

1.1 moves to amend H.F. No. 844, the delete everything amendment
1.2 (A15-0458), as follows:

1.3 Page 87, delete section 1

1.4 Page 89, delete section 5 and insert:

1.5 "Sec. 5. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 120B.11, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

1.6 Subd. 2. **Adopting plans and budgets.** A school board, at a public meeting, shall
1.7 adopt a comprehensive, long-term strategic plan to support and improve teaching and
1.8 learning that is aligned with creating the world's best workforce and includes:

1.9 (1) clearly defined district and school site goals and benchmarks for instruction and
1.10 student achievement for all student subgroups identified in section 120B.35, subdivision 3,
1.11 paragraph (b), clause (2);

1.12 (2) a process for assessing and evaluating each student's progress toward meeting
1.13 state and local academic standards and identifying the strengths and weaknesses of
1.14 instruction in pursuit of student and school success and curriculum affecting students'
1.15 progress and growth toward career and college readiness including the career and college
1.16 readiness composite scores under section 120B.30, subdivision 3, paragraph (c), and
1.17 leading to the world's best workforce;

1.18 (3) a system to periodically review and evaluate the effectiveness of all instruction
1.19 and curriculum, taking into account strategies and best practices, student outcomes, school
1.20 principal evaluations under section 123B.147, subdivision 3, and teacher evaluations
1.21 under section 122A.40, subdivision 8, or 122A.41, subdivision 5;

1.22 (4) strategies for improving instruction, curriculum, and student achievement,
1.23 including the English and, where practicable, the native language development and the
1.24 academic achievement of English learners;

1.25 (5) education effectiveness practices that integrate high-quality instruction, rigorous
1.26 curriculum, technology, and a collaborative professional culture that develops and
1.27 supports teacher quality, performance, and effectiveness; and

2.1 (6) an annual budget for continuing to implement the district plan."

2.2 Page 91, delete section 7

2.3 Page 97, delete sections 8 and insert:

2.4 "Sec. 7. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 120B.30, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

2.5 Subdivision 1. **Statewide testing.** (a) The commissioner, with advice from experts
2.6 with appropriate technical qualifications and experience and stakeholders, consistent with
2.7 subdivision 1a, shall include in the comprehensive assessment system, for each grade
2.8 level to be tested, state-constructed tests ~~developed as computer-adaptive reading and~~
2.9 ~~mathematics assessments for students that are~~ aligned with the state's required academic
2.10 standards under section 120B.021, include multiple choice questions, and are administered
2.11 annually to all students:

2.12 (1) in mathematics grades 3 5 through 7, 8 and 11;

2.13 (2) in reading, grades 3 through 5, 8, and 10; and

2.14 (3) in science, grades 5, 8, and once in high school. The high school test shall
2.15 assess the life science standards.

2.16 Assessments under this section must comply with the requirements under the federal No
2.17 Child Left Behind flexibility waiver. Before any change to state standardized assessment
2.18 is effective, the Department of Education must attain a corresponding amendment to its
2.19 federal flexibility waiver.

2.20 ~~(b) Reading and mathematics assessments for all students in grade 8 must be aligned~~
2.21 ~~with the state's required reading and mathematics standards, be administered annually,~~
2.22 ~~and include multiple choice questions. State-developed high school tests aligned with the~~
2.23 ~~state's required academic standards under section 120B.021 and administered to all high~~
2.24 ~~school students in a subject other than writing must include multiple choice questions. The~~
2.25 commissioner shall establish one or more months during which schools shall administer
2.26 the tests to students each school year. The commissioner shall determine the testing
2.27 process and order of administration.

2.28 (c) The state assessment system must be aligned to the most recent version of
2.29 academic standards as described in section 120B.023 three school years from the effective
2.30 date of the academic standards rule. The commissioner must not develop statewide
2.31 assessments for academic standards in social studies, health and physical education, and
2.32 the arts.

2.33 (d) For purposes of conforming with existing federal educational accountability
2.34 requirements, the commissioner must develop and implement computer-adaptive reading
2.35 and mathematics assessments for grades 3 through 8 and high school reading and
2.36 mathematics tests aligned with state academic standards, and science assessments under

3.1 paragraph (a), clause (2), that districts and sites must use to monitor student growth
 3.2 toward achieving those standards.

3.3 (e) The commissioner must ensure that for annual computer-adaptive assessments:

3.4 (1) individual student performance data and achievement reports are available
 3.5 within three school days of when students take an assessment except in a year when an
 3.6 assessment reflects new performance standards;

3.7 (2) growth information is available for each student from the student's first
 3.8 assessment to each proximate assessment using a constant measurement scale;

3.9 (3) parents, teachers, and school administrators are able to use elementary and
 3.10 middle school student performance data to project students' secondary and postsecondary
 3.11 achievement; and

3.12 (4) useful diagnostic information about areas of students' academic strengths and
 3.13 weaknesses is available to teachers and school administrators for improving student
 3.14 instruction and indicating the specific skills and concepts that should be introduced and
 3.15 developed for students at given performance levels, organized by strands within subject
 3.16 areas, and aligned to state academic standards.

3.17 Subd. 1c. **Assessment graduation requirements.** (†) (a) Students enrolled in
 3.18 grade 8 through the 2009-2010 school year are eligible to be assessed under (†) (1) the
 3.19 graduation-required assessment for diploma in reading, mathematics, or writing under
 3.20 Minnesota Statutes 2012, section 120B.30, subdivision 1, paragraphs (c), clauses (1) and
 3.21 (2), and (d), (††) (2) the WorkKeys job skills assessment, (†††) (3) the Compass college
 3.22 placement test, (††††) (4) the ACT assessment for college admission, or (†††††) (5) a nationally
 3.23 recognized armed services vocational aptitude test.

3.24 (2) (b) Students enrolled in grade 8 in the 2010-2011 or 2011-2012 school year
 3.25 are eligible to be assessed under (†) (1) the graduation-required assessment for diploma
 3.26 in reading, mathematics, or writing under Minnesota Statutes 2012, section 120B.30,
 3.27 subdivision 1, paragraph (c), clauses (1) and (2), (††) (2) the WorkKeys job skills
 3.28 assessment, (†††) (3) the Compass college placement test, (††††) (4) the ACT assessment for
 3.29 college admission, or (†††††) (5) a nationally recognized armed services vocational aptitude test.

3.30 (3) (c) For students under ~~elause (1) or (2)~~ paragraph (a) or (b), a school district may
 3.31 substitute a score from an alternative, equivalent assessment to satisfy the requirements of
 3.32 this paragraph.

3.33 (b) ~~The state assessment system must be aligned to the most recent revision of~~
 3.34 ~~academic standards as described in section 120B.023 in the following manner:~~

3.35 (1) ~~mathematics;~~

3.36 (i) ~~grades 3 through 8 beginning in the 2010-2011 school year; and~~

4.1 (ii) ~~high school level beginning in the 2013-2014 school year;~~

4.2 (2) ~~science; grades 5 and 8 and at the high school level beginning in the 2011-2012~~
4.3 ~~school year; and~~

4.4 (3) ~~language arts and reading; grades 3 through 8 and high school level beginning in~~
4.5 ~~the 2012-2013 school year.~~

4.6 (e) ~~(d)~~ For students enrolled in grade 8 in the 2012-2013 school year and later,
4.7 students' state graduation requirements, based on a longitudinal, systematic approach to
4.8 student education and career planning, assessment, instructional support, and evaluation,
4.9 include the following:

4.10 (1) ~~demonstrate understanding of required academic standards~~ participation on a
4.11 nationally normed college entrance exam, in grade 11 or 12;

4.12 (2) ~~achievement and career and college readiness tests in mathematics, reading, and~~
4.13 ~~writing, consistent with paragraph (e) and to the extent available, to monitor students'~~
4.14 ~~continuous development of and growth in requisite knowledge and skills; analyze~~
4.15 ~~students' progress and performance levels, identifying students' academic strengths and~~
4.16 ~~diagnosing areas where students require curriculum or instructional adjustments, targeted~~
4.17 ~~interventions, or remediation; and, based on analysis of students' progress and performance~~
4.18 ~~data, determine students' learning and instructional needs and the instructional tools and~~
4.19 ~~best practices that support academic rigor for the student; and~~

4.20 (3) ~~(2)~~ consistent with this paragraph and section 120B.125, age-appropriate
4.21 exploration and planning activities and career assessments to encourage students to identify
4.22 personally relevant career interests and aptitudes and help students and their families
4.23 develop a regularly reexamined transition plan for postsecondary education or employment
4.24 without need for postsecondary remediation. Districts and schools, on an annual basis,
4.25 must use the career exploration elements to help students, beginning no later than grade 9,
4.26 and their families explore and plan for postsecondary education or careers based on the
4.27 students' interests, aptitudes, and aspirations. Districts and schools must use timely regional
4.28 labor market information and partnerships, among other resources, to help students and
4.29 their families successfully develop, pursue, review, and revise an individualized plan for
4.30 postsecondary education or a career. This process must help increase students' engagement
4.31 in and connection to school, improve students' knowledge and skills, and deepen students'
4.32 understanding of career pathways as a sequence of academic and career courses that lead
4.33 to an industry-recognized credential, an associate's degree, or a bachelor's degree and are
4.34 available to all students, whatever their interests and career goals.

5.1 (e) Based on appropriate state guidelines, students with an individualized education
5.2 program may satisfy state graduation requirements by achieving an individual score on
5.3 the state-identified alternative assessments.

5.4 ~~Expectations of schools, districts, and the state for career or college readiness under this~~
5.5 ~~subdivision must be comparable in rigor, clarity of purpose, and rates of student completion.~~

5.6 (f) A high school student under clause (2) not yet ready for career and college must
5.7 receive targeted, relevant, academically rigorous, and resourced instruction, which may
5.8 include a targeted instruction and intervention plan focused on improving the student's
5.9 knowledge and skills in core subjects so that the student has a reasonable chance to succeed
5.10 in a career or college without need for postsecondary remediation. Consistent with sections
5.11 120B.13, 124D.09, 124D.091, 124D.49, and related sections, an enrolling school or district
5.12 must actively encourage a student in grade 11 or 12 who is identified as academically
5.13 ready for a career or college to participate in courses and programs awarding college credit
5.14 to high school students. Students are not required to achieve a specified score or level of
5.15 proficiency on an assessment under this subdivision to graduate from high school.

5.16 ~~(d)~~ (g) To improve the secondary and postsecondary outcomes of all students, the
5.17 alignment between secondary and postsecondary education programs and Minnesota's
5.18 workforce needs, and the efficiency and cost-effectiveness of secondary and postsecondary
5.19 programs, the commissioner, after consulting with the chancellor of the Minnesota State
5.20 Colleges and Universities and using a request for proposal process, shall contract for
5.21 ~~a series of assessments that are consistent with this subdivision, aligned with state~~
5.22 ~~academic standards,~~ and include career and college readiness benchmarks. ~~Mathematics,~~
5.23 ~~reading, and writing assessments for students in grades 8 and 10 must be predictive of a~~
5.24 ~~nationally normed assessment for career and college readiness. This nationally recognized~~
5.25 ~~assessment must be a college entrance exam and given to students in grade 11. This~~
5.26 ~~series of assessments must include a college placement diagnostic exam and contain~~
5.27 ~~career exploration elements.~~ The commissioner and the chancellor of the Minnesota
5.28 State Colleges and Universities must collaborate in aligning instruction and assessments
5.29 for adult basic education students and English learners to provide the students with
5.30 diagnostic information about any targeted interventions, accommodations, modifications,
5.31 and supports they need so that assessments and other performance measures are accessible
5.32 to them and they may seek postsecondary education or employment without need for
5.33 postsecondary remediation. When administering formative or summative assessments
5.34 used to measure the academic progress, including the oral academic development, of
5.35 English learners and inform their instruction, schools must ensure that the assessments are

6.1 accessible to the students and students have the modifications and supports they need to
6.2 sufficiently understand the assessments.

6.3 ~~(1) Districts and schools, on an annual basis, must use the career exploration~~
6.4 ~~elements in these assessments to help students, beginning no later than grade 9, and their~~
6.5 ~~families explore and plan for postsecondary education or careers based on the students'~~
6.6 ~~interests, aptitudes, and aspirations. Districts and schools must use timely regional labor~~
6.7 ~~market information and partnerships, among other resources, to help students and their~~
6.8 ~~families successfully develop, pursue, review, and revise an individualized plan for~~
6.9 ~~postsecondary education or a career. This process must help increase students' engagement~~
6.10 ~~in and connection to school, improve students' knowledge and skills, and deepen students'~~
6.11 ~~understanding of career pathways as a sequence of academic and career courses that lead~~
6.12 ~~to an industry-recognized credential, an associate's degree, or a bachelor's degree and are~~
6.13 ~~available to all students, whatever their interests and career goals.~~

6.14 ~~(2) Students in grade 10 or 11 not yet academically ready for a career or college based~~
6.15 ~~on their growth in academic achievement between grades 8 and 10 must take the college~~
6.16 ~~placement diagnostic exam before taking the college entrance exam under clause (3).~~
6.17 ~~Students, their families, the school, and the district can then use the results of the college~~
6.18 ~~placement diagnostic exam for targeted instruction, intervention, or remediation and~~
6.19 ~~improve students' knowledge and skills in core subjects sufficient for a student to graduate~~
6.20 ~~and have a reasonable chance to succeed in a career or college without remediation.~~

6.21 ~~(3) All students except those eligible for alternative assessments must be given the~~
6.22 ~~college entrance part of these assessments in grade 11. A student under this clause who~~
6.23 ~~demonstrates attainment of required state academic standards, which include career and~~
6.24 ~~college readiness benchmarks, on these assessments is academically ready for a career or~~
6.25 ~~college and is encouraged to participate in courses awarding college credit to high school~~
6.26 ~~students. Such courses and programs may include sequential courses of study within~~
6.27 ~~broad career areas and technical skill assessments that extend beyond course grades.~~

6.28 ~~(4) (h) As appropriate, students through grade 12 must continue to participate in~~
6.29 ~~targeted instruction, intervention, or remediation and be encouraged to participate in~~
6.30 ~~courses awarding college credit to high school students.~~

6.31 ~~(5) A study to determine the alignment between these assessments and state~~
6.32 ~~academic standards under this chapter must be conducted. Where alignment exists, the~~
6.33 ~~commissioner must seek federal approval to, and immediately upon receiving approval,~~
6.34 ~~replace the federally required assessments referenced under subdivision 1a and section~~
6.35 ~~120B.35, subdivision 2, with assessments under this paragraph.~~

7.1 ~~(e) In developing, supporting, and improving students' academic readiness for a~~
7.2 ~~career or college, schools, districts, and the state must have a continuum of empirically~~
7.3 ~~derived, clearly defined benchmarks focused on students' attainment of knowledge and~~
7.4 ~~skills so that students, their parents, and teachers know how well students must perform to~~
7.5 ~~have a reasonable chance to succeed in a career or college without need for postsecondary~~
7.6 ~~remediation. The commissioner, in consultation with local school officials and educators,~~
7.7 ~~and Minnesota's public postsecondary institutions must ensure that the foundational~~
7.8 ~~knowledge and skills for students' successful performance in postsecondary employment~~
7.9 ~~or education and an articulated series of possible targeted interventions are clearly~~
7.10 ~~identified and satisfy Minnesota's postsecondary admissions requirements.~~

7.11 ~~(f) (i) For students in grade 8 in the 2012-2013 school year and later, a school,~~
7.12 ~~district, or charter school must record on the high school transcript a student's progress~~
7.13 ~~toward career and college readiness, and for other students as soon as practicable.~~

7.14 ~~(g) (j) The school board granting students their diplomas may formally decide to~~
7.15 ~~include a notation of high achievement on the high school diplomas of those graduating~~
7.16 ~~seniors who, according to established school board criteria, demonstrate exemplary~~
7.17 ~~academic achievement during high school.~~

7.18 ~~(h) The 3rd through 7th grade computer-adaptive assessment results and grade 8~~
7.19 ~~and high school test results shall be available to districts for diagnostic purposes affecting~~
7.20 ~~student learning and district instruction and curriculum, and for establishing educational~~
7.21 ~~accountability. The commissioner must establish empirically derived benchmarks on~~
7.22 ~~adaptive assessments in grades 3 through 7 that reveal a trajectory toward career and~~
7.23 ~~college readiness. The commissioner must disseminate to the public the computer-adaptive~~
7.24 ~~assessments, grade 8, and high school test results upon receiving those results.~~

7.25 ~~(i) The grades 3 through 7 computer-adaptive assessments and grade 8 and high~~
7.26 ~~school tests must be aligned with state academic standards. The commissioner shall~~
7.27 ~~determine the testing process and the order of administration. The statewide results shall~~
7.28 ~~be aggregated at the site and district level, consistent with subdivision 1a.~~

7.29 ~~(j) The commissioner shall include the following components in the statewide~~
7.30 ~~public reporting system:~~

7.31 ~~(1) uniform statewide computer-adaptive assessments of all students in grades 3~~
7.32 ~~through 7 and testing at the grade 8 and high school levels that provides appropriate,~~
7.33 ~~technically sound accommodations or alternate assessments;~~

7.34 ~~(2) educational indicators that can be aggregated and compared across school~~
7.35 ~~districts and across time on a statewide basis, including average daily attendance, high~~
7.36 ~~school graduation rates, and high school drop-out rates by age and grade level;~~

8.1 ~~(3) state results on the American College Test; and~~
8.2 ~~(4) state results from participation in the National Assessment of Educational~~
8.3 ~~Progress so that the state can benchmark its performance against the nation and other~~
8.4 ~~states, and, where possible, against other countries, and contribute to the national effort~~
8.5 ~~to monitor achievement.~~

8.6 (k) For purposes of statewide accountability, "career and college ready" means a
8.7 high school graduate has the knowledge, skills, and competencies to successfully pursue a
8.8 career pathway, including postsecondary credit leading to a degree, diploma, certificate, or
8.9 industry-recognized credential and employment. Students who are career and college ready
8.10 are able to successfully complete credit-bearing coursework at a two- or four-year college
8.11 or university or other credit-bearing postsecondary program without need for remediation.

8.12 ~~(l) For purposes of statewide accountability, "cultural competence," "cultural~~
8.13 ~~competency," or "culturally competent" means the ability and will to interact effectively~~
8.14 ~~with people of different cultures, native languages, and socioeconomic backgrounds.~~

8.15 (l) Students are not required to achieve a specific score or level of proficiency on an
8.16 assessment under this subdivision to graduate from high school.

8.17 Sec. 8. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 120B.30, subdivision 1a, is amended to read:

8.18 Subd. 1a. **Statewide and local assessments; results.** (a) For purposes of this
8.19 section, the following definitions have the meanings given them.

8.20 (1) "Computer-adaptive assessments" means fully adaptive assessments.

8.21 (2) "Fully adaptive assessments" include test items that are on-grade level and items
8.22 that may be above or below a student's grade level.

8.23 (3) "On-grade level" test items contain subject area content that is aligned to state
8.24 academic standards for the grade level of the student taking the assessment.

8.25 (4) "Above-grade level" test items contain subject area content that is above the
8.26 grade level of the student taking the assessment and is considered aligned with state
8.27 academic standards to the extent it is aligned with content represented in state academic
8.28 standards above the grade level of the student taking the assessment. Notwithstanding
8.29 the student's grade level, administering above-grade level test items to a student does not
8.30 violate the requirement that state assessments must be aligned with state standards.

8.31 (5) "Below-grade level" test items contain subject area content that is below the
8.32 grade level of the student taking the test and is considered aligned with state academic
8.33 standards to the extent it is aligned with content represented in state academic standards
8.34 below the student's current grade level. Notwithstanding the student's grade level,

9.1 administering below-grade level test items to a student does not violate the requirement
9.2 that state assessments must be aligned with state standards.

9.3 (6) For purposes of statewide accountability, "cultural competence," "cultural
9.4 competency," or "culturally competent" means the ability and will to interact effectively
9.5 with people of different cultures, native languages, and socioeconomic backgrounds.

9.6 ~~(b) The commissioner must use fully adaptive mathematics and reading assessments~~
9.7 ~~for grades 3 through 7 beginning in the 2015-2016 school year and later.~~

9.8 ~~(c) For purposes of conforming with existing federal educational accountability~~
9.9 ~~requirements, the commissioner must develop and implement computer-adaptive reading~~
9.10 ~~and mathematics assessments for grades 3 through 7, state-developed grade 8 and high~~
9.11 ~~school reading and mathematics tests aligned with state academic standards, and science~~
9.12 ~~assessments under clause (2) that districts and sites must use to monitor student growth~~
9.13 ~~toward achieving those standards. The commissioner must not develop statewide~~
9.14 ~~assessments for academic standards in social studies, health and physical education, and~~
9.15 ~~the arts. The commissioner must require:~~

9.16 ~~(1) annual computer-adaptive reading and mathematics assessments in grades 3~~
9.17 ~~through 7, and grade 8 and high school reading and mathematics tests; and~~

9.18 ~~(2) annual science assessments in one grade in the grades 3 through 5 span, the~~
9.19 ~~grades 6 through 8 span, and a life sciences assessment in the grades 9 through 12 span,~~
9.20 ~~and the commissioner must not require students to achieve a passing score on high school~~
9.21 ~~science assessments as a condition of receiving a high school diploma.~~

9.22 ~~(d) The commissioner must ensure that for annual computer-adaptive assessments:~~

9.23 ~~(1) individual student performance data and achievement reports are available~~
9.24 ~~within three school days of when students take an assessment except in a year when an~~
9.25 ~~assessment reflects new performance standards;~~

9.26 ~~(2) growth information is available for each student from the student's first~~
9.27 ~~assessment to each proximate assessment using a constant measurement scale;~~

9.28 ~~(3) parents, teachers, and school administrators are able to use elementary and~~
9.29 ~~middle school student performance data to project students' secondary and postsecondary~~
9.30 ~~achievement; and~~

9.31 ~~(4) useful diagnostic information about areas of students' academic strengths and~~
9.32 ~~weaknesses is available to teachers and school administrators for improving student~~
9.33 ~~instruction and indicating the specific skills and concepts that should be introduced and~~
9.34 ~~developed for students at given performance levels, organized by strands within subject~~
9.35 ~~areas, and aligned to state academic standards.~~

10.1 (e) (b) The commissioner must ensure that all state tests administered to elementary
10.2 and secondary students measure students' academic knowledge and skills and not students'
10.3 values, attitudes, and beliefs.

10.4 ~~(f) Reporting of state assessment results must:~~

10.5 ~~(1) provide timely, useful, and understandable information on the performance of~~
10.6 ~~individual students, schools, school districts, and the state;~~

10.7 ~~(2) include a growth indicator of student achievement; and~~

10.8 ~~(3) determine whether students have met the state's academic standards.~~

10.9 (g) (c) Consistent with applicable federal law, the commissioner must include
10.10 appropriate, technically sound accommodations or alternative assessments for the very
10.11 few students with disabilities for whom statewide assessments are inappropriate and
10.12 for English learners.

10.13 ~~(h) A school, school district, and charter school must administer statewide~~
10.14 ~~assessments under this section, as the assessments become available, to evaluate student~~
10.15 ~~progress toward career and college readiness in the context of the state's academic~~
10.16 ~~standards. A school, school district, or charter school may use a student's performance~~
10.17 ~~on a statewide assessment as one of multiple criteria to determine grade promotion or~~
10.18 ~~retention. A school, school district, or charter school may use a high school student's~~
10.19 ~~performance on a statewide assessment as a percentage of the student's final grade in a~~
10.20 ~~course, or place a student's assessment score on the student's transcript.~~

10.21 Sec. 9. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 120B.30, is amended by adding a subdivision
10.22 to read:

10.23 Subd. 1b. **Special and extenuating circumstances.** The Department of Education
10.24 shall develop a list of circumstances in which a student may be unable to test. The list
10.25 shall include but not be limited to: students transferring to Minnesota from another state,
10.26 students transferring from nonpublic to public school, students hospitalized, and parental
10.27 opting out of the student's testing. Students unable to participate in statewide assessment
10.28 due to a circumstance on the list authorized under this subdivision shall not be penalized
10.29 for missing the opportunity to take a test.

10.30 Sec. 10. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 120B.30, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

10.31 Subd. 3. **Reporting.** (a) The commissioner shall report test results publicly and
10.32 to stakeholders, including the performance achievement levels developed from students'
10.33 unweighted test scores in each tested subject and a listing of demographic factors that
10.34 strongly correlate with student performance. The test results must not include personally

11.1 identifiable information as defined in Code of Federal Regulations, title 34, section 99.3.

11.2 The commissioner shall also report data that compares performance results among school
11.3 sites, school districts, Minnesota and other states, and Minnesota and other nations. The
11.4 commissioner shall disseminate to schools and school districts a more comprehensive
11.5 report containing testing information that meets local needs for evaluating instruction and
11.6 curriculum. The commissioner shall disseminate to charter school authorizers a more
11.7 comprehensive report containing testing information that contains anonymized data where
11.8 cell count data are sufficient to protect student identity and that meets the authorizer's
11.9 needs in fulfilling its obligations under section 124D.10.

11.10 (b) Reporting of state assessment results must:

11.11 (1) provide timely, useful, and understandable information on the performance of
11.12 individual students, schools, school districts, and the state;

11.13 (2) include a growth indicator of student achievement; and

11.14 (3) determine whether students have met the state's academic standards.

11.15 (c) The grade 3 through 7 computer-adaptive assessment results and grade 8 and
11.16 high school test results shall be available to districts for diagnostic purposes affecting
11.17 student learning and district instruction and curriculum, and for establishing educational
11.18 accountability. The commissioner must establish empirically derived benchmarks on
11.19 adaptive assessments in grades 3 through 7 that reveal a trajectory toward career and
11.20 college readiness. The commissioner shall establish composite career and college-ready
11.21 scores in grades 5, 8, and high school. The composite scores shall predict performance on
11.22 a college entrance exam. The commissioner must disseminate to the public test results
11.23 upon receiving those results.

11.24 (d) The commissioner shall include the following components in the statewide
11.25 public reporting system:

11.26 (1) uniform statewide computer-adaptive assessments of all students in grades
11.27 3 through 8 and high school levels that provide appropriate, technically sound
11.28 accommodations or alternate assessments;

11.29 (2) educational indicators that can be aggregated and compared across school
11.30 districts and across time on a statewide basis, including average daily attendance, high
11.31 school graduation rates, and high school drop-out rates by age and grade level;

11.32 (3) state results on the ACT; and

11.33 (4) state results from participation in the National Assessment of Educational
11.34 Progress so that the state can benchmark its performance against the nation and other
11.35 states, and, where possible, against other countries, and contribute to the national effort
11.36 to monitor achievement.

12.1 Sec. 11. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 120B.30, is amended by adding a subdivision
12.2 to read:

12.3 Subd. 3a. **Administration and usage.** A school, school district, and charter school
12.4 must administer statewide assessments under this section, as the assessments become
12.5 available, to evaluate student progress toward career and college readiness in the context
12.6 of the state's academic standards. A school, school district, or charter school may use a
12.7 student's performance on a statewide assessment as one of multiple criteria to determine
12.8 grade promotion or retention. A school, school district, or charter school may use a high
12.9 school student's performance on a statewide assessment as a percentage of the student's
12.10 final grade in a course, or place a student's assessment score on the student's transcript.

12.11 Sec. 12. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 120B.30, subdivision 4, is amended to read:

12.12 Subd. 4. **Access to tests.** Consistent with section 13.34, the commissioner must
12.13 adopt and publish a policy to provide public and parental access for review of ~~basic~~
12.14 ~~skills tests, Minnesota Comprehensive Assessments, or any other such statewide test~~
12.15 ~~and assessment~~ developed assessments which would not compromise the objectivity or
12.16 fairness of the testing or examination process. Upon receiving a written request, the
12.17 commissioner must make available to parents or guardians a copy of their student's actual
12.18 responses to the test questions for their review.

12.19 Sec. 13. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 120B.31, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

12.20 Subd. 2. **Statewide testing.** Each school year, all sch_ool districts shall give a
12.21 uniform statewide test to students at specified grades to provide information on the status,
12.22 needs and performance of Minnesota students, consistent with section 120B.30."

12.23 Page 99, after line 31, insert:

12.24 "The Department of Education may transfer money between accounts implicated
12.25 under this section to effect the requirements in this article."

12.26 Page 99, delete section 10 and insert:

12.27 "Sec. 10. **REPEALER.**

12.28 Minnesota Statutes 2014, sections 120B.128; 120B.35, subdivision 5; and 126C.12,
12.29 subdivision 6, are repealed."

12.30 Renumber the sections in sequence and correct the internal references

12.31 Amend the title accordingly