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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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H. F. No. 995

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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Education Policy

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to education; modifying student admission provisions; amending Minnesota
1.3 Statutes 2022, section 120A.20, subdivision 1.

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

1.5 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 120A.20, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

1.6 Subdivision 1. Age limitations; pupils. (a) All schools supported in whole or in part
1.7 by state funds are public schools. Admission to a public school is free to any person who:
1.8 (1) resides within the district that operates the school; (2) is under 21 years of age or who
1.9 meets the requirements of paragraph (c); and (3) satisfies the minimum age requirements
1.10 imposed by this section. Notwithstanding the provisions of any law to the contrary, the
1.11 conduct of all students under 21 years of age attending a public secondary school is governed
1.12 by a single set of reasonable rules and regulations promulgated by the school board.

1.13 (b) A person shall not be admitted to a public school (1) as a kindergarten pupil, unless
1.14 the pupil is at least five years of age on September 1 of the calendar year in which the school
1.15 year for which the pupil seeks admission commences; or (2) as a 1st grade student, unless
1.16 the pupil is at least six years of age on September 1 of the calendar year in which the school
1.17 year for which the pupil seeks admission commences or has completed kindergarten; except
1.18 that any school board may establish a policy for admission of selected pupils at an earlier
1.19 age under section 124D.02.

1.20 (c) A pupil who becomes age 21 after enrollment is eligible for continued free public
1.21 school enrollment until at least one of the following occurs: (1) the first September 1 after
1.22 the pupil's 21st birthday; (2) the pupil's completion of the graduation requirements; (3) the

2.1 pupil's withdrawal with no subsequent enrollment within 21 calendar days; or (4) the end  
2.2 of the school year.

2.3 (d) Students enrolled in 9th through 12th grade during the 2022-2023 or 2023-2024  
2.4 school year must be eligible for continued free public school enrollment until at least one  
2.5 of the following occurs: (1) the first September 1 after the pupil's 22nd birthday; (2) the  
2.6 pupil's completion of graduation requirements; (3) the pupil's withdrawal with no subsequent  
2.7 enrollment within 21 calendar days; or (4) the end of the school year.