

1.1 Davnie from the Education Finance Division to which was referred:

1.2 H. F. No. 4415, A bill for an act relating to education; providing for compensation for  
1.3 school employees during distance learning periods during the 2019-2020 school year due  
1.4 to COVID-19; making exceptions for probationary teachers and truancy during the 2019-2020  
1.5 school year due to COVID-19; making formula adjustments for school aid and revenue  
1.6 calculations and providing for fund transfers due to COVID-19; granting emergency powers  
1.7 to the commissioner of education and Professional Educator Licensing and Standards Board  
1.8 due to COVID-19; requiring a report.

1.9 Reported the same back with the following amendments:

1.10 Page 2, line 32, delete "or" and insert "assistance with" and after "learning" insert ", or  
1.11 connecting families with resources"

1.12 Page 4, after line 6, insert:

1.13 "Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 134.355, subdivision 8, is amended to read:

1.14 Subd. 8. **Eligibility.** (a) A regional public library system may apply for regional library  
1.15 telecommunications aid on behalf of itself and member public libraries.

1.16 (b) The aid must first be used for connections and other eligible non-voice-related e-rate  
1.17 program category one services.

1.18 (c) If sufficient funds remain once category one needs are met in the funding year, aid  
1.19 may be used for e-rate program category two services as identified in the Federal  
1.20 Communication Commission's eligible services list for the current and preceding four  
1.21 funding years, if sufficient funds remain once category one needs are met in each funding  
1.22 year.

1.23 (d) If sufficient funds remain after the aid has been used for the purposes of paragraphs  
1.24 (b) and (c), the aid may be used to improve Internet access and access to technology with  
1.25 items that are not e-rated including but not limited to digital or online resources.

2.1 (e) To be eligible, a regional public library system must be officially designated by the  
 2.2 commissioner of education as a regional public library system as defined in section 134.34,  
 2.3 subdivision 3, and each of its participating cities and counties must meet local support levels  
 2.4 defined in section 134.34, subdivision 1. A public library building that receives aid under  
 2.5 this section must be open a minimum of 20 hours per week. Exceptions to the minimum  
 2.6 open hours requirement may be granted by the Department of Education on request of the  
 2.7 regional public library system for the following circumstances: short-term closing for  
 2.8 emergency maintenance and repairs following a natural disaster; in response to exceptional  
 2.9 economic circumstances; building repair or maintenance that requires public services areas  
 2.10 to be closed; or to adjust hours of public service to respond to documented seasonal use  
 2.11 patterns.

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

2.13 Page 4, lines 16 and 24, delete "18" and insert "16"

2.14 Page 4, line 21, delete "17" and insert "15"

2.15 Page 6, delete subdivision 9 and insert:

2.16 "Subd. 9. **Community education after-school enrichment revenue.** Notwithstanding  
 2.17 Minnesota Statutes, section 124D.19, subdivision 12, for fiscal year 2020 only, for spending  
 2.18 occurring on or after March 18, 2020, after-school enrichment revenue under Minnesota  
 2.19 Statutes, section 124D.20, subdivision 4a, continues and may be used for purposes consistent  
 2.20 with guidance issued by the commissioner."

2.21 Page 6, line 11, delete everything after "with" and insert "guidance issued by the  
 2.22 commissioner."

2.23 Page 6, delete subdivision 11 and insert:

2.24 "Subd. 11. **Early childhood screening revenue.** Notwithstanding any law to the contrary,  
 2.25 for fiscal years 2020 and 2021 only, the commissioner of education must calculate each  
 2.26 school district's early childhood screening revenue under Minnesota Statutes, section  
 2.27 121A.19, using the formula amounts set in statute for each age group and the 2018-2019  
 2.28 school year counts of children screened for each age group."

2.29 Page 6, delete section 2 and insert:

2.30 "Sec. 3. **FUND TRANSFERS; FISCAL YEAR 2020 ONLY.**

2.31 Subdivision 1. **Fund and account transfers allowed.** Notwithstanding Minnesota  
 2.32 Statutes, section 123B.80, subdivision 3, for fiscal year 2020 only, a school district, charter

3.1 school, or cooperative unit may transfer any funds not already assigned to or encumbered  
 3.2 by staff salary and benefits, or otherwise encumbered by federal law, from any accounts or  
 3.3 operating fund to the undesignated balance in any other operating fund.

3.4 Subd. 2. **No aid or levy effect.** A fund or account transfer is allowed under this section  
 3.5 if the transfer does not increase state aid obligations to the district or school, or result in  
 3.6 additional property tax authority for the district. A fund or account transfer is limited to the  
 3.7 operating funds and accounts of a school district, charter school, or cooperative unit.

3.8 Subd. 3. **Board approval required; reporting; audit trail.** A fund or account transfer  
 3.9 under this section is effective June 30, 2020, and the school board must approve any fund  
 3.10 or account transfer before the reporting deadline for fiscal year 2020. A school district,  
 3.11 charter school, or cooperative unit must maintain accounting records for the purposes of  
 3.12 this section that are sufficient to document both the specific funds transferred and use of  
 3.13 those funds. The accounting records are subject to auditor review. Any execution of flexibility  
 3.14 must not interfere with or jeopardize funding per federal requirements. Any transfer must  
 3.15 not interfere with the equitable delivery of distance learning or social distancing models.

3.16 Subd. 4. **Commissioner's guidance.** The commissioner must prepare and post to the  
 3.17 department's website a document providing guidance on the process for approval of fund  
 3.18 and account balance transfers authorized under this section.

3.19 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment and  
 3.20 applies retroactively from March 18, 2020.

3.21 **Sec. 4. ACCOUNTING.**

3.22 Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, services paid under section 1, including expenses  
 3.23 recorded in the food service fund, may be charged to the same Uniform Financial Accounting  
 3.24 and Reporting Standards codes to which the service is charged for an instructional day.

3.25 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment and  
 3.26 is retroactive from the beginning of the 2019-2020 school year. This section expires June  
 3.27 30, 2020."

3.28 Renumber the sections in sequence and correct internal references

3.29 Correct the title numbers accordingly

3.30 With the recommendation that when so amended the bill be re-referred to the Committee  
 3.31 on Ways and Means.

4.1 This Committee action taken April 21, 2020

4.2 ..... Chair