29 ~~(b)~~ (c) For fiscal years 2014 and 2015 only, scholarships may not exceed \$5,000
 164.30 per year for each eligible child. For fiscal year 2016 and later, the ~~commissioner~~ director
 164.31 shall establish a target for the average scholarship amount per child based on the results
 164.32 of the rate survey conducted under section 119B.02, not to exceed the statewide general
 164.33 education revenue per pupil in adjusted average daily membership. The director may
 164.34 increase by up to 15 percent the scholarship amount for children enrolled in a three-star
 164.35 Parent Aware-rated program and may increase by up to 20 percent the scholarship amount

165.1 for children enrolled in a four-star Parent Aware-rated program so long as any increase
 165.2 added to the average scholarship amount does not exceed the actual program rate or tuition.

165.3 ~~(e)~~ (d) A four-star rated program that has children eligible for a scholarship enrolled
 165.4 in or on a waiting list for a program beginning in July, August, or September may notify
 165.5 the ~~commissioner~~ director, in the form and manner prescribed by the ~~commissioner~~
 165.6 director, each year of the program's desire ~~to enhance program services or to serve more~~
 165.7 children than current funding provides. The ~~commissioner~~ director may designate a
 165.8 predetermined number of scholarship slots for that program and notify the program of
 165.9 that number. Beginning July 1, 2016, a school district or Head Start program qualifying
 165.10 under this paragraph, a licensed child care center, or a family child care provider
 165.11 may use its established registration process to enroll scholarship recipients and may
 165.12 verify a scholarship recipient's family income in the same manner as for other program
 165.13 participants. Scholarships awarded under this paragraph must be paid to the eligible
 165.14 program provider designated by the award recipient, and must be transferred to another
 165.15 eligible program provider at the recipient's request.

165.16 ~~(d)~~ (e) A scholarship is awarded for a 12-month period. If the scholarship recipient
 165.17 has not been accepted and subsequently enrolled in a rated program within ten months of
 165.18 the awarding of the scholarship, the scholarship cancels and the recipient must reapply in
 165.19 order to be eligible for another scholarship. A child may not be awarded more than one
 165.20 scholarship in a 12-month period.

165.21 ~~(e)~~ (f) A child who receives a scholarship who has not completed development
 165.22 screening under sections 121A.16 to 121A.19 must complete that screening within 90
 165.23 days of first attending an eligible program.

165.24 ~~(f)~~ (g) For fiscal year ~~2017~~ 2016 and later, ~~a school district or Head Start program~~
 165.25 ~~enrolling scholarship recipients under paragraph (c) may apply to the commissioner, in~~
 165.26 ~~the form and manner prescribed by the commissioner, for direct payment of state aid.~~
 165.27 ~~Upon receipt of the application, the commissioner must pay each program directly for~~
 165.28 ~~each approved scholarship recipient enrolled under paragraph (c) according to the metered~~
 165.29 ~~payment system or another schedule established by the commissioner.~~ the total amount of
 165.30 funding directly allocated to a program under paragraph (d) must not exceed the amount
 165.31 directly awarded to those programs in fiscal year 2015.

165.32 Subd. 4. **Early childhood program eligibility.** (a) ~~In order~~ To be eligible to accept
 165.33 an early learning scholarship, a program must:

165.34 (1) participate in the quality rating and improvement system under section
 165.35 124D.142; and

166.1 (2) beginning July 1, ~~2016~~ 2020, have a three- or four-star rating in the quality rating
 166.2 and improvement system or be a program the director determines is eligible based on an
 166.3 evidence-based program evaluation or program review.

166.4 ~~(b) Any program accepting scholarships must use the revenue to supplement and not~~
 166.5 ~~supplant federal funding.~~

166.6 ~~(e)~~ (b) Notwithstanding paragraph (a), all Minnesota early learning foundation
 166.7 scholarship program pilot sites are eligible to accept an early learning scholarship under
 166.8 this section.

166.9 (c) A provider is not eligible to participate in the scholarship program under this
 166.10 section if:

166.11 (1) the provider has been disqualified from receiving payment for child care services
 166.12 from the child care assistance program under chapter 119B due to wrongfully obtaining
 166.13 child care assistance under section 256.98, subdivision 8, paragraph (c);

166.14 (2) the program or individual is currently on the national disqualified list for the
 166.15 Child and Adult Care Food Program; or

166.16 (3) the program or provider has been convicted of any activity that occurred during
 166.17 the past seven years indicating a lack of business integrity, including fraud, making false
 166.18 statements, receiving stolen property, making false claims, or obstruction of justice.

166.19 Subd. 4a. **Record-keeping requirements.** A program participating under this
 166.20 section must maintain and, at the director's request, make available to the director the
 166.21 attendance records and records of charges and payments for all children participating in
 166.22 this program, including payments from sources other than this program.

166.23 Subd. 5. **Report required.** The ~~commissioner~~ director shall contract with an
 166.24 independent contractor to evaluate the early learning scholarship program. The evaluation
 166.25 must include recommendations regarding the appropriate scholarship amount, efficiency,
 166.26 and effectiveness of the administration, and impact on kindergarten readiness. By January
 166.27 15, 2016, the ~~commissioner~~ director shall submit a written copy of the evaluation to the
 166.28 chairs and ranking minority members of the legislative committees and divisions with
 166.29 primary jurisdiction over kindergarten through grade 12 education.

166.30 Subd. 6. **Use of funds.** (a) Scholarships must be used to supplement and not
 166.31 supplant federal funding.

166.32 (b) A scholarship must be used in a program the child regularly attends to ensure
 166.33 the child's access to the general curriculum of the program, consistent with the program
 166.34 schedule.

166.35 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective for fiscal year 2016 and later.

167.1 Sec. 9. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 125A.03, is amended to read:

167.2 **125A.03 SPECIAL INSTRUCTION FOR CHILDREN WITH A DISABILITY.**

167.3 (a) As defined in paragraph (b), every district must provide special instruction and
167.4 services, either within the district or in another district, for all children with a disability,
167.5 including providing required services under Code of Federal Regulations, title 34, section
167.6 300.121, paragraph (d), to those children suspended or expelled from school for more than
167.7 ten school days in that school year, who are residents of the district and who are disabled
167.8 as set forth in section 125A.02. For purposes of state and federal special education laws,
167.9 the phrase "special instruction and services" in the state Education Code means a free
167.10 and appropriate public education provided to an eligible child with disabilities. "Free
167.11 appropriate public education" means special education and related services that:

167.12 (1) are provided at public expense, under public supervision and direction, and
167.13 without charge;

167.14 (2) meet the standards of the state, including the requirements of the Individuals
167.15 with Disabilities Education Act, Part B or C;

167.16 (3) include an appropriate preschool, elementary school, or secondary school
167.17 education; and

167.18 (4) are provided to children ages three through 21 in conformity with an
167.19 individualized education program that meets the requirements of the Individuals with
167.20 Disabilities Education Act, subpart A, sections 300.320 to 300.324, and provided to
167.21 infants and toddlers in conformity with an individualized family service plan that meets
167.22 the requirements of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, subpart A, sections
167.23 303.300 to 303.346.

167.24 (b) Notwithstanding any age limits in laws to the contrary, special instruction and
167.25 services must be provided from birth until July 1 after the child with a disability becomes
167.26 21 years old but shall not extend beyond secondary school or its equivalent, except as
167.27 provided in section 124D.68, subdivision 2. Local health, education, and social service
167.28 agencies must refer children under age five who are known to need or suspected of
167.29 needing special instruction and services to the school district. Districts with less than the
167.30 minimum number of eligible children with a disability as determined by the commissioner
167.31 must cooperate with other districts to maintain a full range of programs for education
167.32 and services for children with a disability. This section does not alter the compulsory
167.33 attendance requirements of section 120A.22.

167.34 (c) At the board's discretion, a school district that participates in a reciprocity
167.35 agreement with a neighboring state under section 124D.041 may enroll and provide
167.36 special instruction and services to a child from an adjoining state whose family resides

168.1 at a Minnesota address as assigned by the United States Postal Service if the district has
 168.2 completed child identification procedures for that child to determine the child's eligibility
 168.3 for special education services, and the child has received developmental screening under
 168.4 sections 121A.16 to 121A.19.

168.5 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 1, 2015.

168.6 Sec. 10. **APPROPRIATIONS.**

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

168.10 **Subd. 2. School readiness.** For revenue for school readiness programs under
 168.11 Minnesota Statutes, sections 124D.15 and 124D.16:

168.12 \$ 16,670,000 2016

168.13 \$ 17,170,000 2017

168.14 The 2016 appropriation includes \$1,217,000 for 2015 and \$15,453,000 for 2016.

168.15 The 2017 appropriation includes \$1,717,000 for 2016 and \$15,453,000 for 2017.

168.16 **Subd. 3. Early childhood family education aid.** For early childhood family
 168.17 education aid under Minnesota Statutes, section 124D.135:

168.18 \$ 27,698,000 2016

168.19 \$ 28,346,000 2017

168.20 The 2016 appropriation includes \$2,713,000 for 2015 and \$24,985,000 for 2016.

168.21 The 2017 appropriation includes \$2,776,000 for 2016 and \$25,570,000 for 2017.

168.22 **Subd. 4. Developmental screening aid.** For developmental screening aid under
 168.23 Minnesota Statutes, sections 121A.17 and 121A.19:

168.24 \$ 3,363,000 2016

168.25 \$ 3,369,000 2017

168.26 The 2016 appropriation includes \$338,000 for 2015 and \$3,025,000 for 2016.

168.27 The 2017 appropriation includes \$336,000 for 2016 and \$3,033,000 for 2017.

168.28 **Subd. 5. Head Start program.** (a) For Head Start programs under Minnesota
 168.29 Statutes, section 119A.52:

168.30 \$ 20,100,000 2016

168.31 \$ 20,100,000 2017

169.1 (b) Head Start programs must use the funds under this subdivision to increase the
 169.2 number of eligible children served beyond the number of eligible children served under
 169.3 federal funds.

169.4 (c) No Head Start programs providing compensation or other employment benefits
 169.5 that exceed established federal limits may receive funding under this subdivision.

169.6 Subd. 6. **Educate parents partnership.** For the educate parents partnership under
 169.7 Minnesota Statutes, section 124D.129:

169.8	\$	<u>49,000</u>	.....	<u>2016</u>
169.9	\$	<u>49,000</u>	.....	<u>2017</u>

169.10 Subd. 7. **Kindergarten entrance assessment initiative and intervention**
 169.11 **program.** For the kindergarten entrance assessment initiative and intervention program
 169.12 under Minnesota Statutes, section 124D.162:

169.13	\$	<u>281,000</u>	.....	<u>2016</u>
169.14	\$	<u>281,000</u>	.....	<u>2017</u>

169.15 Subd. 8. **Early learning scholarships.** For the early learning scholarship program
 169.16 under Minnesota Statutes, section 124D.165:

169.17	\$	<u>37,884,000</u>	.....	<u>2016</u>
169.18	\$	<u>47,884,000</u>	.....	<u>2017</u>

169.19 Up to \$950,000 each year is for administration of this program.
 169.20 Any balance in the first year does not cancel but is available in the second year.

169.21 Subd. 9. **Parent-child home program.** For a grant to the parent-child home
 169.22 program:

169.23	\$	<u>350,000</u>	.....	<u>2016</u>
169.24	\$	<u>350,000</u>	.....	<u>2017</u>

169.25 The grant must be used for an evidence-based and research-validated early childhood
 169.26 literacy and school readiness program for children ages 16 months to four years at its
 169.27 existing suburban program location.

169.28 Subd. 10. **Northside Achievement Zone.** For a grant to the Northside Achievement
 169.29 Zone:

169.30	\$	<u>200,000</u>	.....	<u>2016</u>
169.31	\$	<u>200,000</u>	.....	<u>2017</u>

169.32 Funds appropriated in this section are to reduce multigenerational poverty and the
 169.33 educational achievement gap through increased enrollment of families within the zone,

170.1 and may be used for Northside Achievement Zone programming and services consistent
 170.2 with federal Promise Neighborhood program agreements and requirements.

170.3 Subd. 11. **St. Paul Promise Neighborhood.** For a grant to the St. Paul Promise
 170.4 Neighborhood:

170.5 \$ 200,000 2016

170.6 \$ 200,000 2017

170.7 Funds appropriated in this section are to reduce multigenerational poverty and the
 170.8 educational achievement gap through increased enrollment of families within the zone,
 170.9 and may be used for St. Paul Promise Neighborhood programming and services consistent
 170.10 with federal Promise Neighborhood program agreements and requirements.

170.11 Subd. 12. **Quality Rating System.** For transfer to the commissioner of human
 170.12 services for the purposes of expanding the Quality Rating and Improvement System under
 170.13 Minnesota Statutes, section 124D.142, in greater Minnesota and increasing supports for
 170.14 providers participating in the Quality Rating and Improvement System:

170.15 \$ 1,200,000 2016

170.16 \$ 2,300,000 2017

170.17 Any balance in the first year does not cancel but is available in the second year.

170.18 **ARTICLE 10**

170.19 **PREVENTION**

170.20 Section 1. **APPROPRIATION.**

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

170.24 Subd. 2. **Community education aid.** For community education aid under
 170.25 Minnesota Statutes, section 124D.20:

170.26 \$ 788,000 2016

170.27 \$ 554,000 2017

170.28 The 2016 appropriation includes \$107,000 for 2015 and \$681,000 for 2016.

170.29 The 2017 appropriation includes \$75,000 for 2016 and \$479,000 for 2017.

170.30 Subd. 3. **Adults with disabilities program aid.** For adults with disabilities
 170.31 programs under Minnesota Statutes, section 124D.56:

172.1 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective for fiscal year 2016 and later.

172.2 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 124D.531, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

172.3 Subd. 2. **Basic population aid.** (a) A district is eligible for basic population aid if
 172.4 the district has a basic service level approved by the commissioner under section 124D.52,
 172.5 subdivision 5, or is a member of a consortium with an approved basic service level. Basic
 172.6 population aid is equal to the greater of \$3,844 or \$1.73 times the population of the district.
 172.7 District population is determined according to section 275.14.

172.8 (b) The basic population aid for approved community-based providers of an adult
 172.9 basic education program without a specific defined district population equals \$1.73 times
 172.10 the number of students participating in the program during the previous calendar year.

172.11 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective for revenue for fiscal year 2016
 172.12 and later.

172.13 Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 124D.531, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

172.14 Subd. 3. **Program revenue.** Adult basic education programs established under
 172.15 section 124D.52 and approved by the commissioner are eligible for revenue under this
 172.16 subdivision. ~~For fiscal year 2001 and later,~~ Adult basic education revenue for each
 172.17 approved program equals the sum of:

172.18 (1) the basic population aid under subdivision 2 for districts participating in the
 172.19 program during the current program year; ~~plus~~

172.20 (2) 84 percent times the amount computed in subdivision 1, paragraph (b), times the
 172.21 ratio of the contact hours for students participating in the program during the first prior
 172.22 program year to the state total contact hours during the first prior program year; ~~plus~~

172.23 (3) eight percent times the amount computed in subdivision 1, paragraph (b), times
 172.24 the ratio of the enrollment of English learners during the second prior school year in
 172.25 districts participating in the program during the current program year to the state total
 172.26 enrollment of English learners during the second prior school year in districts participating
 172.27 in adult basic education programs during the current program year; ~~plus~~

172.28 (4) eight percent times the amount computed in subdivision 1, paragraph (b), times
 172.29 the ratio of the latest federal census count of the number of adults aged 25 or older with no
 172.30 diploma residing in the districts participating in the program during the current program
 172.31 year to the latest federal census count of the state total number of adults aged 25 or older
 172.32 with no diploma residing in the districts participating in adult basic education programs
 172.33 during the current program year; and

173.1 (5) for an approved community-based provider of an adult basic education program
 173.2 without district characteristics necessary to calculate revenue under clauses (3) and (4),
 173.3 the average revenue per participant for programs receiving revenue under those clauses
 173.4 for the previous year, times the program's participants for the previous year.

173.5 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective for revenue for fiscal year 2016
 173.6 and later.

173.7 Sec. 4. **APPROPRIATIONS.**

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

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

173.13 \$ 48,036,000 2016

173.14 \$ 48,276,000 2017

173.15 The 2016 appropriation includes \$4,782,000 for 2015 and \$43,254,000 for 2016.

173.16 The 2017 appropriation includes \$4,806,000 for 2016 and \$43,470,000 for 2017.

173.17 Subd. 3. **GED tests.** For payment of 60 percent of the costs of GED tests under
 173.18 Minnesota Statutes, section 124D.55:

173.19 \$ 125,000 2016

173.20 \$ 125,000 2017

173.21 **ARTICLE 12**

173.22 **STATE AGENCIES**

173.23 Section 1. **[119A.035] SCHOOL CRISIS RESPONSE TEAMS.**

173.24 Subdivision 1. **Commissioner's duties.** To ensure timely responses to school crises,
 173.25 the commissioner must work in cooperation with the Minnesota School Safety Center to
 173.26 collect, maintain, and make available to schools contact information for crisis response
 173.27 teams throughout the state.

173.28 Subd. 2. **Crisis response teams.** In regions of Minnesota where an existing crisis
 173.29 response team has not been formed by a school district, county, or city, the commissioner,
 173.30 in cooperation with the Minnesota School Safety Center, must convene a working group
 173.31 in each region to develop a plan to form a crisis response team for that region. Team
 173.32 members from the public and private sectors may represent various disciplines, including

174.1 school administrators, guidance counselors, psychologists, social workers, teachers,
 174.2 nurses, security experts, media relations professionals, and other related areas.

174.3 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 122A.14, subdivision 9, is amended to read:

174.4 Subd. 9. **Fee.** Each person licensed by the Board of School Administrators shall pay
 174.5 the board a fee of \$75, collected each fiscal year. When transmitting notice of the license
 174.6 fee, the board also must notify the licensee of the penalty for failing to pay the fee within
 174.7 the time specified by the board. The board may provide a lower fee for persons on retired
 174.8 or inactive status. After receiving notice from the board, any licensed school administrator
 174.9 who does not pay the fee in the given fiscal year shall have all administrative licenses held
 174.10 by the person automatically suspended, without the right to a hearing, until the fee has been
 174.11 paid to the board. If the board suspends a licensed school administrator for failing to pay
 174.12 the fee, it must immediately notify the district currently employing the school administrator
 174.13 of the school administrator's suspension. The executive secretary shall deposit the fees in
 174.14 the educator licensure account in the special revenue fund in the state treasury.

174.15 Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 122A.18, subdivision 7c, is amended to read:

174.16 Subd. 7c. **Temporary military license.** The Board of Teaching shall establish
 174.17 a temporary license in accordance with section 197.4552 for teaching. The fee for a
 174.18 temporary license under this subdivision shall be \$87.90 for an online application or
 174.19 \$86.40 for a paper application. Fee revenue must be deposited in the educator licensure
 174.20 account in the special revenue fund.

174.21 Sec. 4. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 122A.18, subdivision 8, is amended to read:

174.22 Subd. 8. **Background checks.** (a) The Board of Teaching and the commissioner
 174.23 of education must request a criminal history background check from the superintendent
 174.24 of the Bureau of Criminal Apprehension on all applicants for initial licenses under their
 174.25 jurisdiction. An application for a license under this section must be accompanied by:

174.26 (1) an executed criminal history consent form, including fingerprints; and

174.27 (2) ~~a money order or cashier's check payable to the Bureau of Criminal Apprehension~~
 174.28 ~~for the fee for conducting~~ payment to conduct the criminal history background check.
 174.29 Proceeds from this fee must be deposited in the educator licensure background check
 174.30 account in the special revenue fund.

174.31 (b) The superintendent of the Bureau of Criminal Apprehension shall perform the
 174.32 background check required under paragraph (a) by retrieving criminal history data as
 174.33 defined in section 13.87 and shall also conduct a search of the national criminal records

175.1 repository. The superintendent is authorized to exchange fingerprints with the Federal
 175.2 Bureau of Investigation for purposes of the criminal history check. The superintendent
 175.3 shall recover the cost to the bureau of a background check through the fee charged to
 175.4 the applicant under paragraph (a).

175.5 (c) The Board of Teaching or the commissioner of education may issue a license
 175.6 pending completion of a background check under this subdivision, but must notify
 175.7 the individual that the individual's license may be revoked based on the result of the
 175.8 background check.

175.9 Sec. 5. **[122A.185] SPECIAL REVENUE FUND ACCOUNTS; EDUCATOR**
 175.10 **LICENSURE AND BACKGROUND CHECKS.**

175.11 Subdivision 1. **Educator licensure account.** An educator licensure account is
 175.12 created in the special revenue fund. Fees received by the Department of Education, the
 175.13 Board of Teaching, or the Board of Administrators must be deposited in the educator
 175.14 licensure account. Any funds appropriated from this account that remain unexpended at the
 175.15 end of the biennium cancel to the educator licensure account in the special revenue fund.

175.16 Subd. 2. **Background check account.** An educator licensure background check
 175.17 account is created in the special revenue fund. Payments received by the Department of
 175.18 Education, the Board of Teaching, or the Board of Administrators for the costs of the
 175.19 background checks to be conducted by the Bureau of Criminal Apprehension must be
 175.20 deposited in the education licensure background check account. Amounts in the account
 175.21 are appropriated to the commissioner of education for payment to the superintendent of
 175.22 the Bureau of Criminal Apprehension for the costs of background checks on applicants
 175.23 for licensure.

175.24 Sec. 6. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 122A.21, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

175.25 Subdivision 1. **Licensure applications.** Each application for the issuance, renewal,
 175.26 or extension of a license to teach, including applications for licensure via portfolio under
 175.27 subdivision 2, must be accompanied by a processing fee of \$57. Each application for
 175.28 issuing, renewing, or extending the license of a school administrator or supervisor must
 175.29 be accompanied by a processing fee in the amount set by the Board of Teaching. The
 175.30 processing fee for a teacher's license and for the licenses of supervisory personnel must be
 175.31 paid to the executive secretary of the appropriate board. ~~The executive secretary of the~~
 175.32 ~~board shall deposit the fees with the commissioner of management and budget~~ must be
 175.33 deposited in the educator licensure account in the special revenue fund. The fees as set by
 175.34 the board are nonrefundable for applicants not qualifying for a license. However, a fee

176.1 must be refunded by the commissioner of management and budget in any case in which
176.2 the applicant already holds a valid unexpired license. The board may waive or reduce fees
176.3 for applicants who apply at the same time for more than one license.

176.4 Sec. 7. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 122A.21, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

176.5 Subd. 2. **Licensure via portfolio.** (a) An eligible candidate may use licensure
176.6 via portfolio to obtain an initial licensure or to add a licensure field, consistent with the
176.7 applicable Board of Teaching licensure rules.

176.8 (b) A candidate for initial licensure must submit to the Educator Licensing Division
176.9 at the department one portfolio demonstrating pedagogical competence and one portfolio
176.10 demonstrating content competence.

176.11 (c) A candidate seeking to add a licensure field must submit to the Educator
176.12 Licensing Division at the department one portfolio demonstrating content competence.

176.13 (d) A candidate must pay to the executive secretary of the Board of Teaching a
176.14 \$300 fee for the first portfolio submitted for review and a \$200 fee for any portfolio
176.15 submitted subsequently. The fees must be paid to the executive secretary of the Board of
176.16 Teaching. The revenue generated from the fee must be deposited in an education licensure
176.17 ~~portfolio~~ account in the special revenue fund. The fees set by the Board of Teaching are
176.18 nonrefundable for applicants not qualifying for a license. The Board of Teaching may
176.19 waive or reduce fees for candidates based on financial need.

176.20 Sec. 8. **TRANSFERS.**

176.21 Subdivision 1. **Portfolio account.** On July 1, 2015, the commissioner of management
176.22 and budget shall transfer any balances in the educator licensure portfolio account in the
176.23 special revenue fund to an educator licensure account in the special revenue fund.

176.24 Subd. 2. **Background check.** Any balance in an account that holds fees collected
176.25 under Minnesota Statutes, section 122A.18, subdivision 8, is transferred to the education
176.26 licensure background check account in the special revenue fund in Minnesota Statutes,
176.27 122A.185, subdivision 2. On July 2, 2015, \$80,000 is transferred from the education
176.28 licensure background check account in the special revenue fund to the educator licensure
176.29 account in the special revenue fund.

176.30 Sec. 9. **APPROPRIATIONS; DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION.**

177.1 Subdivision 1. **Department of Education.** Unless otherwise indicated, the sums
 177.2 indicated in this section are appropriated from the general fund to the Department of
 177.3 Education for the fiscal years designated.

177.4 Subd. 2. **Department.** (a) For the Department of Education:

177.5 \$ 18,032,000 2016

177.6 \$ 17,652,000 2017

177.7 (b) The fiscal year 2016 appropriation includes \$17,142,000 from the general fund
 177.8 and \$890,000 from the educator licensure account in the special revenue fund. The fiscal
 177.9 year 2017 appropriation includes \$16,867,000 from the general fund and \$745,000 from
 177.10 the educator licensure account in the special revenue fund.

177.11 (c) Of these amounts:

177.12 (1) \$260,000 each year is for the Minnesota Children's Museum;

177.13 (2) \$50,000 each year is for the Duluth Children's Museum;

177.14 (3) \$41,000 each year is for the Minnesota Academy of Science; and

177.15 (4) \$25,000 each year is for administration of the Innovative Education Pilot under
 177.16 Laws 2012, chapter 263, section 1.

177.17 (d) Any balance in the first year does not cancel but is available in the second year.

177.18 (e) None of the amounts appropriated under this subdivision may be used for
 177.19 Minnesota's Washington, D.C. office.

177.20 (f) The expenditures of federal grants and aids as shown in the biennial budget
 177.21 document and its supplements are approved and appropriated and shall be spent as
 177.22 indicated.

177.23 (g) This appropriation includes funds for information technology project services and
 177.24 support subject to the provisions of Minnesota Statutes, section 16E.0466. Any ongoing
 177.25 information technology costs will be incorporated into the service level agreement and
 177.26 will be paid to the Office of MN.IT Services by the Department of Education under the
 177.27 rates and mechanism specified in that agreement.

177.28 (h) \$720,000 in fiscal year 2016 and \$720,000 in fiscal year 2017 of the appropriation
 177.29 in paragraph (a) are from the educator licensure account in the special revenue fund for the
 177.30 educator licensure division to support the Boards of Teaching and Administrators.

177.31 (i) \$50,000 in fiscal year 2016 of the appropriation in paragraph (a) is from the
 177.32 educator licensure account in the special revenue fund for IT-related costs associated with
 177.33 rulemaking for out-of-state teacher candidates.

177.34 (j) \$120,000 in fiscal year 2016 and \$25,000 in fiscal year 2017 in paragraph (a)
 177.35 are from the educator licensure account in the special revenue fund for IT-related costs
 177.36 associated with establishing interstate teacher licensure agreements.

178.1 (k) \$23,000 each year is for collecting data on the number of deaths and
178.2 hospitalizations for students who participate in travel abroad programs.

178.3 Sec. 10. **APPROPRIATIONS; BOARD OF TEACHING.**

178.4 (a) \$618,000 in fiscal year 2016 and \$618,000 in fiscal year 2017 are appropriated
178.5 from the educator licensure account in the special revenue fund to the Board of Teaching.

178.6 (b) \$130,000 in fiscal year 2016 is appropriated from the educator licensure account
178.7 in the special revenue fund for rulemaking related to additional teacher licensure activities.

178.8 (c) \$25,000 in fiscal year 2016 and \$25,000 in fiscal year 2017 are appropriated from
178.9 the educator licensure account in the special revenue fund for travel and communications
178.10 costs associated with establishing interstate teacher licensure agreements with adjoining
178.11 states.

178.12 Sec. 11. **APPROPRIATIONS; BOARD OF SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS.**

178.13 \$167,000 in fiscal year 2016 and \$167,000 in fiscal year 2017 are appropriated
178.14 from the educator licensure account in the special revenue fund to the Board of School
178.15 Administrators.

178.16 Sec. 12. **APPROPRIATIONS; MINNESOTA STATE ACADEMIES.**

178.17 (a) The sums indicated in this section are appropriated from the general fund to the
178.18 Minnesota State Academies for the Deaf and the Blind for the fiscal years designated:

178.19	\$	<u>12,672,000</u>	<u>.....</u>	<u>2016</u>
178.20	\$	<u>12,454,000</u>	<u>.....</u>	<u>2017</u>

178.21 (b) Of the amounts appropriated in paragraph (a), \$708,000 in fiscal year 2016 and
178.22 \$490,000 in fiscal year 2017 are for technology enhancements and may be used for:

178.23 (1) computer hardware; (2) computer software; (3) connectivity, communications, and
178.24 infrastructure; (4) assistive technology; (5) access to electronic books and other online
178.25 materials, licenses, and subscriptions; and (6) technology staff and training costs.

178.26 (c) Any balance in the first year does not cancel but is available in the second year.

178.27 (d) The base for 2018 and later is \$11,964,000.

178.28 Sec. 13. **APPROPRIATIONS; PERPICH CENTER FOR ARTS EDUCATION.**

178.29 The sums in this section are appropriated from the general fund to the Perpich
178.30 Center for Arts Education for the fiscal years designated:

178.31	\$	<u>6,773,000</u>	<u>.....</u>	<u>2016</u>
178.32	\$	<u>6,773,000</u>	<u>.....</u>	<u>2017</u>

179.1 Any balance in the first year does not cancel but is available in the second year.

179.2 **ARTICLE 13**

179.3 **FORECAST ADJUSTMENTS**

179.4 **A. GENERAL EDUCATION**

179.5 Section 1. Laws 2013, chapter 116, article 1, section 58, subdivision 2, as amended
179.6 by Laws 2013, chapter 144, section 7, and Laws 2014, chapter 312, article 15, section
179.7 26, is amended to read:

179.8 Subd. 2. **General education aid.** For general education aid under Minnesota
179.9 Statutes, section 126C.13, subdivision 4:

179.10 \$ 6,851,419,000 2014

179.11 ~~6,464,199,000~~

179.12 \$ 6,443,330,000 2015

179.13 The 2014 appropriation includes \$780,156,000 for 2013 and \$6,071,263,000 for
179.14 2014.

179.15 The 2015 appropriation includes ~~\$589,095,000~~ \$586,824,000 for 2014 and
179.16 ~~\$5,875,104,000~~ \$5,856,506,000 for 2015.

179.17 Sec. 2. Laws 2013, chapter 116, article 1, section 58, subdivision 3, as amended by
179.18 Laws 2014, chapter 312, article 22, section 1, is amended to read:

179.19 Subd. 3. **Enrollment options transportation.** For transportation of pupils attending
179.20 postsecondary institutions under Minnesota Statutes, section 124D.09, or for transportation
179.21 of pupils attending nonresident districts under Minnesota Statutes, section 124D.03:

179.22 \$ 37,000 2014

179.23 ~~40,000~~

179.24 \$ 36,000 2015

179.25 Sec. 3. Laws 2013, chapter 116, article 1, section 58, subdivision 4, as amended by
179.26 Laws 2014, chapter 312, article 22, section 2, is amended to read:

179.27 Subd. 4. **Abatement revenue.** For abatement aid under Minnesota Statutes, section
179.28 127A.49:

179.29 \$ 2,876,000 2014

179.30 ~~3,103,000~~

179.31 \$ 2,796,000 2015

179.32 The 2014 appropriation includes \$301,000 for 2013 and \$2,575,000 for 2014.

179.33 The 2015 appropriation includes \$286,000 for 2014 and ~~\$2,817,000~~ \$2,510,000
179.34 for 2015.

180.1 Sec. 4. Laws 2013, chapter 116, article 1, section 58, subdivision 5, as amended by
 180.2 Laws 2014, chapter 312, article 22, section 3, is amended to read:

180.3 Subd. 5. **Consolidation transition.** For districts consolidating under Minnesota
 180.4 Statutes, section 123A.485:

180.5 \$ 585,000 2014

180.6 ~~254,000~~

180.7 \$ 263,000 2015

180.8 The 2014 appropriation includes \$40,000 for 2013 and \$545,000 for 2014.

180.9 The 2015 appropriation includes \$60,000 for 2014 and ~~\$194,000~~ \$203,000 for 2015.

180.10 Sec. 5. Laws 2013, chapter 116, article 1, section 58, subdivision 6, as amended by
 180.11 Laws 2014, chapter 312, article 15, section 27, is amended to read:

180.12 Subd. 6. **Nonpublic pupil education aid.** For nonpublic pupil education aid under
 180.13 Minnesota Statutes, sections 123B.40 to 123B.43 and 123B.87:

180.14 \$ 15,867,000 2014

180.15 ~~16,132,000~~

180.16 \$ 15,569,000 2015

180.17 The 2014 appropriation includes \$1,898,000 for 2013 and \$13,969,000 for 2014.

180.18 The 2015 appropriation includes ~~\$1,552,000~~ \$1,394,000 for 2014 and ~~\$14,580,000~~
 180.19 \$14,175,000 for 2015.

180.20 Sec. 6. Laws 2013, chapter 116, article 1, section 58, subdivision 7, as amended by
 180.21 Laws 2014, chapter 312, article 15, section 28, is amended to read:

180.22 Subd. 7. **Nonpublic pupil transportation.** For nonpublic pupil transportation aid
 180.23 under Minnesota Statutes, section 123B.92, subdivision 9:

180.24 \$ 18,500,000 2014

180.25 ~~17,710,000~~

180.26 \$ 18,118,000 2015

180.27 The 2014 appropriation includes \$2,602,000 for 2013 and \$15,898,000 for 2014.

180.28 The 2015 appropriation includes \$1,766,000 for 2014 and ~~\$15,944,000~~ \$16,352,000
 180.29 for 2015.

180.30 Sec. 7. Laws 2013, chapter 116, article 1, section 58, subdivision 11, as amended by
 180.31 Laws 2014, chapter 312, article 22, section 4, is amended to read:

180.32 Subd. 11. **Career and technical aid.** For career and technical aid under Minnesota
 180.33 Statutes, section 124D.4531, subdivision 1b:

183.1 The 2015 appropriation includes ~~\$129,549,000~~ \$129,317,000 for 2014 and
 183.2 ~~\$982,092,000~~ \$979,827,000 for 2015.

183.3 Sec. 14. Laws 2013, chapter 116, article 5, section 31, subdivision 3, as amended by
 183.4 Laws 2014, chapter 312, article 22, section 12, is amended to read:

183.5 Subd. 3. **Aid for children with disabilities.** For aid under Minnesota Statutes,
 183.6 section 125A.75, subdivision 3, for children with disabilities placed in residential facilities
 183.7 within the district boundaries for whom no district of residence can be determined:

183.8 \$ 1,548,000 2014

183.9 ~~1,674,000~~

183.10 \$ 1,367,000 2015

183.11 If the appropriation for either year is insufficient, the appropriation for the other
 183.12 year is available.

183.13 Sec. 15. Laws 2013, chapter 116, article 5, section 31, subdivision 4, as amended by
 183.14 Laws 2014, chapter 312, article 22, section 13, is amended to read:

183.15 Subd. 4. **Travel for home-based services.** For aid for teacher travel for home-based
 183.16 services under Minnesota Statutes, section 125A.75, subdivision 1:

183.17 \$ 351,000 2014

183.18 ~~346,000~~

183.19 \$ 351,000 2015

183.20 The 2014 appropriation includes \$45,000 for 2013 and \$306,000 for 2014.

183.21 The 2015 appropriation includes \$33,000 for 2014 and ~~\$313,000~~ \$318,000 for 2015.

183.22 E. FACILITIES AND TECHNOLOGY

183.23 Sec. 16. Laws 2013, chapter 116, article 6, section 12, subdivision 2, as amended by
 183.24 Laws 2014, chapter 312, article 22, section 15, is amended to read:

183.25 Subd. 2. **Health and safety revenue.** For health and safety aid according to
 183.26 Minnesota Statutes, section 123B.57, subdivision 5:

183.27 \$ 471,000 2014

183.28 ~~651,000~~

183.29 \$ 649,000 2015

183.30 The 2014 appropriation includes \$24,000 for 2013 and \$447,000 for 2014.

183.31 The 2015 appropriation includes \$49,000 for 2014 and ~~\$602,000~~ \$600,000 for 2015.

183.32 Sec. 17. Laws 2013, chapter 116, article 6, section 12, subdivision 6, as amended by
 183.33 Laws 2014, chapter 312, article 22, section 18, is amended to read:

184.1 Subd. 6. **Deferred maintenance aid.** For deferred maintenance aid, according to
 184.2 Minnesota Statutes, section 123B.591, subdivision 4:

184.3 \$ 3,877,000 2014

184.4 ~~4,024,000~~

184.5 \$ 4,067,000 2015

184.6 The 2014 appropriation includes \$475,000 for 2013 and \$3,402,000 for 2014.

184.7 The 2015 appropriation includes \$378,000 for 2014 and ~~\$3,646,000~~ \$3,689,000

184.8 for 2015.

184.9 **F. NUTRITION AND LIBRARIES**

184.10 Sec. 18. Laws 2013, chapter 116, article 7, section 21, subdivision 2, as amended by
 184.11 Laws 2014, chapter 312, article 19, section 5, is amended to read:

184.12 Subd. 2. **School lunch.** For school lunch aid according to Minnesota Statutes,
 184.13 section 124D.111, and Code of Federal Regulations, title 7, section 210.17:

184.14 \$ 12,417,000 2014

184.15 ~~16,185,000~~

184.16 \$ 15,506,000 2015

184.17 Sec. 19. Laws 2013, chapter 116, article 7, section 21, subdivision 3, as amended by
 184.18 Laws 2014, chapter 312, article 19, section 6, is amended to read:

184.19 Subd. 3. **School breakfast.** For traditional school breakfast aid under Minnesota
 184.20 Statutes, section 124D.1158:

184.21 \$ 5,308,000 2014

184.22 ~~6,176,000~~

184.23 \$ 9,168,000 2015

184.24 Sec. 20. Laws 2013, chapter 116, article 7, section 21, subdivision 4, as amended by
 184.25 Laws 2014, chapter 312, article 22, section 19, is amended to read:

184.26 Subd. 4. **Kindergarten milk.** For kindergarten milk aid under Minnesota Statutes,
 184.27 section 124D.118:

184.28 \$ 992,000 2014

184.29 ~~1,002,000~~

184.30 \$ 942,000 2015

184.31 **G. EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION, SELF-SUFFICIENCY,**
 184.32 **AND LIFELONG LEARNING**

185.1 Sec. 21. Laws 2013, chapter 116, article 8, section 5, subdivision 3, as amended by
 185.2 Laws 2014, chapter 312, article 20, section 17, is amended to read:

185.3 Subd. 3. **Early childhood family education aid.** For early childhood family
 185.4 education aid under Minnesota Statutes, section 124D.135:

185.5 \$ 22,797,000 2014

185.6 ~~26,651,000~~

185.7 \$ 26,623,000 2015

185.8 The 2014 appropriation includes \$3,008,000 for 2013 and \$19,789,000 for 2014.

185.9 The 2015 appropriation includes \$2,198,000 for 2014 and ~~\$24,453,000~~ \$24,425,000
 185.10 for 2015.

185.11 Sec. 22. Laws 2013, chapter 116, article 8, section 5, subdivision 4, as amended by
 185.12 Laws 2014, chapter 312, article 22, section 23, is amended to read:

185.13 Subd. 4. **Health and developmental screening aid.** For health and developmental
 185.14 screening aid under Minnesota Statutes, sections 121A.17 and 121A.19:

185.15 \$ 3,524,000 2014

185.16 ~~3,330,000~~

185.17 \$ 3,390,000 2015

185.18 The 2014 appropriation includes \$471,000 for 2013 and \$3,053,000 for 2014.

185.19 The 2015 appropriation includes \$339,000 for 2014 and ~~\$2,991,000~~ \$3,051,000
 185.20 for 2015.

185.21 Sec. 23. Laws 2013, chapter 116, article 8, section 5, subdivision 14, as amended by
 185.22 Laws 2014, chapter 312, article 20, section 20, is amended to read:

185.23 Subd. 14. **Adult basic education aid.** For adult basic education aid under
 185.24 Minnesota Statutes, section 124D.531:

185.25 \$ 48,776,000 2014

185.26 ~~48,415,000~~

185.27 \$ 47,750,000 2015

185.28 The 2014 appropriation includes \$6,278,000 for 2013 and \$42,498,000 for 2014.

185.29 The 2015 appropriation includes ~~\$4,722,000~~ \$4,712,000 for 2014 and ~~\$43,693,000~~
 185.30 \$43,038,000 for 2015."

185.31 Delete the title and insert:

185.32 "A bill for an act
 185.33 relating to education; providing for funding and policy in early childhood,
 185.34 kindergarten through grade 12, and adult education, including general education,
 185.35 education excellence, standards and assessments, charter schools, special
 185.36 education, facilities and technology, nutrition and accounting, libraries, early
 185.37 childhood education, prevention, self-sufficiency and lifelong learning, state

186.1 agencies, and forecast adjustments; requiring rulemaking; appropriating
 186.2 money; amending Minnesota Statutes 2014, sections 5A.03; 13.32, subdivision
 186.3 5; 16A.103, subdivision 1c; 120A.41; 120B.02, subdivision 2; 120B.021,
 186.4 subdivision 4; 120B.022, subdivisions 1, 1a, 1b; 120B.024, subdivision 2;
 186.5 120B.11, subdivision 1a; 120B.12, subdivision 4a; 120B.125; 120B.13,
 186.6 subdivision 4; 120B.30, subdivisions 1, 1a, 3; 120B.31, subdivision 4; 120B.36,
 186.7 subdivision 1; 121A.17, subdivision 5; 122A.09, subdivision 4, by adding
 186.8 subdivisions; 122A.14, subdivisions 3, 9, by adding a subdivision; 122A.18,
 186.9 subdivisions 2, 7c, 8; 122A.20, subdivision 1; 122A.21, subdivisions 1, 2;
 186.10 122A.23; 122A.245, subdivisions 1, 3, 7; 122A.25; 122A.30; 122A.31,
 186.11 subdivisions 1, 2; 122A.40, subdivisions 5, 8, 10, 11, 13; 122A.41, subdivisions
 186.12 2, 5, 6, 14; 122A.414, subdivision 2; 122A.60; 122A.61, subdivision 1; 122A.69;
 186.13 122A.70, subdivision 1; 123A.24, subdivision 1; 123A.75, subdivision 1;
 186.14 123B.045; 123B.59, subdivisions 6, 7; 123B.77, subdivision 3; 123B.88,
 186.15 subdivision 1, by adding a subdivision; 124D.041, subdivisions 1, 2; 124D.09,
 186.16 subdivisions 5, 5a, 8, 9, 12; 124D.091, subdivision 1; 124D.10, subdivisions
 186.17 1, 3, 4, 8, 9, 12, 14, 16, 23, by adding a subdivision; 124D.11, subdivisions
 186.18 1, 9; 124D.121; 124D.122; 124D.126, subdivision 1; 124D.127; 124D.128,
 186.19 subdivision 1; 124D.13; 124D.135; 124D.16; 124D.165; 124D.531, subdivisions
 186.20 1, 2, 3; 124D.73, subdivisions 3, 4; 124D.74, subdivisions 1, 3, 6; 124D.75,
 186.21 subdivisions 1, 3, 9; 124D.76; 124D.78; 124D.79, subdivisions 1, 2; 124D.791,
 186.22 subdivision 4; 124D.861; 124D.862; 125A.01; 125A.023, subdivisions 3, 4;
 186.23 125A.027; 125A.03; 125A.08; 125A.085; 125A.0942, subdivision 3; 125A.21;
 186.24 125A.28; 125A.63, subdivisions 2, 3, 4, 5; 125A.75, subdivision 9; 125A.76,
 186.25 subdivisions 1, 2c; 125B.26, subdivision 2; 126C.10, subdivisions 1, 2, 2a, 2e,
 186.26 3, 13a, 18, 24; 126C.13, subdivision 4; 126C.15, subdivisions 1, 2, 3; 126C.17,
 186.27 subdivisions 1, 2; 127A.05, subdivision 6; 127A.49, subdivision 1; 135A.101, by
 186.28 adding a subdivision; 179A.20, by adding a subdivision; Laws 2013, chapter 116,
 186.29 article 1, section 58, subdivisions 2, as amended, 3, as amended, 4, as amended,
 186.30 5, as amended, 6, as amended, 7, as amended, 11, as amended; article 3, section
 186.31 37, subdivisions 3, as amended, 4, as amended, 5, as amended, 20, as amended;
 186.32 article 4, section 9, subdivision 2, as amended; article 5, section 31, subdivisions
 186.33 2, as amended, 3, as amended, 4, as amended; article 6, section 12, subdivisions
 186.34 2, as amended, 6, as amended; article 7, sections 19; 21, subdivisions 2, as
 186.35 amended, 3, as amended, 4, as amended; article 8, section 5, subdivisions 3, as
 186.36 amended, 4, as amended, 14, as amended; Laws 2014, chapter 312, article 16,
 186.37 section 15; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapters 119A;
 186.38 122A; 124D; 125A; repealing Minnesota Statutes 2014, sections 120B.128;
 186.39 122A.40, subdivision 11; 125A.63, subdivision 1; 126C.12, subdivision 6;
 186.40 126C.13, subdivisions 3a, 3b, 3c; 126C.41, subdivision 1; Minnesota Rules,
 186.41 part 3500.1000."