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Section	Article 1: General Education		Article 1: General Education
1	Permanent school fund reporting. Directs the	Same	Section 1. Permanent school fund reporting. Requires the
	commissioner to report to the Permanent School Fund		Department of Finance to report on the amount of the
	Advisory Committee and the legislature on the amount of the		permanent school fund transfer and the State Board of
	permanent school fund transfer and information about fund		Investment to provide information on how they maximized
	investments. Clarifies that the State Board of Investment		long-term economic return of the fund.
	must report to the advisory committee on how it maximized		
	fund investments.		
2	School calendar. Allows a school district that is cooperating	Same	Section 2. School calendar. Allows a district that has an
	with a district that has a \$400,000 construction or remodeling		agreement with a school district that qualifies for an
	project to also begin the school year before Labor Day.		exemption to begin school before Labor Day to also begin
			their school year before Labor Day.
		No comparable provision	Section 3. Length of school year; hours of instruction.
			Changes the number of days required to hours required.
3	Effective staff development activities. Expands the	Similar, Senate does not include boiler training.	Section 4. Effective staff development activities. Expands
	definition of staff development activities to include basic first		the definition of staff development activities to include basic
	aid training, focusing on CPR and the use of automatic		first aid training, focusing on CPR and the use of automatic
	external defibrillators (AEDs), and boiler operator training.		external defibrillators (AEDs).
4	Staff development revenue. Authorizes a school district	Similar, Senate does not include boiler training.	Staff development revenue. Authorizes a school district to
	to use a portion of its staff development revenue for basic		use a portion of its staff development revenue for basic first
	first aid training, focusing on CPR and the use of AEDs		aid training, focusing on CPR and the use of AEDs before
	before making the staff development allocations to school		making the staff development allocations to school sites.
	sites. Authorizes a school board to use a portion of its		
	share of staff development revenue for boiler operator		
	training.		
		No comparable provision	Section 4. Consolidation; maximum authorized
			referendum revenues. Sets the referendum allowance for a
			consolidated district in the years following a consolidation.
		No comparable provision	Section 5. Alternative method. Sets the referendum
			allowance for a consolidated district in the years following a
			consolidation.
		No comparable provision	Section 7. Providing education materials and tests. Limits
			nonpublic pupil aid for textbooks to nonpublic schools with
			enrollment that exceeds 15 students.
		No comparable provision	Section 8. Provided services. Limits nonpublic pupil aid for

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			specific health services to nonpublic schools with enrollment that exceeds 15 students.
5	Statement for comparison and correction. Changes from January 15 to February 15 the date by which the commissioner must convert audited financial data into a consolidated financial statement format that is published on the Minnesota Department of Education Web site.	Same	Section 9. Statement for comparison and correction. Changes the date by which the commissioner must convert audited financial data into a consolidated financial statement format.
6	Failure to limit expenditures. Changes from January 15 to February 15 the deadline for reporting school districts in statutory operating debt to the legislature.	Same	Section 13. Failure to limit expenditures. Changes from January 1 to February 15 the date by which the commissioner must notify the legislature about school districts in statutory operating debt.
		No comparable provision	Section 14. Length of school year. Changes the number of days required to hours required for charter schools.
7	Nonresident tuition rate; other costs. To avoid billing confusion, excludes compensatory revenue from tuition billing calculations for cooperatives.	Same	Section 15. Nonresident tuition rate; other costs. Directs the department to pay compensatory revenue directly to the cooperatives and exclude compensatory revenue from the tuition billing calculations.
8	Foreign exchange pupils. Allows school districts to count as resident pupils those foreign exchange students enrolled in a district under a cultural exchange program registered with the Secretary of State's office.	Same	Section 16. Foreign exchange pupils. Requires a cultural exchange program to be registered with the Office of the Secretary of State.
		No comparable provision	Section 17. Extended time revenue. Limits revenue generation under extended time revenue to districts offering extended time programs during the fiscal year.
9	Sparsity revenue for school districts that close a facility. Authorizes a school district that closes a school facility to receive the greater of its sparsity revenue computed under current law or the amount of sparsity revenue it received in the previous year.	No comparable provision	
		No comparable provision	Section 18. Operating capital levy. Limits the operating capital levy to fiscal years 2009 and 2010. Makes the levy obsolete in later years.
		No comparable provision	Section 19. Operating capital aid. Limits the operating

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			capital aid to fiscal years 2009 and 2010. Make the aid
			obsolete in later years.
		No comparable provision	Section 20. Equity levy. Limits the equity levy to fiscal
			years 2009 and 2010. Makes the levy obsolete in later years.
		No comparable provision	Section 21. Equity aid. Limits the equity aid to fiscal years
			2009 and 2010. Makes the aid obsolete in later years.
		No comparable provision	Section 22. Transition levy. Limits the transition levy to
			fiscal years 2009 and 2010. Makes the levy obsolete in later
			years.
		No comparable provision	Section 23. Transition aid. Limits the transition aid to
			fiscal years 2009 and 2010. Makes the aid obsolete in later
			years.
	Article 2, section 60. Basic alternative teacher		Section 24. Basic alternative teacher compensation aid.
	compensation aid. (a) Amends the basic alternative teacher		Corrects the aid portion of the program to be 73.1 percent for
	compensation aid calculation for fiscal years 2008 and 2009 to reflect 73.1 percent of basic alternative teacher		fiscal year 2009; limits the basic alternative teacher compensation aid program within the general education
	compensation revenue instead of 65 percent of basic		statute to fiscal year 2010; sets the statutory maximum on the
	alternative teacher compensation revenue.		aid.
	alternative teacher compensation revenue.		
	(b) Establishes a formula for calculating basic alternative		
	teacher compensation aid for fiscal years 2010 and later for		
	Q-Comp schools, intermediate school districts, and charter		
	schools.		
	Makes this section immediately effective.		
		No comparable provision	Section 25. Alternative teacher compensation levy. Limits
			the alternative teacher compensation program levy in the
			general education statute to fiscal years 2009 and 2010 only.
		No comparable provision	Section 26. Alternative teacher compensation aid. Limits
			the alternative teacher compensation program aid in the
			general education statute to fiscal years 2009 and 2010 only.
		No comparable provision	Section 27. Consolidated tax rate. Requires the
			Commissioner of Education to establish a consolidated tax
			rate for levies payable in the following year; sets the amount

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			of revenue that must be raised in fiscal year 2011 through
			fiscal year 2013 and later; allows school boards to adopt a resolution to reduce its levy below the amount calculated in
			this subdivision.
		No comparable provision	Section 28. Consolidated levy. Sets the consolidated levy
			amount for each district to be the consolidated tax rate times a
			district's adjusted net tax capacity for the previous year;
			requires a district to levy the amount calculated in this
			subdivision to obtain general education revenue; reduces the
			general education aid proportionally if the district adopts a
		Na aomnanahla mariatan	board resolution reducing its consolidated tax rate.
		No comparable provision	Section 29. Consolidated levy; districts off the formula. Makes an alternative calculation for the consolidated levy
			amount for a district whose levy exceeds the district's general
			education revenue.
		No comparable provision	Section 30. General education aid. Updates the calculation
			of general education aid for fiscal year 2011 and later to
			reflect the consolidation levy.
10	Building allocation. Allows the Minnesota Department	Same	Section 31. Building allocation. Adjusts the compensatory
	of Education to pay compensatory revenue directly to		revenue allocated to school buildings to reflect the
	cooperatives.		simplification of compensatory revenue payments as it relates
44			to the tuition billing system.
11	Separate accounts. Directs cooperative units to maintain	Same	Section 32. Separate accounts. Directs the department to
	separate accounts for basic skills revenue.		pay compensatory revenue directly to the cooperatives as a result of the simplifications made to the tuition billing system.
12	Referendum revenue. Increases the required number of	Similar	Section 33. Referendum revenue. Strikes the ability the
14	signatures on a petition to place a question before the	Shima	voters file a petition with the board to repeat a referendum.
	voters to revoke or reduce an operating referendum from		voters me a periori whit the board to repeat a referendam.
	15 to 30 percent of registered voters in the district.		
		No comparable provision	Section 34. County apportionment deduction. Allows a
			district to keep a portion of the wind energy production tax
			generated in the district.
		No comparable provision	Section 38. Permanent school trust fund wind energy
			revenue. Appropriates one half of the wind energy

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			production tax credit, formerly deducted from the district's
			general education aid, to the permanent school trust fund.
	Article 4, section 1. Wind energy conversion system.	No comparable provision	
	Authorizes a school board, individually or as a member of a		
	joint powers board, to become a partner, member, or		
	shareholder in a company that is formed for the sole purpose		
	of constructing, acquiring, owning, or financing a wind		
	energy conversion system. Prohibits a school board from		
	selling, transmitting or distributing electrical energy at retail.		
		No comparable provision	Section 35. Statewide average daily membership aid
			adjustment. Requires the commissioner to reduce the
			general education aid by the average daily membership aid
13	Laga nurshaga installment huve. Makes shanges that	Similar	adjustment for fiscal years 2010 through 2012 and later. Section 36. Lease purchase; installment buys. Updates the
15	Lease purchase; installment buys. Makes changes that allow certain school districts to use levy proceeds to	Similar	eligibility for the building lease levy for desegregation
	acquire property.		districts by adding cross references and clarifying eligibility
	acquire property.		for various groups of districts filing integration plans; updates
			old language to be consistent with the current desegregation
			rule.
14	Retired employee health benefits. Clarifies the existing	No comparable provision	
	levy authority for certain retiree health benefits to reflect		
	the 2008 changes. Creates a new levy for school districts		
	to fund the annual costs associated with OPEB expenses.		
	Requires a school district to: create an actuarial liability		
	to pay for the benefits; eliminate the postemployment		
	benefits from the current collective bargaining agreement;		
	and apply for the levy authority in the form and manner		
	established by the commissioner of education. Limits the		
	total amount of the annual levy to not more than \$24		
	million for taxes payable in 2010, \$50 million for taxes		
	payable in 2011 and an amount equal to the previous		
	year's levy plus \$19 million for taxes payable in 2012 and		
	later.		
15	Safe schools levy. Modifies the maintenance of effort		S.F. 3, section 13. Safe school levy. Removes the

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	requirement for school districts that make a safe schools		maintenance of effort requirements for district spending on
	levy. Current law requires districts to maintain at least		licensed school counselors, licensed school nurses, licensed
	the same level of spending for licensed school counselors,		school social workers, licensed school psychologists, and
	licensed school nurses, licensed school social workers,		licensed alcohol and chemical dependency counselors.
	licensed school psychologists, and licensed alcohol and		
	chemical dependency counselors. This section allows the		
	maintenance of effort to be calculated on either a full-		
	time employee basis or a total dollar basis.		
		No comparable provision	Section 37. Swimming pool levy. Removes limitations on
			the authority to levy to pay for the operational costs of a
			swimming pool.
			Effective Date. Makes this section effective for taxes
			payable in 2010 and later.
		No comparable provision	Section 39. Reduction of aid for not providing required
			hours of instruction. Requires the commissioner to reduce a
			district's aid if the required number of hours is not
			administered.
16	Alternative attendance programs. To avoid billing	Same	Section 40. Alternative attendance programs. Simplifies
	confusion, excludes compensatory revenue from tuition		the payment of compensatory revenue as it relates to the
	billing calculations for cooperatives.		tuition billing program.
		No comparable provision	Section 41. Abatements. Updates the abatement calculation
			to reflect the consolidated levy and the roll-out-of the
			alternative teacher compensation program from the general
			education program.
		No comparable provision	Section 42. Excess tax increment. Updates the excess tax
			increment calculation to reflect the consolidated levy and the
			roll-out-of the alternative teacher compensation program from
			the general education program.
17	Approval by electors; exception. Limits the exception	No comparable provision	
	from voter approval for OPEB bonds to municipalities		
	other than school districts (this means that a school		
	district may still create an OPEB trust and fund it with		
	bond proceeds, but only after an election to approve the		

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	sale of the bonds).		
	Makes the section effective for bonds sold after August 1, 2009.		
18	Early graduation incentive program working group. Creates a working group to study the effects of an early graduation incentive program. Sets the group's membership. Defines the duties of the working group to include an analysis of the potential cost savings of an early graduation incentive program. Requires a report to the education committees of the legislature by January 15, 2010.	No comparable provision	
19	St. Louis County school closing. Authorizes Independent School District No. 2142, St. Louis County, to receive sparsity revenue under section 9 regardless of the date when the school board adopts its resolution as required by that section.	No comparable provision	
20	Declining pupil aid; St. Charles. Creates a two-year declining pupil aid amount for Independent School District No. 858, St. Charles, to compensate for the pupils who leave the district because of the job losses attributable to the fire at the processing plant.	No comparable provision	
21	General education revenue; federal funds replacement. Allocates \$275.6 million of federal funds from the fiscal stabilization account to school districts to replace the same amount of state aid.		
22	Sunset; revisor's instruction. Sunsets the inclusion of boiler operator training as an eligible staff development activity.	No comparable provision	
23	Referendum renewal; commissioner study. Requires the commissioner of education to study the fiscal impact of allowing school districts to renew referendum authority by board action instead of through an election.	No comparable provision	
		No comparable provision	Section 43. Alternative teacher compensation, St. Cloud.

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			Requires that Independent School District No. 742, St. Cloud,
			receive alternative teacher compensation revenue in fiscal
			year 2009.
		No comparable provision	Section 44. Consolidated levy adjustment. Holds districts
			harmless, for fiscal year 2011, for any loss of revenue
			incurred as a result of the operating capital levy, equity levy,
			and transition levy being combined into the consolidated levy.
		No comparable provision	Section 45. Equalizing factors. Requires the commissioner
			to update each equalizing factor based up on the referendum
			market value per actual pupil unit established under M.S.
			chapter 126C; specifies how the commissioner must make the
			calculation.
		No comparable provision	Section 46. Learning and development revenue;
			temporary suspension. For fiscal years 2010 and 2011 only,
			allows districts to use learning and development revenue for
-		NT	general education purposes.
		No comparable provision	Section 47. Restoring support for general education.
			Appropriates the average daily membership adjustment aid from the state fiscal stabilization fund from the Title XIV of
			the American Recovery and Investment Act of 2009.
		No composable provision	
		No comparable provision	Section 48. Safe schools levy; temporary suspension. For fiscal years 2010 and 2011 only, allows districts to use save
			school levy funds for general education purposes.
		No comparable provision	Section 49. Transition revenue, Brooklyn Center.
		No comparable provision	Increases the transition revenue allowance for Independent
			School District No. 286, Brooklyn Center, for fiscal years
			2011 and later.
24	Appropriations; general fund. Appropriates state		Section 50. Appropriations; state. See fiscal tracking
	general fund money for general education aid, enrollment		sheets.
	options transportation, abatements, consolidation		
	programs, nonpublic pupil aids, nonpublic pupil		
	transportation aids; compensatory revenue pilot projects,		
	and for the Angle Inlet, Rushford-Peterson, and Lancaster		
	schools.		

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25	Appropriations; federal funds. Appropriates the K-12	Section 51. Appropriations; federal. See fiscal tracking
	share of the federal stimulus funds from the federal fund	sheets.
	account to the commissioner of education.	

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1	Information collected from local governments.	S.F. 10 Shared services (Bonoff)	
	Subd. 2. Examples of good government in		
	procurement and shared services. Allows the		
	state auditor to seek funds from local governments		
	and nongovernmental sources to establish an online		
	clearinghouse of good examples of procurement		
	practices and shared services among political		
	subdivisions. If established, requires the		
	clearinghouse to allow political subdivisions to		
	submit examples of good procurement practices		
	and shared services in a form the state auditor		
	prescribes.		
2	Access to student records; school conferences. (a) Allows	No comparable provision	
	a child's parent or guardian to designate a "significant		
	individual" to participate in a school conference involving		
	that child. Requires the parent or guardian to give prior		
	written consent to allow the individual to participate in the		
	conference and have access to data on the child that is needed		
	for and relevant to the conference. Allows the parent or		
	guardian to withdraw consent in writing at any time.		
	(b) Allows a school to accept a suggested form included in		
	this paragraph or another form for purposes of providing		
	consent under this section.		
		H.F. includes only some of the sections in H.F. 1037	Section 1. Assessment of performance.
		(Swails)	$\mathbf{D}_{\text{rescale}}$
			Paragraph (a) allows nonpublic schools to assess students

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			using a nationally recognized college entrance exam.
			Removes mandate on the district superintendent.
			Paragraphs (b) and (c) strikes language requiring a home
			school parent to assess student performance beyond the
			requirements of the national test administered to the student.
		No comparable provision	Section 2. Legitimate exemptions. Allows a student to be
			excused from school for mental health reasons with a note
			from a mental health professional.
		H.F. includes only some of the sections in H.F. 1037 (Swails)	Section 3. Reporting.
			Subdivision 1. Reports to the superintendent. Requires a
			home school parent to provide information to the resident
			superintendent on the student for only the first school year in
			which the child receives instruction after age seven.
			Subdivision 2. Availability of documentation.
			Paragraph (a) directs a parent to maintain documents, instead of making documents available indicating that a home school student is receiving required instruction and has been assessed.
			Paragraph (b) directs the parent of a home school student who enrolls in public school to provide the enrolling school or district with standardized test scores and other documents the school requires to determine placement and course requirements.
			Subdivision 3. Exemptions. Exempts accredited nonpublic schools from the requirement to maintain documents under subdivision 2.
			Subdivision 4. Reports to the state. Requires

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			superintendents to annually report the number of home school
			children reported under subdivision 1 to the commissioner.
3	Educational expectations for Minnesota's students.	H.F. similar to provision in S.F. section 7(a)	Section 4. Educational expectations for Minnesota's
	Ties course credits to state and local academic standards.		children. Strikes obsolete language distinguishing between
			those students who are required to pass the state basic skills
	Makes this section effective August 1, 2012, and		tests and those who must pass the MCA-IIs. Requires
	applicable to 9 th grade students beginning in the 2012- 2013 school year and later.		Minnesota students to successfully pass state graduation
4			exams.
4	Required academic standards. Obligates elementary schools, middle schools, and high schools to offer only	H.F. addresses mandate reductions; S.F. proposes physical education standards.	Section 5. Required academic standards. Aligns state law with federal requirements regarding academic standards for
	the required number of arts areas.	physical education standards.	students with an individualized education program.
	the required number of arts areas.		students with an individualized education program.
	Provides for appropriate alternative achievement		
	standards based on Minnesota's academic standards for		
	students with individualized education plans.		
	Makes this section effective for the 2009-2010 school		
	year and later.		
5	Elective standards. Establishes world language	Same	Section 9. World language proficiency certificates.
	proficiency certificates.		
			Paragraph (a) permits all Minnesota schools to awards
			Minnesota World Language Proficiency Certificates or
			Minnesota World Language Proficiency High Achievement Certificates.
			Certificates.
			Paragraph (b) outlines the requirements a student must
			achieve to receive a World Language Proficiency Certificate.
			Paragraph (c) outlines the requirements a student must
			achieve to receive a World Language Proficiency High
			Achievement Certificate.
6	Revisions and reviews required. Delays by one year the	H.F. proposes mandate reduction; S.F. addresses	Section 6. Revisions and reviews required. Strikes
	next revision of state academic standards in the arts,	alignment of standards for statewide tests.	language relating to assessments in the benchmarks section of
	science, language arts, and social studies. Does not delay		law.

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	the revision of the math standards.		
	Makes this section effective immediately.		
		No comparable provision	Section 7. Graduation requirements; course credits.
			Section 7. Oradaation requirements, course creatiss
			Paragraph (a) requires that a district align its curricula with state or local academic standards before granting course credit. Requires students to complete one-half credit as graduation requirement.
			Paragraph (d) allows the school board to waive the physical education requirement if the student participates in other physical activities outside of offered courses.
			Effective date. Makes this section effective August 1, 2012, and applies to students entering grade 9 in the 2012-2013 school year and later. Makes paragraph (a), clauses (6), and (7), effective the day following final enactment and apply to students entering grade 9 in the 2009-2010 school year and later.
7	 Report. Requires school boards to adopt an annual report that is consistent with the state's school performance report card. Strikes obsolete language about the title of the report and making the report publicly available. Makes this section effective for the 2009-2010 school year and later. 	Similar	S.F. 3, section 1. Report. Requires board to publish a summary instead of full report. Eliminates certain reporting requirements.
8	Advanced placement, international baccalaureate and concurrent enrollment programs. Qualifies concurrent enrollment program teachers for the same types of training that are currently available to AP/IB teachers. Expands the statutory AP/IB program to include concurrent enrollment programs.	No comparable provision	
9	Raised academic achievement; advanced placement,	No comparable provision	

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	international baccalaureate and concurrent enrollment		
	programs. Expands the eligibility for AP/IB funds to		
	include concurrent enrollment programs if the school board		
	has adopted a three-year plan to create or expand an existing		
	concurrent enrollment program. Beginning July 1, 2010,		
	qualifies a concurrent enrollment program for state aid under		
	this section only if the district's concurrent enrollment		
	courses meet the standards established by the National		
	Alliance for Concurrent Enrollment Partnership.		
		No comparable provision	Section 8. Minnesota virtual education program.
			Subdivision 1. Program. Creates a program for teachers and students to improve and enhance instruction and learning through integration of technology and online learning. Requires the commissioner to establish and develop online courses for students grades 6 through 12.
			Subdivision 2. Scope and requirements.
			Paragraph (a) requires that the online course be aligned to academic standards and that at least 10 courses be offered by 2010-2011 school year. Requires that priority be given to science, technology, engineering, mathematics, and advanced courses.
			Paragraph (b) outlines the procedure for district participation in the program.
			Subdivision 3. Report. Requires the commissioner to report to the legislature by October 1, 2011 about the progress and development of the program.
		No comparable provision	Section 10. Cardiopulmonary resuscitation and automatic external defibrillator instruction. Encourages districts to
			include CPR and AED instruction as part of their curriculum.

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			Requires that a district choosing to offer CPR and AED
			conform such instruction to recognized standards.
10	Definitions.	Similar	Section 11. Definitions. Defines terms used in the growth-
			based value-added assessment data system.
	Subd. 1. Definitions. Makes the definitions in this		
	section applicable to the statutory chapter on		
	educational accountability.		
	Subd 2 Crowth Defines growth as the difference		
	Subd. 2. Growth. Defines growth as the difference in a student's achievement score at two or more points		
	in time.		
	in thic.		
	Subd. 3. Value-added. Defines value-added as the		
	amount of achievement a student demonstrates above		
	an established baseline.		
	Subd. 4. Value-added growth. Defines value-		
	added growth in the context of a student's growth		
	score. Declares that value-added growth models use		
	student-level data to measure what portion of a		
	student's growth can be attributed to the education environment.		
	environment.		
	Subd. 5. Adequate yearly progress. Defines		
	adequate yearly progress based on the number of		
	student subgroups under the federal No Child Left		
	Behind Act in a public school or district that, based on		
	state assessments and performance adjustments, meet		
	or exceed federal expectations. Lists student		
	attendance, graduation, and test participation rates as		
	additional federal requirements.		
	Subd. 6. State growth target. (a) Defines state		
	growth target as the average two-year assessment		
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	scores for students with similar one-year assessment scores.	
	(b) Lists which school years serve as benchmarks for particular grades in establishing state growth targets, which remain in effect until the assessment scale changes.	
	(c) Directs a stakeholders' group that includes assessments experts to recommend a new state growth target for the commissioner to consider when revising the state's academic standards.	
	Subd. 7. Low growth. Defines low growth as an assessment score that is one-half standard deviation below the state growth target.	
	Subd. 8. Medium growth. Defines medium growth as an assessment score that is within one-half standard deviation above or below the state growth target.	
	Subd. 9. High growth. Defines high growth as an assessment score that is one-half standard deviation above the state growth target.	
	Subd. 10. Proficiency. Defines proficiency for purposes of reporting student growth on the school performance report cards as those students who in the preceding school year scored at or above "meets standards" on the statewide assessments. Describes how student growth and proficiency information is displayed on the school report card.	
	Subd. 11. Growth and progress toward proficiency. Uses the categories of low, medium, and high growth to indicate both student growth and	Article 2

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	progress toward proficiency.		
	Makes this section effective immediately.		
11	Statewide testing and reporting system.		Section 12. Statewide testing.
	Subd. 1. Statewide testing. (a) Provides for computer-adaptive reading and math tests for general education students in grades 3 through 8 that are aligned with the state's academic standards and include both multiple choice and constructed response questions. Directs school districts identified by the commissioner to participate in field testing. Allows school administrators to appeal to the commissioner for an exemption from this requirement and makes the commissioner's decision regarding the appeal final. Makes GRAD tests applicable in 2012-2013 to those few students who have not passed the Minnesota basic	Similar temporary alternative to passing math GRAD	 Paragraph (a) specifies that tests in mathematics and reading are given at the high school level, strikes the requirement for constructed response questions. Paragraph (b) requires that the state assessment system be aligned to the standards. Provides a timeline for alignment in mathematics, science, and language arts and reading.
	skills tests.(c) Allows students enrolled in grade 8 in any school year between the 2005-2006 and 2009-2010 school year who do not pass the reading or math graduation- required assessment for diploma (GRAD) to receive a diploma with a passing state notation if they satisfactorily complete all coursework and credits required for graduation and participate in academic remediation and up to two re-test attempts. Directs districts issuing high school diplomas in the 2009-2010 through the 2013-2014 school years to record the total number of GRAD test items and the student's reading and math GRAD scores on the student's high school transcript. Also allows a school board to include a notation of high achievement on students' high school diplomas indicating exemplary academic achievement		 Paragraph (c) requires students who have not passed the basic skills test by the end of the 2011-2012 school year to pass the graduation assessment requirements for Minnesota students given at that time. Paragraph (e) allows a four year alternative method by which a student can earn a state notation if the student does not pass the mathematics GRAD test. Sets forth the following criteria that allows a student to receive a state notation if the student does not pass the GRAD: The student must complete and pass all coursework required by the state and district; The student must participate in the remediation program; and

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	during high school based on board-established criteria.	• The student must participate in two retests.
	(d) and (e) Anticipate 3rd through 8th grade computer- adaptive assessments and high school tests aligned with state academic standards.	Paragraph (f) defines the state graduation test requirements for students enrolled in grade 8 in the 2010-2011 school year and later to be:
	 (f) Strikes language no longer applicable in the context of testing students with disabilities or limited English proficiency. Subd. 1a. Statewide and local assessments; results. (a) For purposes of administering computer-adaptive assessments in reading and math to students in grades 3 through 8 beginning in the 2010-2011 school year, defines computer-adaptive assessments, fully-adaptive assessments, partially-adaptive assessments, on-grade level, above-grade level, and below-grade level. 	 for reading; obtaining an achievement level equivalent to or greater than proficient on the MCA_II in grade 10 for reading, or a passing score on the GRAD for reading; allows for alternative assessments for certain students. For writing; obtaining a passing score on the GRAD for reading; allows for alternative assessments for certain students. For mathematics; obtaining a passing score on the high school mathematics assessment; allows for alternative asternative assessments for certain students.
	(b) Directs the commissioner to use fully-adaptive tests to the extent no net loss of federal and state funds occurs and to otherwise use partially-adaptive assessments to meet federal accountability requirements.	Paragraph (g) requires that high school level results be disseminated to the public within two weeks of statewide completion. Requires that individual test scores be reported to the student, parent or guardian, school, and district within two weeks of the student's completion on the test. Requires that the results of the high school mathematics assessment inform the student of college readiness.
	(c) For purposes of federal accountability requirements, directs the commissioner to implement computer- adaptive reading and math assessments for grades 3 through 8, state-developed high school reading and	Paragraph (i) strikes language relating to exemptions for students with individual education plans.
	math tests aligned with state standards, and science assessments. Prohibits the commissioner from requiring students to achieve a passing score on high school science assessments in order to graduate. Lists requirements for annual computer-adaptive	Effective Date. Makes paragraphs (f) and (g) effective upon the adjournment of the first regular session after which the commissioner, according to 120B.30, subdivision 5, has completed the standards setting process and determined a passing score that aligns to postsecondary entrance

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	assessments: (i) make individual student performance data and achievement and summary reports available within three school days; (ii) make individual student data available from the first assessment to each		requirements.
	proximate assessment using a constant measurement scale; (iii) allow parents, teachers, and school administrators to use elementary and middle school student performance data to project student achievement in high school; and (iv) use diagnostic information about areas of students' academic		Section 13. Statewide and local assessments; results. Aligns the science testing requirements to the standards for high school coursework. Requires a district to place the student's assessment score on the student's high school transcript.
	strengths and weaknesses to improve students instruction. When contracting for computer-adaptive assessments, requires that the weighting criteria the commissioner uses to evaluate contract proposals must give preference to vendors prepared to provide	Dissimilar proposals on high school testing	Section 14. Department of Education assistance. Requires the department to contract according to competitive solicitation procedures, as opposed to competitive bidding procedures.
	statewide computer-adaptive assessments and options for locally-selected, locally-financed, and locally implemented assessments that are independently aligned to state standards and used to inform	No comparable provision	Section 15. High school mathematics assessment.Paragraph (a) requires the commissioner in consultation from stakeholders, to identify a high school mathematics
	curriculum and instruction. (e) Requires assessment results to include a value- added growth indicator of student achievement.	Dissimilar proposals on high school math assessment	assessment by February 15, 2010. Requires the commissioner to determine a passing score that aligns with postsecondary entrance requirements. Requires the commissioner to report the passing score to the legislature.
	(g) Requires schools, school districts, and charter schools to administer statewide assessments to evaluate student proficiency in the context of the state's grade- level academic standards.		Paragraph (b) allows the commissioner the authority to field test questions relating to the high school mathematics assessment.
	(h) Requires that for each procurement cycle for computer-adaptive assessments, the commissioner must report to the legislature on the costs of implementing computer-adaptive assessments and demonstrate that these assessments represent the		

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	greatest value to the state and school districts and		
	minimize the need for redundant assessments.		
	Makes the temporary alternative to the state's reading and math GRAD tests applicable in the 2009-2010 through 2013-2014 school years. Prohibits the commissioner from implementing any alternative to the state's reading and math GRAD tests without specific legislative authority. Makes computer- adaptive math tests for grades 3 through 8 apply in the 2010-2011 school year and later and computer- adaptive reading tests for grades 3 through 8 apply in		
	the 2012-2013 school year and later.		
12	System accountability and statistical adjustments.Subd. 1. Educational accountability and public reporting. Requires Minnesota's educational accountability and reporting system to promote greater academic achievement and preparation for higher academic education, the world of work, citizenship, and the arts.Subd. 3. Educational accountability. Directs the Independent Office of Educational Accountability (OEA) to report to the legislature on, among other things: the completeness, integrity, and use of statewide educational accountability information; the	Same subdivision 1. Similar statutory changes; dissimilar OEA proposal	 Section 16. Educational accountability and public report. Directs the department to establish a system of educational accountability. Section 17. Educational accountability. Establishes the independent office of educational accountability. Requires the office to annually report growth-based value-added data and other data.
	impact of statewide educational accountability information on K-12 education policy, effectiveness, resource distribution, and structure; and whether and how a value-added growth indicator of student achievement estimates the effects of the school and the school district on student achievement and measures school performance. Strikes oversight language regarding the commissioner making statistical		Section 18. Statistical adjustments; student performance data. Directs the commissioner to aggregate student data over time to report student performance and growth levels at the school, district, and statewide standards.

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	adjustments when reporting data and other related		
	actions.		
	Subd. 4. Statistical adjustments; student		Section 18. Statistical adjustments; student performance
	performance data. Distinguishes student		data. Directs the commissioner to aggregate student data
	performance and growth data.		over time to report student performance and growth levels at
			the school, district, and statewide standards.
	Makes this section immediately effective.		
13	Student academic achievement and growth.	Similar growth model; H.F. has rigorous coursework and student engagement indicators	Section 19. Student academic achievement and growth.
	Subd. 1. School and student indicators of growth and		Subdivision 1. School and student indicators of growth
	achievement. Requires the statewide educational		and achievement. Directs the commissioner to align the
	accountability and reporting system to measure and		state's academic measurement and reporting standards with
	separately report the adequate yearly progress of schools and		the student growth model.
	the academic growth of individual students. Requires the		
	system to include statewide measures of high and low student		
	academic growth. Strikes obsolete language.		
	Subd. 2. Federal expectations for student academic		Subdivision 2. Federal expectations for student academic
	achievement. (a) Requires school districts to annually		achievement. Aligns student achievement standards with
	determine whether schools meet federal expectations for		federal expectations, as opposed to state and local
	student achievement.		expectations.
	Subd. 3. State growth target; other state		Subdivision 3. State growth target; other state measures.
	measures. (a) Requires the state's educational		Lays out the items to be implemented into the growth-based
	assessment system to measure individual students'		value-added achievement model.
	educational growth.		
			Subdivision 4. Improving schools. Requires the
	(b) Directs the commissioner, in consultation with		commissioner to report bests practices learned from schools
	assessment and evaluation experts and other		demonstrating medium or high growth to the public.
	stakeholders, to implement an assessment model that		
	uses a value-added growth indicator and includes		Effective Date. Makes subdivision 3 effective the day
	criteria for identifying schools with medium and high		following final enactment and applies to students in the 2008-
	growth, and to recommend other value-added		2009 school year. Makes subdivision 4 effective for the
	measures. Allows this model to be used to advance		2011-2012 school year and later.
	educators' professional development and replicate		
	programs that meet students' diverse learning needs.		

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	Declares that data on individual teachers generated	
	under this model are protected personnel data.	
	Requires the model to allow users to report student	
	growth and report and compare aggregated and	
	disaggregated state growth data using the nine student	
	categories under the federal No Child Left Behind Act	
	and gender, consistent with nonpublic data laws.	
	Directs the commissioner to report separate measures	
	of student growth and proficiency.	
	(c) Directs the commissioner to annually report,	
	beginning July 1, 2011, two core measures indicating	
	the extent to which students are completing (1) course	
	work important to preparing them for postsecondary	
	academic and career opportunities and (2) rigorous	
	courses of study such as advanced placement,	
	international baccalaureate or post secondary	
	enrollment options or industry certification courses or	
	programs. Requires the commissioner to report these	
	measures also in the context of the nine student	
	categories under the federal No Child Left Behind Act and gender, consistent with nonpublic data laws.	
	and gender, consistent with honpublic data laws.	
	(d) Directs the commissioner to annually report,	
	beginning July 1, 2013, summary data on school safety	
	and students' engagement and connection at school.	
	Declares that the summary data under this paragraph	
	are separate from and must not be used to measure or	
	evaluate the performance of classroom teachers.	
	Directs the commissioner, in consultation with	
	qualified experts and classroom teachers, to identify	
	highly reliable variables that generate the summary	
	data, which may be used at the school, school district,	

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	and state levels only. Declares that data on individuals		
	used to generate the summary data are nonpublic data.		
	Subd. 4. Improving schools. Directs the		
	commissioner to annually report to the public and the		
	legislature, beginning June 30, 2012, the organizational		
	and curricular practices implemented by schools that		
	demonstrate medium and high student growth.		
	For effective dates, directs the commissioner to		
	implement an assessment model that uses a value-		
	added growth indicator beginning in the 2008-2009		
	school year. Directs the commissioner to report on two		
	separate student course-taking measures beginning in		
	the 2010-2011 school year. Directs the commissioner		
	to collect summary data on school safety and students'		
	engagement and connection at school beginning in the		
	2010-2011 school year and to annually report the data		
	beginning July 1, 2013, consistent with advice from		
	qualified experts and classroom teachers. Directs the		
	commissioner to annually report the organizational and		
	curricular practices implemented by schools that		
	demonstrate medium and high student growth		
14	beginning in the 2011-2012 school year.		
14	School accountability; appeals process.	Similar growth model; H.F. has rigorous coursework	Section 20. School accountability; appeals process.
	Subd 1 School norformance report could (a)	and student engagement indicators	Requires the commissioner to publish a school performance
	Subd. 1. School performance report cards. (a)		report card indicating, among other things, the students'
	Directs the commissioner to report student academic achievement in the context of federal expectations, the		growth compared to the state target. Requires the commissioner to use that data to set future state growth
	percentages of students showing low, medium, and		C C
	high growth, school safety and student engagement and		targets.
	connection, rigorous coursework, student-to-teacher		Effective Date. Makes this section effective following final
	ratios, staff characteristics excluding salaries, student		enactment.
	enrollment demographics, district mobility, and		
	emonment demographics, district mobility, and		

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	extracurricular activities.		
	Subd. 2. Adequate yearly progress and other data. Declares that all data the department uses to determine adequate yearly progress status, set state growth targets, and determine student growth are nonpublic data until after appeals conclude. Directs the department to annually post federal adequate yearly progress data and state student growth data to its public Web site.Makes this section effective immediately.		
15	Quality achievement in Minnesota schools. (a) Encourages school districts to participate in the Minnesota Council for Quality's organizational assessment and performance improvement process and learn how to enhance organizational structures and processes, eliminate barriers to students' improved educational performance, and increase teaching effectiveness and administrative efficiency. Encourages successful schools and districts to disseminate information and provide guidance.(b) Allows the commissioner to recognize participating schools and districts.	No comparable provision	
		No comparable provision	Section 21. School district and charter school policy. Requires that students, including charter school students, be present at and participate at required school lock-down and fire drills. Effective date. Makes this section effective for the 2009-2010 school year and later.
		No comparable provision	Section 22. School safety drills. Requires that non-public school students be present at and participate in all required school lock-down and fire drills. Effective date. Makes this section effective for the 2009-2010 school year and later.
16	Report. Allows home-school families to report children's immunizations records to the school superintendent upon	Same	Section 23. Report. Removes home school parents' annual reporting requirement to the superintendent in favor of

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	enrollment and in seventh grade.		reporting in the first year of homeschooling and the 7th grade year.
		No comparable provision	Section 24. Comprehensive, scientifically-based reading instruction. Paragraph (a) clarifies what a comprehensive, scientifically-based reading instruction program includes.
			Paragraph (b) defines fluency as the ability of students to read text with speed, accuracy, and proper expression.
			Paragraph (c) defines phonemic awareness as the ability to notice, think about, and manipulate individual sounds.
			Paragraph (d) defines phonics as teaching beginning readers explicitly and systematically to understand how letters are linked to sounds to form letter-sound correspondences, to recognize spelling patterns, and to apply this knowledge to their reading.
			Paragraph (e) defines reading comprehension as teaching comprehension skills explicitly by demonstrating, explaining, modeling, and implementing specific cognitive strategies to help beginning readers derive meaning by intentional, problem-solving thinking processes.
			Paragraph (f) defines vocabulary development as teaching vocabulary both directly and indirectly, with repetition and multiple exposures to vocabulary items.
			Effective date. Makes this section effective the day following final enactment.
17	Eligibility; board composition. Permits recently retired teachers to serve out their term on the board of teaching.	Similar	Section 25. Eligibility; board composition. Clarifies that the six teachers who are members of the state Board of Teaching must be currently teaching or teaching at the time they were appointed and do not qualify under other clauses of

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			this subdivision.
18	Vacant position. Permits recently retired teachers to serve out their term on the board of teaching.	Same	Section 26. Vacant position. Excepts a teacher who retires from teaching while serving as a Board of Teaching member from having that teacher's position on the board declared vacant.
		No comparable provision	S.F. 3, article 1, section 2. Commissioner's assistance; board money. Eliminates a cross reference relating to the requirements for assessment professionals that is repealed.
		No comparable provision	 Section 27. Teacher and support personnel qualifications. Requires that the board must also require a person to successfully complete a Minnesota reading instruction competence assessment, in addition to an already required examination of skills, before being granted an initial teaching license to provide direct instruction to pupils in prekindergarten or elementary programs. Effective Date. Makes this section effective January 1, 2010.
		No comparable provision	 Section 28. Reading strategies. Makes an additional requirement on all colleges and universities approved by the Board of Teaching to prepare licensure candidate for the Minnesota reading instruction competence assessment. Effective date. Makes this section effective the day following final enactment.
		No comparable provision	 Section 29. Assessment of reading instruction. Requires that the Minnesota reading instruction competence assessment measure the knowledge, skill, and ability of prekindergarten and elementary instructors in comprehensive, scientifically based reading instruction and include: foundations of reading development, development of reading comprehension, reading assessment and instruction, and integration of knowledge and understanding. Effective date. Makes this section effective the day following

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			final enactment.
19	 Expiration and renewal. (b) Allows educators applying to renew their licenses to present to their local licensing committees evidence of work that demonstrates professional reflection and growth in best teaching practices. Requires applicants to include a reflective statement of professional accomplishment and the applicants' own assessment of professional growth that shows evidence of (1) support for student learning, (2) use of best practices, (3) collaborative work with colleagues, and (4) continual professional development. Directs the board of teaching to ensure that its teacher relicensing requirements include the substance of this paragraph. Makes this section applicable to licensees seeking relicensure beginning July 1, 2012. 	No comparable provision	
		No comparable provision	 Section 30. Alternative teacher preparation program and resident teacher license for qualified nontraditional candidates. Subdivision 1. Requirements. Paragraph (a) creates an alternative teacher preparation program and a temporary licensure process as a means of acquiring a standard entrance teaching license. Allows a college or university with a board-approved alternative preparation program to offer this program in any instructional field. Directs the Board of Teaching to ensure that program participants enhance state and local efforts to reduce or eliminate the academic achievement gaps among identified categories of students. Paragraph (b) requires teacher candidates participating in this program to have a bachelor's degree and a minimum

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		GPA or 10 years of relevant professional experience, pass a basic skills exam, and obtain a qualifying score on board-approved content area and pedagogy tests.
		Paragraph (c) allows the Board of Teaching to waive the minimum GPA.
		Subdivision 2. Characteristics. Requires an alternative teacher preparation program to include: a minimum 200-hour instructional phase; a research-based and results-oriented approach; strategies that combine pedagogy and best teaching practices; assessment, supervision and evaluation of the teacher candidates; formal instruction and intensive peer coaching; staff development opportunities; and candidates' satisfactory progress toward obtaining a standard entrance teaching license.
		Subdivision 3. Program approval. Directs the Board of Teaching to approve programs under this section based on board criteria and allow licensure candidates to demonstrate competencies in school-based settings and nontraditional licensure pathways.
		Subdivision 4. Reissued resident teacher license; approval for standard entrance license. Requires a resident mentor or a mentorship team to evaluate the performance of the teacher candidate and submit an evaluation to the Board of Teaching recommending whether or not to reissue a resident teacher license or issue a standard entrance teaching license to the candidate.
		Subdivision 5. Standard entrance license. Directs the Board of Teaching to issue a standard entrance teaching

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			license to a successful program candidate.
			Subdivision 6. Qualified teacher. Declares that a person with a valid resident teaching license under this program is the teacher of record and a qualified teacher.
			Effective Date. Makes this section effective for the 2009-2010 school year and later.
20	Mentoring for probationary teachers. Allows school	No comparable provision	
	districts to have trained observers serve as mentors or		
	coaches and to have probationary teachers participate in		
	professional learning communities as part of the district's		
	peer review process for probationary teachers.		
	Makes this section effective for the 2009-2010 school year and later.		
21	Peer coaching for continuing contract teachers. Allows school districts to have trained observers serve as mentors or coaches and to have continuing contract teachers participate in professional learning communities as part of the district's peer review process for continuing contract teachers.	No comparable provision	
	Makes this section effective for the 2009-2010 school year and later.		
22	Mentoring for probationary teachers. Allows first class city school districts to have trained observers serve as mentors or coaches and to have probationary teachers participate in professional learning communities as part of the district's peer review process for probationary teachers.	No comparable provision	
	Makes this section effective for the 2009-2010 school year and later.		
23	Peer coaching for continuing contract teachers. Allows	No comparable provision	
	first class city school districts to have trained observers serve		

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	as mentors or coaches and to have continuing contract teachers participate in professional learning communities as part of the district's peer review process for continuing contract teachers.		
	Makes this section effective for the 2009-2010 school year and later.		
24	 Plan components. Includes as an element of the educational improvement plan under Q-Comp, a rigorous and research-based professional development system based on national and state standards of effective teaching practice that is consistent with staff development programs and aligned with educational improvement, and designed to achieve ongoing and school-wide progress and growth in teaching practice. Makes this section applicable to plans developed in the 2009- 	Dissimilar	Section 32. Plan components. Includes instructional leadership in the components for a plan to qualify for alternative compensation.
25	2010 school year and later. Alternative teacher professional pay system. Requires a Q-Comp agreement to include, as part of the reform of "steps and lanes," evidence of effective practice that encompasses: a professional framework outlined in teacher evaluation best practices, supported by multiple criteria, and conducted in a professional and supportive environment; and reflection and growth in best teaching practices shown through support for student learning, collaborative work with colleagues, or continual professional learning, consistent with teacher relicensure requirements.	No comparable provision	
	Makes this section applicable to all Q-Comp agreements entered into or modified after the effective date of this section.		
26	Approval process. Per a recommendation of the Legislative Auditor, directs the commissioner to annually establish three dates as deadlines by which interested Q-Comp applicants	H.F. and S.F. attempt to address Legislative Auditor's recommendations	Section 33. Approval process. Directs the commissioner to annually establish three dates as deadlines by which interested Q-Comp applicants must submit an application and requires

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	must submit an application and requires the department to review a completed application within 30 days of the most recent application deadline.		the department to review a completed application within 30 days of the application deadline.
	Makes this section applicable to all applications submitted after the effective date of this section.		Effective Date. Makes this section applicable to all applications submitted by the May 1, 2009, deadline and after.
		No comparable provision	Section 34. Cancellation Timing. Prevents the commissioner from canceling a districts Q-comp participation partway through a school year.
		No comparable provision	Section 35. Basic alternative teacher compensation aid. Provides the formula to calculate a school district's basic alternative teacher compensation aid. Sets a limit for state total basic alternative teacher compensation aid and directs the commissioner not to exceed the limits.
		No comparable provision	Section 36. Alternative teacher compensation levy. Provides the formula to calculate a school district's alternative teacher compensation levy.
		No comparable provision	Section 37. Alternative teacher compensation equalization aid. Provides the formula to calculate a school district's alternative teacher compensation equalization aid.
		No comparable provision	Section 38. Alternative compensation application grants. Requires that the unexpended amount of alternative compensation revenue be distributed, via grants, to schools in greater Minnesota who are trying to set up alternative compensation programs.

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27	 Contents of plan. Requires staff development plans to be consistent with teacher relicensure requirements and to: support stable and productive professional communities; emphasize ongoing job-embedded professional development opportunities; maintain a strong subject matter focus premised on students' learning goals; ensure specialized preparation and learning about teaching students with special needs and limited English proficiency; and reinforce national and state standards of effective practice. Makes this section applicable to the 2009-2010 school year 	Dissimilar staff development proposal (see H.F. article 1, sections 3 and 4 for CPR proposal)	 Section 39 - 40. Effective staff development activities and revenue. Allows school districts to use the two percent staff development set-aside to provide staff with CPR and AED training. Section 93. Reserved revenue for staff development; temporary suspension. Suspends the two percent staff development set-aside for 2010 and 2011.
	and later.		Section 39 - 40. Effective staff development activities and revenue. Allows school districts to use the two percent staff development set-aside to provide staff with CPR and AED training.
28	State-approved alternative learning organization. Per the recommendations of the Minnesota Department of Education work group, establishes parameters for alternative learning centers, alternative learning programs, and contract alternative programs.	Same	Sections 41 - 43. Alternative programs. Eliminates the term "Area Learning Center" and replaces with AState-approved Alternative Program@ and changes all statutory references.
29	State-approved alternative programs and services. Changes terminology to refer to "state-approved alternative programs" instead of centers in order distinguish particular types of programs.	Same except S.F. section 42, strikes research-based best practices for serving ELL students	Sections 41 - 43. Alternative programs. Eliminates the term "Area Learning Center" and replaces with "State-approved Alternative Program" and changes all statutory references.
30	State-approved alternative program funding. Changes terminology related to "state-approved alternative programs" in order distinguish particular types of programs.	Same	Sections 41 - 43. Alternative programs. Eliminates the term "Area Learning Center" and replaces with "State-approved Alternative Program" and changes all statutory references.
31	Background check required. (c) Allows a school hiring authority to pay the costs of conducting a discretionary criminal history background check on school volunteers, independent contractors, and student employees.	Similar	 Section 44. Background checks. Allows a school hiring authority to pay the costs of conducting a criminal background check. Effective Date. Makes this section effective the day

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	Makes this section effective immediately.		following final enactment.
32	Investigation of disciplinary actions taken against prospective teachers. (a) Directs a school board or other school hiring authority when offering employment to a teacher to contact the Board of Teaching to determine whether the board has taken disciplinary action against the teacher based on sexual misconduct or attempted sexual misconduct between the teacher and a student or other misconduct.	No comparable provision	
	(b) Clarifies that "disciplinary action" does not include board No comparable provision actions based on court-ordered child support or maintenance payment arrearages or delinquent state taxes.		
	Makes this section effective beginning May 1, 2009.		
33	 District-created site-governed schools. Subd. 1. Authority. (a) Allows a school board to approve site-governed schools by requesting site-governing school proposals from groups of licensed professionals and parents from one or more school districts. (b) Requires the school board and the collective bargaining unit to agree to a memorandum of understanding for determining the length of the school day and school year, determining work rules, and selecting teachers and other staff for the site. (c) Requires a school board to approve or disapprove a proposal within 60 days. (d) For an approved proposal, requires that a district 	No comparable provision	

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	and the site council to enter into an agreement	
	identifying the powers and duties, roles and	
	responsibilities, revenue, and education performance	
	standards to be delegated to the site.	
	Subd. 2. Roles and responsibilities of site-	
	governed schools. (a) Subject to school board	
	approval, lists the roles and responsibilities of site-	
	governed schools: (1) create site-governing councils;	
	(2) determine the site leadership model; (3) determine	
	the site budget; (4) determine the learning model and	
	school organization; (5) select and develop curriculum	
	and assessments; (6) set various policies related to	
	student promotion, attendance, and discipline, local	
	graduation requirements, and other school board-	
	approved rules related to the school site program; (7)	
	determine the school calendar and employee work	
	rules; (8) select teachers and other staff, consistent with	
	collective bargaining agreements, memoranda of	
	understanding, statutory leave provisions, among other	
	considerations; and (9) comply with other provisions	
	agreed to by the school district and the site-governing	
	council.	
	(b) To the extent a self-governed school is supervised	
	by a principal, required the principal to be licensed.	
	Subd. 3. Revenue to self-governed schools. (a)	
	Itemizes revenue allocated to the site.	
	(b) Allows the school district to retain an agreed-upon	
	administrative fee for management services.	
	(c) Allows the school district to provide and charge for	

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agreed-upon services to the school site.		
(d) Allows the site to carry forward unspent revenue.		
Subd. 4. Exemption from statutes and rules. Exempts site-governed schools from the same laws and rules as charter schools, except that site-governed schools are subject to government data practices laws, the open meeting law, PELRA, teacher continuing contract and tenure laws, and teacher prep time and lunch requirements.		
Subd. 5. Performance standards. (a) Directs the school board and the site council to agree to performance standards and expectations that include student achievement targets premised on multiple indicators, criteria and process addressing school sites that fail to meet accountability requirements, and other agreed-upon performance terms.		
(b) Requires agreements to be filed with the commissioner. Establishes initial three-year agreements and annual reviews and allows subsequent agreements of up to five years based on school performance.		
Subd. 6. Board termination of self-governed school authority. (a) Allows a school board to terminate an agreement for cause.		
(b) Allows site-governed schools terminated or not renewed for reasons other than for cause to seek charter school status and to become owners of all resources the school purchased as a site-governed school.		
	 agreed-upon services to the school site. (d) Allows the site to carry forward unspent revenue. Subd. 4. Exemption from statutes and rules. Exempts site-governed schools from the same laws and rules as charter schools, except that site-governed schools are subject to government data practices laws, the open meeting law, PELRA, teacher continuing contract and tenure laws, and teacher prep time and lunch requirements. Subd. 5. Performance standards. (a) Directs the school board and the site council to agree to performance standards and expectations that include student achievement targets premised on multiple indicators, criteria and process addressing school sites that fail to meet accountability requirements, and other agreed-upon performance terms. (b) Requires agreements to be filed with the commissioner. Establishes initial three-year agreements of up to five years based on school performance. Subd. 6. Board termination of self-governed school authority. (a) Allows a school board to terminate an agreement for cause. (b) Allows site-governed schools terminated or not renewed for reasons other than for cause to seek charter school status and to become owners of all 	agreed-upon services to the school site. (d) Allows the site to carry forward unspent revenue. Subd. 4. Exemption from statutes and rules. Exempts site-governed schools from the same laws and rules as charter schools, except that site-governed schools are subject to government data practices laws, the open meeting law, PELRA, teacher continuing contract and tenure laws, and teacher prep time and lunch requirements. Subd. 5. Performance standards. (a) Directs the school board and the site council to agree to performance standards and expectations that include student achievement targets premised on multiple indicators, criteria and process addressing school sites that fail to meet accountability requirements, and other agreed-upon performance terms. (b) Requires agreements to be filed with the commissioner. Establishes initial three-year agreements of up to five years based on school performance. Subd. 6. Board termination of self-governed school authority. (a) Allows a school board to terminate an agreement for cause. (b) Allows site-governed schools terminated or not renewed for reasons other than for cause to seek charter school status and to become owners of all resources the school purchased as a site-governed

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34	Contract; duties. Strikes language requiring the school	Similar. Different effective date.	S.F. 3, article 1, section 4. Contract; duties. Strikes
	district superintendent to submit an annual report to the		language requiring the school district superintendent to
	commissioner identifying expenditures needed to ensure that		submit an annual report to the commissioner identifying
	a specified percent of students pass the MCA-IIs.		expenditures needed to ensure that a specified percent of
	Makes this section immediately offective and applicable to		students pass the MCA-IIs.
	Makes this section immediately effective and applicable to the 2009-2010 school year and later.		
35	School boards may require fees. Allows school boards to	No composable provision	
35	charge fees to charter schools for transporting charter school	No comparable provision	
	students to extracurricular activities in the students' resident		
	school district.		
	school district.		
	Makes this section effective for the 2009-2010 school year.		
36	Board control of extracurricular activities. (a) Makes all	No comparable provision	
	resident charter school students eligible to participate in the		
	extracurricular activities of their resident school district on		
	the same basis as enrolled public school students. Requires		
	charter school students to give their charter school and		
	resident school district a 30-day notice of their intent to		
	participate in the extracurricular activities of their resident		
	school district. Requires charter schools to agree in writing		
	to pay the direct and indirect costs attributable to the student		
	participants. Makes charter school students ineligible to		
	participate in the extracurricular activities of their resident		
	school district if the charter school offers the extracurricular		
	activities or the extracurricular activities are not controlled by		
	the Minnesota state high school league. Requires charter		
	school students participating in the extracurricular activities		
	of their resident school district to meet the academic and		
	student conduct standards of the resident school district.		
	Requires charter schools to collect the same student		
	eligibility information that school districts collect, transmit		
	that information to the resident school district at least 10 days		
	before a student begins participating in extracurricular		

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	activities and immediately transmit any added information		
	affecting students' eligibility.		
	(f) Allows school districts to charge charter schools their		
	proportional share of the direct and indirect costs of		
	extracurricular activities not covered by student fees. Allows		
	school districts to charge charter school students the same		
	extracurricular activity fees it charges to enrolled students.		
	Requires all charges to a charter school and charter school		
	students to be paid when the students are selected to		
	participate in the extracurricular activities. Does not obligate		
	school districts to transport charter school students who		
	participate in the district's extracurricular activities.		
	Makes this section effective for the 2009-2010 school year.		
37	Temporary closing. Exempts school district from having to	Same	Section 45. Temporary closing. Allows a school district to
57	hold a formal public hearing when proposing to temporarily	Same	temporarily close a school building for up to three years if the
	close or lease a school building for up to three years.		district holds a public hearing and allows public comment on
	close of lease a sensor building for up to three years.		the building's future.
			Effective Date. Makes this section effective the day
			following enactment.
38	Definitions. Defines "online course syllabus" for purposes	No comparable provision	
	of the online learning law.		
39	Authorization; notice; limitations on enrollment. (b)	Similar	Section 46. Authorization; notice; limitations on
	Clarifies procedures for students to enroll in and receive		enrollment.
	course credit and to meet district graduation requirements for		
	supplemental online learning courses and programs.		Paragraph (b) requires that an online learning provider
			provide a syllabus containing course information to the
	(f) Requires the online learning provider to provide or make		enrolling district. Gives the enrolling district 15 days to
	accessible information about students' academic progress.		confirm or deny the that the courses meet the district's
	Requires the enrolling school district to designate a contact		graduation requirements.
	person to facilitate and monitor students' academic progress.		
			Paragraph (f) requires that online providers report student

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			progress and credit accumulation to the parent and district in a manner specified by the commissioner.
40	Online learning parameters. (a) Strikes language addressed elsewhere in the online learning law.	Same	Section 47. Online learning parameters. Clarifies the reporting guidelines for full time online learning providers.
	(d) and (e) Make enrolling districts that are full-time online learning providers, and also full-time and supplemental online learning providers subject to reporting requirements and review criteria.		
41	Department of Education. Strikes language addressed elsewhere in the online learning law. Requires the online learning provider to provide the department with a written statement about its courses and also demonstrate that the substance of the online course syllabus meets nationally recognized professional standards, consistent with the commissioner's requirements.	Similar	Section 48. Department of Education. Directs online learning providers to provide the commissioner with assurances that online courses meet state academic standards and that online course curricula meet nationally recognized standards.
42	Online learning advisory council. Causes the council to expire in 2013 instead of 2008.	Similar. Different effective date.	Section 49. Online learning advisory council. Extends the council's expiration date to June 30, 2013.
43	Makes this section effective immediately.	Similar	Section 50. Purposes.
	Charter schools. Subd. 1. Purposes. Adds pupil achievement to the list of purposes for chartering a school.		 Paragraph (a) includes student achievement in the purposes of this section; makes the list of purposes of charter schools inclusive, rather than an option of the six purposes. Paragraph (b) clarifies that the purpose of charter schools is not to replace a school that would otherwise be closed.
	Subd. 2a. Charter school advisory council. Strikes language establishing the charter school		 Effective Date. Makes this section effective the day following final enactment. Section 51. Charter School Advisory Council. Paragraph (a) strikes the cross-reference to Minnesota

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Section	advisory council. Subd. 3. Authorizer. (a) Defines "application" both in the context of an eligible authorizer receiving approval to charter a school and the business plan that a school developer submits to an authorizer for	Similar	 Statutes 2008 section 15.059. Increases the membership of the council from seven to nine members. Outlines the membership of the council. Changes what the council shall advise the commissioner on from matters relating to charter schools to the duties of sponsoring charter schools. Paragraph (b) requires that the council recommend to the commissioner and legislature an organizational model to give state-level leadership to new school planning. Paragraph (c) expires the advisory council on June 30, 2015. Effective Date. Makes paragraph (c) effective retroactively from June 30, 2007. Section 94. Appointments to Charter School Advisory Council. Requires that the commissioner complete the appointments no later than September 1, 2009. Requires the commissioner's designee to convene the first meeting of the council no later than October 1, 2009. Section 52. Sponsor. Paragraph (a) (1) defines application to mean the charter school business and operational plan a school developer
	approval to charter a school and the business plan that a school developer submits to an authorizer for approval to form a charter school. Defines "affidavit" to mean the written statement that an authorizer		
	submits to the commissioner for approval before chartering a school.(b) Lists the organizations that are eligible to authorize		Paragraph (a) (2) defines affidavit to mean a written statement the sponsor submits to the commissioner for approval.
	charter schools. Makes ineligible those charitable organizations under the federal tax code that are nonpublic sectarian or religious institutions or their affiliates, and any charitable organizations that for		Paragraph (b) lists the organizations that may sponsor charter schools. Clarifies that a charitable organization excludes sectarian or religious institutions, requires the
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	federal tax purposes describe activities indicating a	charitable organization to report an ongoing fund balance of
	religious purpose. Requires eligible charitable	at least \$2,000,000 for at least four consecutive years and be
	organizations to be incorporated in Minnesota, among	incorporated in the state of Minnesota. Allows a nonprofit
	other requirements.	corporation under section $501(c)(3)$ that has previously
		sponsored schools and have been incorporated in the state of
	(c) Establishes the process by which an eligible	Minnesota for at least 20 years to sponsor schools that have
	authorizer must apply to the commissioner for approval	operated for at least three years. Allows for up to two single-
	as an authorizer. Lists the criteria for approval that the	purpose sponsors.
	commissioner must consider. Allows a disapproved	
	applicant to resubmit an application during a future	Paragraph (c) requires an eligible sponsor to apply to the
	application period	commissioner for approval as a sponsor before charting a
		school. Outlines the timeline for the commissioner and
	(d) Requires an authorizer to participate in ongoing	applicant to complete the application process. Outlines the
	department-approved training.	criteria that the commissioner must consider in evaluating the
		applicant.
	(e) Establishes a June 30, 2012, deadline by which	
	current authorizers must apply to the commissioner for	Paragraph (d) requires the sponsor to participate in
	approval to continue as an authorizer.	department-approved training.
	(f), (g) Direct the commissioner to review an	Paragraph (e) requires an organization that sponsored a
	authorizer's performance at least once every five years,	school before August 1, 2009, to apply to the commissioner
	permit more frequent reviews at the commissioner's	by June 30, 2011 to continue as a sponsor. Makes a sponsor
	discretion, and subject an authorizer that has not	ineligible to charter a school if the sponsor fails to submit an
	performed satisfactorily to corrective action that may	application according to this paragraph.
	include terminating an authorizer's eligibility to charter	
	a school. Give an authorizer subject to corrective	Paragraph (f) requires the commissioner to review a
	action 15 business days to request an informal hearing	sponsor's performance every five years and allows the
	before the commissioner acts.	commissioner to review a sponsor's performance more
		frequently at the commissioner's own initiative or at the
		request of an operator, board member, or other interested
		party. Allows the commissioner to subject the sponsor to
		corrective action, which may include terminating the contract
		with the board of a school it sponsored if the commissioner
		finds that a sponsor has not fulfilled the requirements of this

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			section. Specifies a timeline for notifying the sponsor and
			allows the sponsor to request an informal hearing.
			Paragraph (g) allows to commissioner to take corrective
			action against a sponsor, including terminating a sponsor's
			ability to authorize a charter school for: (1) failing to
			demonstrate the criteria under which the commissioner
			approved the sponsor; (2) violating a term of the chartering
			contract; or (3) violations by the charter school that the board fails to correct.
		No comparable provision	Section 95. Single-Purpose Sponsor. Requires that the
			commissioner approve at least one but no more than two
			charitable organizations whose sole purpose is to sponsor
			charter schools.
			Effective Date. Makes this section effective the day
			following final enactment.
	Subd. 4. Formation of school. (a) Allows an	Similarities and differences exist	Section 53. Formation of a school.
	authorizer to charter a licensed teacher or a group of		Development (a) strikes the shility of the board to us to on a
	individuals that includes at least one licensed teacher to		Paragraph (a) strikes the ability of the board to vote on a charter school application for sponsorship.
	operate a charter school subject to approval by the commissioner.		charter school application for sponsorship.
	commissioner.		Paragraph (b) requires a sponsor to file a separate affidavit
	(b) Requires an authorizer to file a separate affidavit		for each school it intends to charter. Outlines the process for
	with the commissioner for each school it intends to		filing an affidavit to sponsor a school.
	charter. Establishes a process for approving the		Paragraph (c) allows the sponsor to prevent an approved
	affidavit and for addressing deficiencies in the affidavit. Makes the commissioner's disapproval of an		charter school from opening if the charter school violates this
	affidavit, indikes the commissioner's disapproval of an affidavit final.		section or does not meet the ready-to-open standards that are
			part of the sponsor's oversight and evaluation process.
	(c) Allows an authorizer to prevent an approved charter		Development (d) elemifies the meting members elimitely to short
	school from opening under certain circumstances.		Paragraph (d) clarifies the voting members eligible to elect the board of directors. Strikes the requirement that licensed
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Ι	(d) Requires at least five unrelated parties to serve as	I	Article 2

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	members of the initial and the ongoing boards of	directors. States that the charter school must notify eligible
	directors. Clarifies that charter school staff and parents	voters of the school board election dates at least 30 days
	and guardians are the voters eligible to elect the board	before the election.
	of directors. Requires the charter school to notify	
	eligible voters of an election.	Paragraph (e) requires charter school board members attend
		department-approved training. Defines what that training
	(e) Makes meeting records and financial information	should include. Prohibits a board member from serving if
	publicly available. Requires a charter school to post	that board member does not begin the training within three
	information on its official Web site information	months of being seated and complete the training within 12
	identifying and providing contact information on its	months of being seated.
	authorizer.	
		Paragraph (f) requires the ongoing board to be elected
	(f) Requires board members to attend department-	before the school completes its third year of operation.
	approved training on specified topics and prevents	Requires the board of directors to have at least a licensed
	untrained board members from continuing to serve on	teacher, a charter school parent or guardian, and an interested
	the board.	community member. Requires that the chief financial officer
		and the chief administrator to be nonvoting board members.
	(g) Requires an ongoing board to be elected by the end	Requires that the board bylaws outline the process and
	of the third year. Allows the board of directors to (1)	procedures for changing the board's governance model.
	be a teacher majority board or (2) have at least 20	Allows the board to change its governance model only with
	percent licensed teachers. Makes the CFO and chief	approval from the sponsor and a voting majority of the board
	administrator nonvoting board members. Requires	of directors and the licensed teachers employed at the school.
	school bylaws to establish a process for changing the	
	board's governance model between the two board	Paragraph (g) changes the term sponsoring entity to sponsor.
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	licensed teachers working at the school.	Paragraph (h) prohibits that the granting or renewal of a
	neensed teachers working at the sensor.	charter school be contingent on a requirement to contract,
	(i) Prohibits an authorizer from acquiring unfair	lease, or purchase services from the sponsor. Requires a party
	financial gain in its relationship with a charter school.	to such an arrangement disclose the arrangement to the
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	(j) Prohibits a charter school from offering students or	charter school contract if the commissioner determinate a
	parents something of value to induce a student to	the arrangement is illegal.
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	Subd. 6a. Audit report. (a) Allows the commissioner to withhold the state aid of a charter school that fails to submit a timely audit.	Similar	following final enactment. Section 57. Audit report. Requires that the charter school submit an audit report to its sponsor as well as to the commissioner.
	(c) Strikes language on public access to board information addressed elsewhere in this section.		Effective Date. Makes this section effective the day following final enactment.
	Subd. 7. Public status; exemption from statutes and rules. Exempts charter schools from all statutes and rules governing school districts unless made specifically applicable or contained in this section.	Same	Section 58. Public status; exemption from statutes and rules. Clarifies that a charter school is exempt from all statutes and rules applicable to a school, school board, or school district unless a statute or rule is made specifically applicable to a charter school or is included in this section.
	Subd. 8. State and local requirements. (b) Requires charter schools to comply with statewide education accountability requirements governing state standards and assessments and to work with the department to make available to the public valid and highly reliable comparisons of student academic growth and achievement across schools consistent with school performance report card information.	Similar	Effective Date. Makes this section effective the day following final enactment. Section 59. Federal, state, and local requirements. Specifies that a charter school comply with statewide accountability requirements governing standards and assessments; requires that a charter school student be released for religious instruction; requires that a charter school offering online courses comply with the online learning program statute; specifies that a charter school and charter school board are subject to chapter 181 (Employment).
	(d) Allows a charter school student to be released from school for religious instruction.		Effective Date. Makes this section effective the day following final enactment.
	(j) Strikes conflict of interest sections addressed elsewhere in this section.		
	(1) Makes charter schools subject to state data practices laws and the open meeting law.		
	(n) Makes charter schools subject to state employment		

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	(o) Clarifies that charter schools are subject to requirements governing the transfer of education records and the management of local records.		
	(p) Makes a charter school that has students participating in the extracurricular activities of their resident district subject to fees for transporting students to extracurricular activities in their resident school district and establishes the parameters for charter school students to participate in the extracurricular activities of their resident district.		
	(q) Requires a charter school to allow all students who attend public school in the district in which the charter school is located to participate in the extracurricular activities of the charter school.		
	Subd. 8a. Aid reduction. Allows the commissioner to reduce a charter school's state aid for certain violations of law.	Similar	Section 60. Aid reduction. Requires the commissioner to reduce a charter school's state aid if the charter school board fails to correct a violation under this section.
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	Subd. 8b. Aid reductions for violations. Allows the commissioner to reduce a charter school's state aid by an amount not to exceed 60 percent of the charter school's basic revenue for the period of time that the violation occurs.	No comparable provision	following final enactment.
	Subd. 9. Admissions requirements. Strikes language allowing a charter school to limit admission to residents of a specific geographic area identified by the relative percentage of the non-Caucasian	Similarities and differences exist	Section 61. Admission requirements. Allows a charter school to limit admission to residents of a specific geographic area when the majority of student's served by the school are members of underserved populations. Requires a charter
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Section	Article 2: Education Excellence population or to give preference to town residents in sparsely populated areas. Directs a charter school to develop and publish a lottery policy and process and to use the process when accepting pupils by lot. Allows a charter school to give preference to enrolling the children of school employees. Prohibits a charter school from establishing admission criteria that are inconsistent with this subdivision. Subd. 11. Employment and other operating matters. Makes a charter school subject to Minnesota's whistle-blowing statute. Requires a charter school to provide a prospective school employee with a written description of the terms and conditions of employment and the school's personnel policies.	Similarities and differences exist	 Article 2: Education Excellence school to develop and publish a lottery policy and process that it must use when accepting pupils by lot. Clarifies that a charter school is prohibited from establishing criteria or requirements for admission that are inconsistent with the limitations allowed under this subdivision. Prohibits a charter school from distributing any services or goods of value to students, parents, or guardians as an inducement, term, or condition of enrolling a student. Effective Date. Makes this section effective the day following final enactment and applies to the 2010-2011 school year. Section 62. Employment and other operating matters. Paragraph (a) requires that the charter school board comply with 181.932 (Disclosure of information by employees) and prohibits a school from discharging, disciplining, threatening or discriminating against, or penalizing an employee because the employee, or person acting on the employee's behalf in good faith to officials about the school' s violations of law or school policy. Requires the charter school board to enter into a written contract with each teacher that outlines the terms and conditions of employment. Paragraph (b) requires the board of directors to establish qualifications for persons that hold administrative, supervisory, or instructional leadership roles. Outlines what the qualifications shall include. Requires the board of directions and an individual who does not hold a valid
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	Subd. 14. Annual public reports. Requires a charter school to prepare and distribute an annual report approved by the charter school board of directors and to post the report on its official Web site.	Similar	 Effective Date. Makes this section effective the day following final enactment. Section 63. Annual public reports. Requires a charter school to publish an annual report, requires the report to be approved by the board of directors, lists what must be included in the annual report, and outlines how the report is to be distributed.
	 Subd. 15. Review and comment. (a) Requires an authorizer to submit a formal charter school evaluation to the commissioner for review and comment before the authorizer charters a school or renews a charter school contract. Directs the department to review and comment upon an authorizer's evaluation process. (b), (c), (d) Establish a formula for calculating fees that an authorizer may charge a charter school for evaluating the fiscal, operational, and student performance of the charter school, including for the pre-operational planning period. (e) Requires an authorizer annually to submit to the commissioner and its chartered schools a statement of expenditures related to activities as an authorizer. 	Similarities and differences exist	 Effective Date. Makes this section effective the day following final enactment. Section 64. Review and comment. Paragraph (a) clarifies that the sponsor shall provide a formal written evaluation of the school's performance before the sponsor renews the charter contract. Requires the commissioner to review and comment on the sponsor's evaluation process at the time the sponsor submits its application for approval and each time it undergoes its five-year review. Paragraph (b) allows a sponsor to assess a charter school a fee for monitoring and evaluating the school. Paragraph (c) defines the fee that each charter school pay to a sponsor to be the greater of: the basic formula allowance or the lesser of (i) the maximum fee factor times the basic formula allowance or (ii) one percent of the basic formula allowance, times the adjusted marginal cost pupil units. Sets the maximum fee factor equal to 1.5 in fiscal year 2010, 2.0 in fiscal year 2013 and later. Paragraph (d) prohibits the department from assessing a fee

Subd. 17. Leased space. (a) Allows a charter school to lease space from an independent school board eligible to be an authorizer, other public organization, private nonprofit nonsectarian organization, private property owner, or sectarian organization if the leased space is constructed as a school facility. Directs the department to review and approve or disapprove leases in a timely manner. (b) With an authorizer's approval, allows a charter school that has operated for at least five consecutiveSimilarParagrap fee equal planning is expendituView of the department of the lease of the space is constructed as a school facility. Directs the department to review and approve or disapprove leases in a timely manner.SimilarParagrap from an in department or review and approve or disapprove leases in a timely manner.	 r school it sponsors. h (e) allows the sponsor to assess a charter school a o the basic formula allowance in the preoperational ear. h (f) requires the sponsor to submit a statement of res related to sponsoring activities each year. Date. Makes this section effective the day
years to form a separate affiliated nonprofit building corporation to provide a school facility. Requires an authorizer to submit a supplemental affidavit to the commissioner stating that the authorizer has reviewed information on leasing the facility. Prohibits a charter school from organizing the nonprofit building company before the supplemental affidavit is filed and approved. Section 6	 final enactment. Leased space. h (a) clarifies that a charter school may lease space dependent or special school board. Requires the t to review and approve or disapprove of the lease within 60 business days of receiving an application id. Building corporation.
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the authority is needed to raise working capital. Subd. 19. Disseminate information. (b) Allows authorizers, operators, and the department to disseminate information about successful best practices in teaching and learning demonstrated by charter schools.	
Subt. 20. Leave to teach in a charter school. that Allows a school district to require that a request for a that leave of absence to teach in a charter school be made ben before February 1 in the school year before the school acco year in which the teacher intends to leave, or February 354 1 of the calendar year in which the teacher's leave is Efficience scheduled to end. Strikes language directing a teacher foll on leave to pay both the employer and employee foll retirement contributions. S.F	 ection 67. Leave to teach in a charter school. Clarifies hat during a leave the teacher may continue to aggregate enefits and credits in the Teacher's Retirement Association ccount according to chapters 354 (Teachers Retirement) and 54A (Teachers Retirement, Certain Cities). Effective Date. Makes this section effective the day following final enactment. F. 3, article 1, section 8. Leave to teach in a charter chool. Defines a time period for which a district may require otice for a leave to a charter school. ection 68. Causes for nonrenewal or termination of

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	of charter school contract. (a) Restates the timelines		charter school contract.
	for not renewing or terminating a charter school		
	contract in terms of business days.		Paragraph (a) clarifies the timeline that a sponsor must abide
			by when terminating or not renewing a contract.
	(b) Strikes language allowing the commissioner to		
	approve a different sponsor for a charter school where		Paragraph (b) strikes the ability of the commissioner to
	an existing sponsor elects to terminate or not renew the		approve the transfer to a different eligible sponsor when a
	charter school contract.		charter school contract is terminated for failure to meet the
			requirements for pupil performance; failure to meet generally
	(c) Allows a change in authorizers if an existing		accepted standards of fiscal management; violations of the
	authorizer and a charter school board of directors		law; or other good cause shown.
	mutually agree to voluntarily terminate or not renew a		
	charter school contract, subject to approval by the commissioner.		Paragraph (c) allows a mutually agreed upon termination of
	commissioner.		contract and transfer to a new sponsor to occur at any time, instead of at the end of a contract. Outlines the process by
	(d) Allows the commissioner to terminate a charter		which that voluntary termination occurs. Requires the
	school contract if the charter school fails to meet		commissioner to determine whether the charter school and
	performance requirements, engages in financial		prospective new sponsor can identify and effectively resolve
	mismanagement, or violates laws.		those circumstances causing the previous sponsor and school
	mismanagement, or violates laws.		to mutually agree to terminate the contract.
	(e) Directs the commissioner to provide information to		to indiduity agree to terminate the contract.
	assist a charter school in finding a new authorizer if the		Paragraph (d) clarifies that the commissioner may terminate
	commissioner terminates the authorizer's eligibility to		the contract between the sponsor and school, includes in the
	charter a school.		allowable reasons: sustained failure to meet pupil
			performance requirements, failure to meet generally accepted
			standards of financial mismanagement, or other good cause
			shown.
			Effective Date. Makes this section effective the day
			following final enactment.
	Subd. 23a. Related party lease costs. (b) Defines	Similar. Technical, (3) "immediate family" vs. "close	Section 69. Related party lease costs. Defines Arelated
	terms related to establishing whether a conflict of	relative."	party@ to mean an affiliate or a close relative of the other
	interest exists.		party in question, an affiliate of a close relative, or a relative
			of an affiliate; defines Aaffiliate@ to mean a person that

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	Subd. 25. Extent of specific legal authority. Requires a charter school board of directors to submit to its authorizer in a timely manner a copy of its insurance policy and any changes to that policy.	Similar. Technical, "sponsor" vs. "authorizer"	directly or indirectly is under common control with another person; defines Aclose relative@ to mean an individual whose relationship by blood, marriage, or adoption to another individual is no more remote than first cousin; defines Aperson@ to mean an individual or entity of any kind; and defines Acontrol@ to mean the ability to affect the management, operations, or policy actions or decisions of a person by contract or otherwise. Effective Date. Makes this section effective the day following final enactment. Section 70. Extent of specific legal authority. Requires the Board of Directors to obtain at least the amount of and types of insurance up to the applicable tort liability limits under chapter 466 (Tort Liability, Political Subdivisions). Requires the charter school board to submit a copy of the insurance policy to its sponsor and the commissioner before starting operations and within 20 business days of any insurance change. Effective Date. Makes this section effective August 1, 2009.
	Subd. 26. Definitions. Strikes conflict of interest definitions addressed elsewhere in the section.		
	For effective dates, makes this section effective immediately and applicable beginning August 1, 2009, unless otherwise specified. Makes the "religious purpose" changes governing charitable organizations applicable to charitable organizations seeking approval as authorizers after August 1, 2009, but excepts sponsor/authorizers that have charter schools on that date. Subjects the existing sponsor/authorizers to the new requirement to incorporate in Minnesota beginning July 1, 2012.		

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44	Building lease aid. (b) Allows charter schools to use lease aid for retiring debt on a charter school building until the bonds or mortgage for covering the original purchase and renovation or construction are retired. Reduces the amount	No comparable provision	
	of lease aid in subsequent years unless the commissioner approves an expansion of the charter school facility.		
	Makes this section effective immediately and applicable beginning August 1, 2009.		
		No comparable provision	Section 71. State total building lease aid. Sets the statutory appropriation for charter school building lease aid. Allows the amount to grow three percent each year.
45	Payment of aids to charter schools. (a) Strikes language establishing payment periods in the first year of a charter	Similar. Technical differences.	Section 72. Payments of aids to charter schools.
	school's operation.		Paragraph (a) distributes aid to charter school in 24 equal payments instead of a ten percent payment on its first
	(b) Establishes requirements for paying and withholding state aid after a charter school ceases to operate.		payment date and equal payments thereafter.
	(c) Allows the commissioner to withhold aid to satisfy a directive to return federal or state funds.		Paragraph (b) specifies how payments shall be withheld after the school has ceased serving students. Requires the charter school board of directors and sponsor to provide the commissioner with a closure plan. Allows the commissioner
	(d) Allows the commissioner to withhold aid if a charter school, after receiving an undisputed invoice for goods or services, fails to pay within 75 business days the state of Minnesota, a school district, an intermediate school district, or a service cooperative.		to release cash withheld and continue regular payments up to the current year payment percentages if further amounts are due, upon receiving the closure plan. Allows the commissioner to retain cash if it is determined that the charter school was overpaid. Includes in the requirements for a charter school ceasing operations its school submission of
			 Uniform Financial Accounting and Reporting Standards (UFARS) financial data. Paragraph (c) allows the commissioner to withhold state aid if a charter school fails to comply with the commissioner's

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			directive to return federal or state funds.
			Paragraph (d) allows the commissioner to withhold aid if a charter school fails to pay a district or the state after receiving an undisputed invoice for goods or services, requires the commissioner to distribute that withheld aid to the appropriate entity. Requires the entity to notify the commissioner when a charter school fails to pay an undisputed invoice within 75 days.
			Effective date. Makes this section effective for fiscal year 2010 and later.
46	Commissioner designation. Makes changes in terminology related to state-approved alternative programs.	Same	Sections 73 - 74. Eliminate the term AArea Learning Center@ and replace with AState-approved Alternative Program@ and changes all statutory references.
47	Student planning. Makes a change in terminology related to state-approved alternative programs.	Same	Sections 73 - 74. Eliminate the term AArea Learning Center@ and replace with AState-approved Alternative Program@ and changes all statutory references.
		No comparable provision	S.F. 3, article 1, section 9. Community education director. Increases the population threshold from 2,000 to 10,000 of districts that are eligible for an exception for the director of community education. Includes licensed teachers as an employee eligible to serve as a director of community education.
48	 Program training. Removes a requirement that the commissioner provide additional training for evaluating early literacy skills and teaching reading to preschool children. Makes this section effective the day following final enactment. 	Same	Section 75. Program training. Removes the reference to the St. Croix River Education District from the Minnesota Commission on National and Community Service.
49	Minnesota reading corps program. Establishes a Minnesota Reading Corps program to provide AmeriCorps members with a data-based problem-solving model of literacy instruction to help train local Head Start program	Same	Section 76. Minnesota reading corps program. Establishes a program to provide Americorps members with a data-based problem-solving model of literacy instruction to use in training prekindergarten and kindergarten education

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	providers, other prekindergarten program providers, and staff in schools with students in kindergarten through grade 3 to evaluate and teach early literacy skills to children age 3 to grade 3. Requires literacy programs under this subdivision to comply with the provisions governing literacy program goals and data use under the Head Start program.		providers.
50	Eligible pupils. Clarifies pupil eligibility for purposes of the graduation incentives program.	Same except S.F. cross reference	Section 77. Eligible pupils. Removes the requirement that a student be at least one year behind in coursework before being eligible to participate in a state-approved alternative program.
51	Eligible programs. Consistent with changes elsewhere in this bill, refers to a state-approved alternative program instead of alternative learning centers. Under the graduation incentives program, makes a high school junior or senior instead of a pupil between the ages of 16 and 21 eligible to enroll in a post secondary enrollment options course or program.	Same	Sections 78 - 79. Eliminate the term "Area Learning Center" and replace with "State-approved Alternative Program" and changes all statutory references. Allows a nonresident district to deny enrollment to an eligible pupil who was expelled for weapons, drugs, or felony assault.
52	Additional eligible program. Makes a technical change.	Same	Sections 78 - 79. Eliminate the term "Area Learning Center" and replace with "State-approved Alternative Program" and changes all statutory references. Allows a nonresident district to deny enrollment to an eligible pupil who was expelled for weapons, drugs, or felony assault.
53	Pupil enrollment. Consistent with changes elsewhere in this bill, refers to a state-approved alternative program instead of an alternative learning center. Requires a nonresident district to approve the enrollment application of an expelled student who applies to enroll in a graduation incentives program.		S.F. 3, article 1, section 10. Pupil enrollment. Allows a nonresident district the authority to first approve an enrollment application for a pupil who qualifies under the graduation incentives program and who was expelled.
54	Early childhood family education revenue. Allows eligible schools to apply to the commissioner for grants to provide early childhood family education programs for American Indian families.	Same	Section 80. Early childhood family education revenue. Reorganizes the early childhood family education revenue as a grant program for federally recognized tribes.

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22	Use of revenue. (a) States that a district that develops a plan	No comparable provision	
	to integrate a racially isolated district need not implement the		
	plan.		
	(b) Requires districts to use integration revenue to increase		
	and sustain students' interracial contacts and improve		
	students' educational opportunities and outcomes sufficient		
	to close the academic achievement gap between white and		
	protected students.		
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	Makes this section effective for the 2010-2011 school year		
	and later.		
56	Budget approval process. Requires districts annually by	No comparable provision	
30	April 1 to submit an integration revenue budget to the		
	commissioner for review and approval by April 30. Requires		
	districts' integration revenue budgets to reflect the statutory		
	uses for the integration revenue.		
	Makes this section effective for the 2010-2011 school year		
	and later.		
57	Plan components. Requires districts' integration revenue	No comparable provision	
	plans to, among other requirements, provide for		
	implementing strategies and programs that enable districts to		
	realize their integration goals and establish valid and reliable		
	longitudinal measures to demonstrate progress in realizing		
	those goals.		
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	Makes this section effective the 2010-2011 school year and		
	later.		
		No comparable provision	S.F. 3, article 1, section 12. State schools at Faribault.
			Eliminates a cross reference that is repealed relating to a

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			requirement for assessment professionals.
		No comparable provision	 Section 81. Integration revenue. Establishes the formula for integration revenue. States a district that did not receive integration revenue in 2009 is not eligible in 2010 or later. Effective Date. Makes the section effective July 1, 2009.
		No comparable provision	Section 82. Summer of success. Establishes a program to provide intensive intervention in the summer between 8th and 9th grade to students who are not proficient on the 8th grade math or reading assessments.
58	Learning year pupil units. Makes a technical change.	Same	Section 83. Learning year pupil units. Establishes the funding formula for general education revenue pupil units in state-approved alternative programs.
59	Project-based average daily membership. Defines a project-based instructional program as primarily student-led course work for credit that may be completed onsite, in the community or online and is available to all or only some students and grades in a school. Establishes requirements that schools must meet to receive revenue for students enrolled in a public school in a project-based program.	Same	Section 84. Project-based average daily membership. Clarifies that instructional programs that allow students to complete credits/projects at their own pace are considered project-based but that students will still make typical progress toward graduation.
60	 Basic alternative teacher compensation aid. (a) Amends the basic alternative teacher compensation aid calculation for fiscal years 2008 and 2009 to reflect 73.1 percent of basic alternative teacher compensation revenue instead of 65 percent of basic alternative teacher compensation revenue. (b) Establishes a formula for calculating basic alternative teacher compensation aid for fiscal years 2010 and later for Q-Comp schools, intermediate school districts, and charter schools. Makes this section immediately effective. 	See S.F. article 1, section 24	
61	Minnesota P-20 education partnership.	S.F. 2083 higher ed omnibus bill	

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	Subd. 1. Establishment; membership. Establishes		
	a P-20 partnership to create a seamless education		
	system that maximizes the achievement of all students		
	from early childhood through postsecondary education		
	and promotes the efficient use of resources. Lists		
	partnership members, which include members of the P-		
	16 Education Partnership and four legislators.		
	Establishes meeting procedures. Requires partnership		
	members to be the leader or designee of their		
	respective organizations and requires partnership		
	members to meet at least three times during each		
	calendar year. Directs the partnership to seek outside		
	expertise.		
	Subd. 2. Powers and duties. Directs the		
	partnership to recommend to the governor and the		
	legislature how to maximize the achievement of all P-		
	20 students and promote efficient use of resources.		
	Lists examples of recommendations for strategies,		
	policies, and other actions. Directs the partnership to		
	submit an annual report to the legislature and the		
	governor by January 15 that summarizes the		
	partnership's progress and includes any		
	recommendations the partnership has for maximizing		
	student achievement and promoting efficient resource		
	use.		
	Subd. 3. Expiration. Causes the partnership to be		
	permanent and not expire.		
62	Persons less than 18 years of age. Allows the public safety	Same	Section 85. Person less than 18 years of age. Allows home
	commissioner to issue a driver's instruction permit to a home		school parents, as opposed to superintendents, to certify that a
	school student whose parent certifies that the parent has		student's home school status for the purposes of driver's
	satisfied the applicable home school reporting requirements.		training status.
63	Offenses. Allows the public safety department to revoke the	Same	Sections 86 and 87. Offenses and violations. Automatically

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	instruction permit of a home school student who submits a false application.		revokes a drivers license if they falsified home school certification to issue an instruction permit to a homeschool student.
64	Violations. Allows the public safety department to revoke the instruction permit of a home school student who submits a false application.	Same	Sections 86 and 87. Offenses and violations. Automatically revokes a drivers license if they falsified home school certification to issue an instruction permit to a homeschool student.
65	When issued. Allows a home school parent to issue an employment certificate for a 14 or 15 year old home school student who wishes to work on school days.	Same	Section 88. When issued. Allows a home school instructor to issue an employment certificate to a student 14 or 15 years of age.
		No comparable provision	 Section 89. Duties of fire marshal. Requires the fire marshal to expect students to be present and participate in fire drills. Effective Date. Makes this section effective for the 2009-2010 school year and later.
		H.F. public safety policy bill	Section 90. Local inspections. Allows School District No. 6, South St. Paul, to contract with the South Metro Fire Department to conduct fire inspection services.
66	May pay differential of reserve on active duty. Clarifies payment of a pay differential for school district employees who are ordered into active military service.	No comparable provision	
67	Implementing rigorous course work measures related to student performance. Establishes a process for the commissioner and qualified experts and other stakeholders including parents and teachers to develop a model that projects anticipated high school performance on preparation and rigorous coursework measures and compares schools with similar schools. Causes the group to expire June 30, 2011.	No comparable provision	
	Makes this section effective immediately and applicable to school report cards beginning July 1, 2011.		
68	Implementing measures for assessing school safety and	No comparable provision	

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	students' engagement and connection at school. (a)		
	Establishes a process for the commissioner and qualified		
	experts and other stakeholders including parents and teachers		
	to (1) identify highly reliable variables of student engagement		
	and connection and (2) determine how to report student		
	safety to comply with federal law.		
	(b) Directs the commissioner to submit one report to the		
	legislature in 2010 on the two topics in paragraph (a) and a		
	second, related report in 2013 on the content and analysis of		
	and format for reporting collected data. Causes the group to		
	expire December 31, 2013.		
	Makes this section effective immediately and applicable to		
	school report cards beginning July 1, 2013.		
69	Examining the characteristics and impact of "high	No comparable provision	
	stakes" math and science tests in the context of awarding		
	high school diplomas. (a) To determine state policy for		
	administering "high stakes" math and science tests in the		
	context of awarding high school diplomas, directs the Office		
	of Educational Accountability (OEA) to convene and		
	facilitate an advisory group that includes measurement		
	experts, regionally diverse school district research and		
	evaluation directors, school administrators, higher education		
	faculty at two-year and four-year institutions, licensed math		
	and science teachers, the Minnesota Department of Education		
	director of evaluation and testing, parents, representatives of		
	the business community, the public, mathematicians,		
	scientists, and workforce development experts to consider		
	and recommend how best to motivate students and improve		
	students' academic achievement in the context of "high		
	stakes" math and science exams required for high school		
	graduation. Directs the advisory group to at least evaluate		
	and make recommendations on: (1) particular kinds of		

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	math and science exams that Minnesota might use as	
	"high stakes" exams to award or deny students a high	
	school diploma; (2) appropriate levels of high school	
	math and science proficiency and the educational support	
	to help students achieve those proficiency levels; (3) the	
	relationship between math and science proficiency levels	
	and state definitions of college and career readiness; (4)	
	the interrelationship between requiring students to	
	demonstrate math and science proficiency and college or	
	career readiness, and awarding or denying students a	
	high school diploma; (5) the interrelationship between	
	"high stakes" testing and other coursework and credits	
	required for graduation or college and career readiness;	
	and (6) appropriate accommodations for students with	
	individualized education plans and students with limited	
	English proficiency in some circumstances.	
	(b) Exempts the advisory group from the effect of the	
	statutory provision (Minn. Stat., § 15.059) governing the	
	terms, compensation, and removal of members of advisory	
	councils and committees. Directs the OEA to present the	
	advisory group's evaluation and recommendations to the	
	legislature by February 15, 2010. Causes the group to expire	
	on June 1, 2010.	
70	Makes this section immediately effective.	
/0	Legislative report on districts' use of and need for integration revenue. Directs the education commissioner to	No comparable provision
	analyze the substance of districts' integration plans and the	
	impact of demographic changes, immigration and housing	
	patterns, and interdistrict integration activities and report to	
	the legislature by February 1, 2011.	
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		No comparable provision	Section 91. Assessment of reading instruction. Requires
			the commissioner to adopt a reading instruction assessment
			for licensure candidates by March 15, 2010.
			Effective Date. Makes this section effective the day
			following final enactment.
		No comparable provision	Section 92. Reading instruction rules; legislative review.
			Prevents the Board of Teaching from adopting rules regarding
			reading instruction assessment until the 2009 legislative
			session has adjourned.
			Effective Date. Makes the section effective the day
			following final enactment.
			Section 93. Reserved revenue for staff development;
			temporary suspension. Suspends the two percent staff
			development set-aside for 2010 and 2011.
71	Appropriations. See attached fiscal sheet.		Section 96. Appropriations. See fiscal tracking sheets.
72	Repealer. Repeals sections that direct the commissioner to	120B.362 and 124D.10, subdivisions 18 and 26 same	Section 97. Repealer. Repeals section 122A.24 (Alternative
	implement a value-added assessment program (120B.362),		preparation licensing for teachers), 120A.26 subdivisions 1
	provide for uniform forms for state exams (120B.39),		and 2 (Superintendent on-site visits, Alternative visits),
	establish schools-mentoring-schools regional sites		120B.362 (Value-added assessment program), 122A.72
	(122A.628), establish an administrators' academy (122A.75),		subdivisions 3 and 4 (Teacher centers policy board), and
	and establish concurrent enrollment program aid (124D.091).		124D.10 subdivisions 18, 19, and 26 (Charter schools
			authority to raise initial working capital, Disseminate
			information, Definitions).
		120B.39 and 122A75 same	S.F. 3, article 1, section 14. Repealer. Repeals Minnesota
			Statutes 2008, sections 120B.11, subdivision 6 (student
			evaluation), subdivision 7 (periodic report), subdivision 8 (biomaiol evaluation), 120B, 20 (uniform)
			(biennial evaluation; assessment program); 120B.39 (uniform forms for state examinations; commissioner); 122A.32
			(requirements for assessment professionals); 122A.628
			(schools mentoring schools regional sites); 122A.028
			(administrators academy); and 123B.92 (district reports).
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1	Pupil. Amends the definition of pupil with a disability under	Similar. Technical differences.	Section 1. Pupil. Clarifies the definition of a pupil to no
	the Pupil Fair Dismissal Act to conform with changes in		longer mean a student with a disability up to age 22, but a
	Minnesota's special education chapter.		student with a disability under age 21.
2	Suspension. Strikes language pertaining to students with	Same	Section 2. Suspension. Clarifies days of suspension to be
	disabilities that is contained in the definition of suspension		school days; strikes the requirement of IEP teams to meet
	under the Pupil Fair Dismissal Act.		upon the suspension.
3	Exclusion and expulsion of pupils with a disability. (a)	Same	Section 3. Exclusion and expulsion of pupils with a
	Consistent with federal law and state suspension procedures,		disability. Conforms exclusion and expulsion procedures for
	allows school personnel to suspend children with disabilities.		pupils with a disability to conform to federal law.
	Establishes parameters and procedures for suspensions of		
	children with disabilities who have been suspended for more		
	than five consecutive school days or ten cumulative schools		
	days.		
	(b) Counts a dismissed of up to one school day as a day of		
	(b) Counts a dismissal of up to one school day as a day of suspension of children with disabilities do not receive regular		
	or special education instruction during that time. Does not		
	require notice for a one-day dismissal.		
	require notice for a one-day dismissar.		
	(c) Requires children with disabilities to be provided		
	alternative education services when a suspension exceeds		
	five consecutive school days.		
	(d) Establishes procedures a school district must follow		
	before initiating an expulsion or exclusion of children with		
	disabilities. Requires school districts to continue to provide		
	special education and related services to children with		
	disabilities who are excluded or expelled for misbehavior that		
	is not a manifestation of their disability.		
4	Reimbursement. Corrects an incorrect cross reference.	Same	Article 2, section 31. Reimbursement. Corrects a cross-
			reference that should refer to 125A.76 (Special Education
			Revenue) instead of 125A.78 (Alternative delivery initial aid
			adjustment).
		No comparable provision	Section 4. Notice. Aligns state and federal requirements for
			parental notification upon entrance into a program for English
			language learners; changes the parental notification from 10
			to 30 days after the start of school.
		No comparable provision	Section 5. Definitions. Defines local education agency to

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			mean a legally constituted public authority within the state to perform a service function for a city, county, town, district, or combination thereof. Requires MDE to recognize fiscal costs for the purposes of paying special education aids.
5	Child with a disability defined.	Similar	Section 6. Child with a disability defined.
	Subd. 1. Child with a disability. Defines a child with a disability to mean a child identified under federal and state special education law as having a		Subdivision 1. Child with a disability. Changes statutory language to align with federal guidelines.
	specified disability or impairment who needs special education and related services according to rules of the education commissioner.		Subdivision 1a. Children ages three through seven experiencing developmental delays. Requires conformity with the rules, as opposed to standards.
	Subds. 2 and 3. Requires decisions affecting children's services to be determined based on rules instead of standards.		Subdivision 2. Not a child with a disability. Requires conformity with the rules, as opposed to standards.
6	General school district obligations to children with disabilities. (a) Establishes requirements for school districts providing special education and related services to children with disabilities.	No comparable provision	
	(b) Requires resident school districts to identify, locate, and evaluate children with disabilities, beginning at birth, who need special education and related services.		
	(c) Requires resident school districts to make a free appropriate public education (FAPE) available to eligible children with disabilities under 21 without a diploma and to eligible children with disabilities without a diploma who become 22 during the school year.		
	(d) Requires resident school districts to ensure that eligible children with disabilities who are enrolled by the school district in a nonpublic education facility receive special		

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	 education and related services at no cost to the parent. (e) Requires school districts to provide eligible children with disabilities who are enrolled by their parents in a nonpublic education facility located in the district with an opportunity to participate in special education and related services. Requires the districts to spend an amount at least equal to the proportionate amount of available special education federal funds. 		
7	Makes this section immediately effective.Rulemaking. Directs the commissioner to adopt new rulesand amend existing rules related to children with disabilitiesonly under specific authority and consistent with statutoryrequirements for rule-making. Allows the commissioner tomake rules required by federal law.	Same	Section 7. Rulemaking. Requires the commissioner to adopt new rules and amend existing rules relating to children with disabilities only under specific authority. Permits the commissioner to adopt, amend, or rescind a rule relating to children with disabilities if that rule if specifically required by federal law.
8	Individualized education programs. (a) Requires school districts to have an individualized education plan for children with disabilities at the start of each school year.	Same	Section 8. Individualized education programs. Requires schools to have an individualized education plan in effect for every student with a disability. Requires the plan, during grade 9, instead of by age 14, to address the student's needs for transition from secondary services to postsecondary education and training, employment, community participation, recreation, and leisure and home living.
9	Alternative dispute resolution and due process hearings.Subds. 1, 2, 3. Strike language on school district obligations, prior written notice, and content of the prior written notice that appears elsewhere in this section.Subd. 3a. Additional requirements for prior written notice. In addition to federal law requirements, also requires that a prior written notice inform parents that (i) unless the parent notifies the	Similar Similar	See Repealer Section 9. Additional requirements for prior written notice. Clarifies the extent of the prior written notice and what the notice shall include.

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	district of an objection to a district proposal or refusal		
	for the child's placement or services, the district will		
	pursue its proposal or refusal, and (ii) the parent who		
	objects may request a conciliation conference or other		
	alternative dispute resolution procedure.		
	Subd. 4. Strikes language an understandable notice	Similar	See Repealer
	that appears elsewhere in this section.		
	Subd. 7. Conciliation conference. Strikes	Same	Section 10. Conciliation conference. Strikes a reference to
	language stating that the requirement to hold a		a cross-reference that is repealed.
	conciliation conference is satisfied if a parent refuses a		
	school district's effort to conciliate the dispute.		
	Requires a school district to hold a conciliation		
	conference within ten calendar days after a school		
	district receives a parent's objection to a district		
	proposal or refusal for a child's placement or services.		
	Makes all conciliation conference discussions		
	confidential, unless an exception applies, and		
	inadmissible in a due process hearing. Requires the		
	school district to provide a parent with a conciliation		
	conference memo within five school days after the		
	final conciliation conference.		
	Subd. 10. Mediated agreements. Strikes existing	Same	Section 11. Mediated agreements. Requires mediators to
	language on mediated agreements and inserts a		put any agreement in writing, signed by the parties; requires
	requirement that the mediator ensure that any		the written agreement to state that all discussions during
	resolution of a dispute or an agreement to use another		mediation are confidential and cannot be used as evidence in
	dispute resolution procedure is in writing and signed		any hearing or civil proceeding; states the agreement is
	by the parties, and each party receives a copy of the		legally binding; allows parties to an agreement to have a
	document that states that mediation discussions are		second mediation to resolve a dispute over implementing the
	confidential and may not be used as evidence in a		mediated agreement.
	subsequent hearing or proceeding. Makes the		
	resolution or agreement legally binding and		
	enforceable in state and federal court. Allows parties		
	to request another mediation to resolve a dispute over		
	implementing the agreement.		

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	Subd. 12. Impartial due process hearing. Allows	Same	Section 12. Impartial due process hearing. Requires the
	the parent and the school district to receive, at state		state to furnish to the parent, and pay for, a copy of the
	expense, a copy of the hearing transcript or recording		hearing transcript or recording and the hearing officer's
	and the hearing officer's findings of fact, conclusion of		findings of fact, conclusion of law, and decisions; strikes
	law, and decisions.		language that is redundant with federal law.
	Subd. 13. Hearing officer qualifications. Directs	Similar	Section 13. Hearing officer qualifications. Requires the
	the education commissioner to maintain a list of		commissioner to maintain a list of qualified hearing officers
	hearing officers with their qualifications. Requires		who are not employees of or otherwise under contract with
	hearing officers to know about special education laws,		the department or school district. Upon receipt of a written
	rules, and decisions and how to conduct hearings and		request for a hearing, requires the commissioner to appoint a
	render and write decisions. Directs the commissioner		hearing officer from the list. These changes align with federal
	to appoint a hearing officer upon written request.		requirements.
	Subd. 14. Request for a hearing. Strikes existing	Similar	Section 14. Request for hearing. Aligns state law with
	language.		federal requirements regarding hearing requests. Requires
			written requests for hearings, outlines the process for
	(a) Allows a parent or school district to file a written		requesting a hearing.
	request for a due process hearing.		
	(b) Prescribes the content of the hearing request.		
	(c) Allows a parent or school district to file a written		
	request for a hearing under federal law.		
	(d) Requires the parent or school district that files a		
	hearing request to provide a copy of the request to the		
	other party and the department. Requires the		
	department to give the parent a copy of federal		
	procedural safeguards.		
	(e)(1) Requires a school district, that has not sent a		
	parent a written explanation, to notify the parent within		
	ten days about its decision concerning the action that is		
	the subject of the hearing request. Allows the school		
	district to also assert that the parent's hearing request is		

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	insufficient under clause (2).		
	(2) Precludes holding a hearing until the requesting		
	party meets the requirements of paragraph (b)		
	governing the content of the hearing request.		
	Establishes a process and time line for challenging the		
	sufficiency of the hearing request.		
	(f) Unless paragraph (e), clause (1), applies, requires		
	the party receiving the hearing request to provide a		
	written response within ten days to the party requesting		
	the hearing.		
	Subd. 16. Burden of proof. Declares that the	Same	Section 15. Burden of proof. Places the burden of proof in
	burden of proof at a due process hearing is on the party		a due process hearing on the party seeking relief.
	seeking relief.		
	Subd. 18. Hearing officer authority. (b) Allows a	Similar	Section 16. Hearing officer authority. Permits a due
	hearing officer to extend the hearing decision time line		process hearing officer to extend the hearing decision timeline
	for good cause.		for good cause shown; defines good cause.
	(a) Defines as examples of good source the time		
	(c) Defines as examples of good cause the time required for a settlement discussion or an independent		
	education evaluation, the complexity and volume of		
	issues, and finding or changing counsel.		
	Subd. 19. Expedited due process hearings.	Same	Section 17. Expedited due process hearings. Aligns state
	Consistent with federal law, allows a parent or school		law with federal requirements regarding expedited due
	district to file a written request for a due process		process hearings.
	hearing, which must be held within 20 school days		
	after the request and for which a decision must be		
	issued within ten school days after the hearing.		
	Requires a resolution meeting to occur within seven		
	days of receiving an expedited due process hearing		
	request unless the parent and school district agree		
	otherwise. Allows the expedited due process hearing		
	to proceed within 15 days of the request unless the		

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	matter is resolved.		
	Subd. 20. Hearing officer's decision; time period.	Same	Section 18. Hearing officer's decision; time period.
	(a) Requires the hearing officer to reach and transmit a		Removes redundant language; states that once a hearing
	final decision in the due process hearing not later than		officer issues a final decision they may not amend the
	45 days after the 30-day period or the adjusted time		decision but may order a school district to comply with
	periods under federal law expire. Allows the hearing		federal law.
	officer to grant time extensions upon request. Requires		
	the hearing officer to conduct oral arguments at a		
	reasonable time and place. Strikes existing language		
	that is addressed in the new language.		
	(b) Prohibits the hearing officer from amending a final		
	decision except to make technical corrections.		
	(c) Clarifies that a hearing officer may order a school		
	district to comply with federal procedural safeguards		
	under IDEA.		
	Subds. 22, 23. Strike language addressed	Similar	See Repealer
	elsewhere.		
	Subd. 24. Review of hearing officer decisions.	Same	Section 19. Review of hearing officer decisions. Sets forth
	Requires a party appealing a hearing officer's decision		a timeline for appealing a decision.
	to federal court to appeal within 90 days of the		
	decision.		
	Subd. 25. Enforcement of orders. Requires the	Same	Section 20. Enforcement of orders. Ensures enforcement
	commissioner to ensure the enforcement of hearing		of hearing officer decisions, rather than orders.
	officer decisions.		
	Subd. 27. Hearing officer training. Requires a	Same	Section 21. Hearing officer training. Requires a hearing
	hearing officer to participate in training offered by the		officer to participate in training offered by the commissioner.
	commissioner.		
	Subd. 28. District liability. Declares that a school	Same	Section 22. District liability. Prevents school districts from
	district is not liable for technical violations under		being liable for harmless violations of state or federal law,
	federal or state special education laws or rules. Makes		rules or regulations governing special education if they can
	this subdivision applicable to due process hearings and		prove such violation did not harm the student's education
	special education complaints filed with the department.		progress or the parent's right to notice, participation, or due

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			process.
10	Restrictive procedures for children with disabilities. Causes the use of restrictive procedures for children with disabilities to be governed by the statutory definitions in the following two sections. Makes this section effective July 1, 2011.	No comparable provision	
11	Definitions. Defines the following terms in the context of using restrictive procedures for children with disabilities: emergency, physical holding, positive behavioral interventions and supports, restrictive procedures, and seclusion.	No comparable provision	
12	Makes this section effective July 1, 2011.Standards for restrictive procedures.	No comparable provision	
	 Subd. 1. Restrictive procedures plan. (a) Requires schools to have a publicly accessible plan for using restrictive procedures with children with disabilities. Subd. 2. Restrictive procedures. (a) Allows only qualified and trained professionals to use restrictive procedures. (b) Requires school districts to make reasonable efforts to notify parents on the day restrictive procedures are 		
	 to notify parents on the day restrictive procedures are used or, if the district is unable to provide same-day notice, to send an electronic or written notice within two days or as otherwise indicated by the child's parent. (c) Requires school districts to hold an individualized education plan team meeting when restrictive procedures are used twice in a 30-day period or a 		

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	pattern or use emerges and restrictive procedures are not part of the child's individualized education program. Requires the team to review and document limitations and prohibitions on using restrictive procedures.	
	(d) Allows an individualized education plan team to plan for using restrictive procedures in response to behavior that constitutes an emergency.	
	Subd. 3. Physical holding or seclusion. Allows physical holding or seclusion to be used only in an emergency and if certain requirements are met: it is the least intrusive effective intervention; it ends when the threat of harm ends and staff determines that the child can return safely to the classroom or activity; staff directly observes the child during the holding or seclusion; the participating staff person documents the procedure; room specifications are met and the room meets applicable local building, fire, and safety codes and is registered with and available to be viewed by the commissioner.	
	Subd. 4. Prohibitions. Lists prohibited actions and procedures, including: corporal punishment; requiring a painful physical position, activity or posture; restricting a child's senses; presenting intense stimuli; denying or restricting access to equipment or devices except in cases of injury or serious damage; sexual abuse, neglect and physical abuse; withholding meals or water; denying bathroom access; and restricting or impairing a child's breathing.	
	Subd. 5. Staff training. (a) Requires staff using restrictive procedures to complete specified training in	

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Section	 the use of those procedures. (b) Directs the education commissioner, after consulting with the human services commissioner, to develop and maintain a list of recommended training programs. Requires school districts to maintain records on staff training. Allows school districts to coordinate training opportunities with children's community mental health providers. Subd. 6. Behavior supports. Encourages school districts to establish effective school-wide systems of positive behavior interventions and supports. Declares that nothing in this section precludes the use of reasonable force. 	Same	Section 23. Placement in another district; responsibility. Requires a nonresident district that places a pupil in a care and treatment facility to notify the resident district of the placement and to give the resident district an opportunity to participate in the placement decision. Outlines a notification timeline. Allows a resident district to establish reasonable restrictions on transportation. Effective Date. Makes this section effective the day following final enactment.
	Makes this section effective immediately.		
14	State interagency coordinating council. Causes the council to expire on June 30, 2014.	Same	Section 24. State interagency coordinating council. Expires the State Interagency Coordinating Council on June

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			30, 2014.
15	 Placement of a child without disabilities; education and transportation. (c) Requires a nonresident district to notify the resident district within 15 days of an emergency placement. Gives the resident district five business days to request an opportunity to participate in the emergency placement decision. (d) Allows a resident district to establish reasonable restrictions for transporting a child placed at a day care and treatment facility, subject to a court or agency order. 	Same	 Section 25. Placement of a child without disabilities; education and transportation. Outlines a timeline for notification of placement, allows a resident district to establish reasonable restrictions on transportation. Effective Date. Makes the section effective the day following final enactment.
	Makes this section effective immediately.		
16	Alternative instruction required before assessment referral. Makes technical changes to the response to intervention requirements.	No comparable provision	
17	Assistive technology device. Amends the definition of "assistive technology device" to exclude a surgically implanted medical device or a replacement of that device. Makes this section effective immediately.	Similar. Technical differences.	Section 26. Assistive technology device. Clarifies that Aassistive technology device@ does not mean a surgically implanted medical device.
18	Programs. Requires the resource centers for the deaf and hard of hearing to offer training programs.	Similar. Technical differences.	Section 27. Programs. Clarifies that like programs are other training programs offered by resource centers for the deaf, hard of hearing, blind and visually impaired.
19	Advisory committees. Directs the advisory committee for the Resource Center for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing to meet at least quarterly and submit an annual report to the commissioner, the legislature, and the Commission on Deaf, DeafBlind and Hard of Hearing Minnesotans that includes recommendations on aggregate data-based outcomes over time for deaf and hard-of-hearing children, consistent with state academic standards and assessments and a data-based plan that includes evidence-based best practices known to	Same	Section 28. Advisory committees. Requires the advisory committee for the Resource Center for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing to meat and submit an annual report.

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	improve the educational outcomes of deaf and hard-of-		
	hearing children.		
		No comparable provision	Section 29. Implementation. Increases the cap instituted on
			administrative costs retained by the Department of Human
			Services from \$350,000 to \$370,000.
20	Definitions. Excludes administrators and supervisors from	Same	Section 30. Definitions. Defines essential personnel as
	the definition of "essential personnel" for computing basic		excluding administrators and supervisors.
	revenue for children with disabilities.		
		No comparable provision	Section 31. Notification of resident district. Aligns state
			law with federal requirements regarding notification of a
			student's resident district.
21	Appropriations. See attached fiscal sheet.		Section 32. Appropriations. See fiscal tracking sheets.
22	Repealer. Repeals 125A.03 (special instruction for children	125A.05, 125A.091, subdivisions 1, 2, 3, 4, 22, and 23;	Section 33. Repealer. Repeals sections 125A.05 (Method of
	with disabilities), 125A.05 (method of special instruction),	and H.F. (d) same.	Special Instruction); and 125A.091 subdivisions 1 (District
	and 125A.18 (special instruction in nonpublic schools).		Obligation), 2 (Prior Written Notice), 3 (Content of Notice), 4
	(b) Repeals sections 121A.66 and 121A.67, subdivision		(Understandable Notice), 22 (Child's Educational Placement During Due Process Hearing), and 23 (Implementation of
	1(aversive and deprivation definitions and procedures),		Hearing Officer Order), and Minnesota Rules parts 3525.0210
	effective July 1, 2011.		subparts 34 and 43 (Definitions of "parent" and "surrogate
			parent"); 3525.0400 (Least restrictive environment);
	(c) Repeals rules governing aversive and deprivation		3525.2445 (Consultation with county social services); and
	definitions and procedures (Minnesota Rules, parts		3525.4220 (Hearing rights of respective parties).
	3525.0210, subparts 5, 6, 9, 13, 17, 29, 30, 46, and 47;		sezer (220 (realing rights of respective parties))
	3525.1100, subpart 2, item F; and 3525.2900, subpart 5),		
	effective July 1, 2011.		
	(d) Repeals special education rules (Minnesota Rules, parts		
	3525.0210, subparts 34 and 43; 3525.0400; 3525.2445; and		
	3525.4420), effective immediately.		

Section	Article 4: Facilities and Technology		Article 4: Facilities and Technology
		No comparable provision	Section 1. Debt Service Appropriation. Sets the statutory
			appropriations for fiscal year 2012 and 2013 for payment of

Section	Article 4: Facilities and Technology		Article 4: Facilities and Technology
			debt service equalization aid.
2	Health and safety program. Removes some obsolete references.	No comparable provision	
3	Facility plan. Eliminates the requirement for a district to submit a separate five year facility plan to the commissioner of education prior to receiving alternative facilities revenue.	No comparable provision	
4	Bond authorization. Eliminates the requirement that a district publish the commissioner's review and comment as a part of the notice preceding the sale of alternative facilities bonds.	No comparable provision	
5	Levy authorization. Eliminates the requirement that a district publish the commissioner's review and comment as a part of the notice prior to the district levying for alternative facilities projects.	No comparable provision	
			Section 2. Alternative Facilities Aid. Eliminates aid for an independent school district for fiscal years 2010 through 2012 and allows that district to levy for aid eliminated under this paragraph for taxes payable in 2010 only.
			Effective Date. Makes this section effective for fiscal year 2010 and later.
			Section 3. Alternative Facilities Appropriation. Sets the statutory appropriations for fiscal years 2010, 2011, 2012 and thereafter.
6	Commissioner approval. Clarifies that the commissioner may not impose a minimum acreage requirement on a new school facility's site, or the site of a remodeled school facility. Clarifies that the commissioner may not impose a maximum cap on the total renovation costs of a remodeled	Similar. Technical differences.	Section 4. Commissioner approval. Allows local school boards the authority to decide minimum average and the authority to choose whether to renovate or build a new school.
	facility as compared to the cost of new construction.		Effective Date. Makes this section effective for review and comments issued after July 1, 2009.
7	Review and comment. Raises the cap on school construction projects that are subject to review and comment by the commissioner of education from \$500,000 to \$1.4	Similar	S.F. 3, section 5. Consultation. Increases the threshold from \$500,000 to \$1,000,000 of a projects estimated cost that

Section	Anticle 4. Facilities and Tachnology		Article 4. Facilities and Tachnology
Section	Article 4: Facilities and Technology million for all school districts except those with outstanding		Article 4: Facilities and Technology requires a district to consult with the commissioner.
	capital loans. Eliminates the requirement that facility		
	maintenance projects are subject to review and comment by		S.F. 3, section 6. Review and comment. Increases the
	the commissioner.		threshold from \$500,000 to \$1,400,000 of a project
			expenditure that requires a school district to participate in a
			review and comment with the department before proceeding
			with the project if the school site does not have a capital loan outstanding.
8	Information required. Expands the list of information that		Section 5. Information required. Includes a description of
1	must be submitted to the commissioner of education as a part		how connections between school and residential areas can
	of the review and comment process to include a description		make it easier to get to school by walking, biking, and taking
	of pedestrian, bicycle and transit connections between the		transit, a specification of how the project maximizes the
	school and nearby residential areas. Requires the review and		opportunity for cooperative use of existing space, and
	comment to include a description of how the facility will		commutative costs about government infrastructure in the
	maximize the opportunity for cooperative uses of existing		information required to be submitted to the commissioner
	parks, recreation and other public facilities. Requires the		when proposing to construct a new building.
	review and comment to provide information about the		
	cumulative infrastructure costs (e.g. utilities, water and		
	sewer, roads and sidewalks) associated with a proposed		
	facility.		
9	Publication. Eliminates the requirement for the information		S.F. 3, section 7. Publication. Eliminates the requirement of
	from the commissioner's review and comment to be included		a school board to publish the commissioner's review and
	in the alternative facilities project notices that must be		comment of a facility's project and instead requires
	published prior to bond sale.		publication of a summary.
l		No comparable provision	Section 6. State and local district technology guidelines.
			Sets state and district technology guidelines. Identifies what
			those guidelines be premised on.
10	Telecommunications/Internet Access equity aid.	Same	Sections 7-10. Clarifies the inclusion of intermediate school
	Authorizes intermediate school districts to receive		districts in telecommunications/internet access equity aid.
	telecommunications/Internet access equity aid.		
l I		No comparable provision	Section 11. Alternative Facilities Aid Adjustment.
			Eliminates state aid for a special school district for fiscal year
			2011 only, converts aid to levy under existing statutory
			authority.

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11	Appropriations. Appropriates money for facilities and	Section 12. Appropriations. See fiscal tracking sheet.
	technology programs.	

Section	Article 5: Libraries, Nutrition, and Accounting		Article insert article # & description
1	Budgets; form of notification. Directs a school board to	Similar	S.F. 3, section 3. Budgets; form of notification. Eliminates
	publish a summary of its truth in taxation information and the		the requirement of a board to publish its revenue,
	address of the school district's official Web site in a qualified		expenditures, fund balances, and other relevant budget
	newspaper of general circulation in the district.		information and instead requires the board to publish a
			summary of that information in the newspaper.
2	Clerk records. Changes from August 15 to September 15	Same	Section 6. Clerk records. Changes from August 15 to
	the date by which the clerk files school district financial		September 15 and from October 10 to September 30 the dates
	reports with the school board and transmits a certified		by which the school district clerk must report district
	financial report to the commissioner. Requires the clerk to		expenses and other financial information. Deletes an obsolete
	provide the county auditor by September 30 instead of		reference.
	October 10 an attested copy of the clerk's record showing the		
	amount of proposed property tax for school purposes.		
3	Levy recognition. Reestablishes the levy recognition shift.	No comparable provision	
	Sets the shift percentage at 49.1 percent for fiscal years 2010		
	and later.		
4	Expenditures by building. Requires that a school district	No comparable provision	
	directly account for expenditures at a building level only to		
	the extent that the Uniform Financial and Reporting		
	Standards (UFARS) accounting system already		
	accommodates building level data.		
5	Account transfer for designated separation and	No comparable provision	
	retirement benefits. Combines two reserve accounts into a		
	single account that is designated for separation and retirement		
	benefits. Removes the limit that the account balance may not		
	exceed 50 percent of the total obligations.		
6	Debt verification. Strikes obsolete language.	Same	Section 10. Debt verification. Strikes obsolete language.
7	Debt elimination. Clarifies a cross-reference.	Same	Section 11. Debt elimination. Clarifies a statutory cross
			reference.
8	Certification of debt. Strikes obsolete language.	Same	Section 12. Certification of debt. Strikes obsolete

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			language.
9	School food service fund. Defines the manner in which a deficit in the food service account is calculated if a school district contracts with a food service management company. In cases where a contracted food service management company has run a deficit, extends the repayment time for the deficit for another year. Eliminates the ability for the food service management company to bid on any other contracts until the deficit is repaid.	No comparable provision	
10	Aid reduction; levy recognition change. Corrects a missing cross-reference.	No comparable provision	
11	Definitions. Lowers the aid payment shift percentage from 90 percent of the aid entitlement being paid in the current fiscal year to 73 percent beginning in fiscal year 2010.	No comparable provision	
12	Payment dates and percentages. Removes obsolete language.	No comparable provision	
13	Advance final payment. Authorizes an advance final payment for school districts and charter schools in statutory operating debt. Sets the aid payment schedule at 90 percent of the aid entitlement for fiscal years 2010 and later. Caps the total amount of the advance final payment that can be paid in any year at not more than \$7.5 million.	No comparable provision	
14	Aid payment percentage. Removes an obsolete reference.	No comparable provision	
15	Notification of resident district. Strikes language removing the resident district's liability for any tuition billing received after August 1 if the resident district did not receive timely notice from the providing district.	No comparable provision	
16	Service to people with visual and physical disabilities. Directs the department to provide services to people with visual and physical disabilities through the Minnesota Braille and Talking Book Library.	Same	Section 1. Services to people with visual and physical disabilities. Clarifies the library's name and purpose to be more inclusive.
17	Telephone or electronic meetings. Allows the advisory committee for Minnesota Braille and Talking Book Library to conduct committee meetings by telephone or other	Same	Section 2. Telephone or electronic meetings. Allows the Advisory Committee for the Minnesota Braille and Talking Book Library to conduct meetings by telephone or other

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	electronic means if certain conditions are met.		electronic means.
		No comparable provision	Section 3. Local support levels.
			Paragraph (a) sets the regional library basic system support
			grant to be the average of the adjusted net tax capacity for the
			second, third, and fourth years preceding the current year.
			Paragraph (b) sets a minimum level of support, requires the
			department of education to certify the minimum level of
			support to the city or county if the minimum is revised.
			support to the erry of county if the minimum is revised.
			Effective Date. Makes this section effective for calendar
			years 2009 and later; makes paragraph (a) effective for
			calendar years 2011 and later.
		No comparable provision	Section 4. Limitation. Defines a minimum level for
			regional library basic system support, defines the calculation
			for fiscal year 2011 for allowable reductions in local library
			support levels, sets absolute minimum levels of support,
			defines the revenue base.
			Effective Date. Makes this section effective for support in
			calendar year 2009 and later and for library grants paid in
			fiscal year 2010 and later.
18	Notice of proposed property taxes. Modifies the notice of	No comparable provision	ž – ž
	proposed property taxes to reflect the elimination of the		
	mandatory truth in taxation meetings.		
	Makes this section effective for fiscal year 2010 and later.		
19	Adoption of budget and levy. Eliminates the truth in	No comparable provision	
	taxation public hearing requirements.		
	Makes this section effective for taxes payable in 2010 and		
	later.		
20	Capital account transfers. Extends the one-year authority	Similar to Senate section 6, subdivision 1.	
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	for school districts to transfer up to \$51 per pupil unit per		
	year from the reserved for operating capital account to the		
	unreserved general fund balance for another two years.		
	Makes this section effective immediately.		
		No comparable provision	Section 5. Elevator Levy.
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			Subdivision 1. Lac Qui Parle Valley. Allows Independent
			School District No. 2853, Lac Qui Parle Valley, to levy up to
			\$8,500 for a replacement elevator, requires that the district
			recognize the revenue in fiscal year 2010.
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			Subdivision 2. Richfield. Allows Independent School
			District No. 280, Richfield, to levy up to \$25,000 for
			replacing elevators, requires that the district recognize the
			revenue in fiscal year 2010.
			Subdivision 3. Restriction. Prohibits levy authority granted
			under this section to supplant any levy authority provided by
			the health and safety levy.
			Effective Date. Makes this section effective for taxes
			payable in 2010 only.
21			Section 6. Fund Transfers.
			Subdivision 1. Capital account transfers. Authorizes a
			school district to transfer up to \$51 times the adjusted
			marginal cost pupil units from its reserved for operating
			capital account to its undesignated balance in the general
			fund, upon the adoption of a written resolution by the school
			board.
			Subdivision 2. Lac Qui Parle Valley. Authorizes
			Independent School District No. 2853, Lac Qui Parle Valley,
			Article 5

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Section	Fund transfer; St. Anthony-New Brighton. Authorizes Independent School District No. 282, St. Anthony-New Brighton, to permanently transfer up to \$400,000 from its reserved for operating capital account to its undesignated general fund balance.	Similar. Technical differences.	 to transfer up to \$221,000 from its debt redemption fund to its reserved for operating capital account without making a levy reduction. Subdivision 3. Mankato. Authorizes Independent School District No. 55, Mankato, to transfer up to \$250,000 from its debt redemption fund to its undesignated general fund balance without making a levy reduction. Subdivision 4. Ortonville. Authorizes Independent School District No. 62, Ortonville, to transfer up to \$200,000 from its debt redemption fund to its reserved for operating capital account without making a levy reduction. Subdivision 5. St. Anthony-New Brighton. Authorizes Independent School District No. 62, Ortonville, to its reserved for operating capital account without making a levy reduction. Subdivision 5. St. Anthony-New Brighton. Authorizes Independent School District No. 282, St. Anthony-New Brighton, to transfer up to \$400,000 from its reserved for operating capital account to its undesignated general fund balance without making a levy reduction.
			Effective Date. Makes this section effective the day following final enactment.
22	Appropriations. This section appropriates money for school nutrition programs including school lunch, school breakfast, kindergarten milk, and summer school food service replacement aid.		Section 7. Appropriations. See fiscal tracking sheet.
23	Appropriations. This section appropriates money for public libraries, including funds for regional library basic support grants, multicounty multitype library systems, the electronic library licenses, and regional library telecommunications aids.		
24	Repealer. Repeals for taxes payable in 2010 and later truth in taxation provisions on local property taxes related to public advertising, joint public hearings in metro and non-metro areas and in various counties (Minn. Stat. § 275.065,	No comparable provision	

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	subds. 5a, 6b, 6c, 8, 9, and 10).	

Section	Article 6: Self-Sufficiency and Lifelong Learning		Article 6: Early Childhood Education, Prevention, Self- Sufficiency, and Lifelong Learning
	Article 1: Early Childhood Education		
1	Director of Early Learning. Creates § 4.046. Establishes a	Similar. The House establishes a director of early	Section 1. Office of Early Learning.
	Director of Early Learning to oversee and coordinate a high-	learning and the Senate establishes an Office of Early	
	quality early childhood system in Minnesota to make such	Learning. Senate paragraph (a) specifies the office	Paragraph (a) establishes an Office of Early Learning,
	programs more effective and to improve the educational	must ensure that all children are ready for	requires the governor to appoint, with consent of the senate, a
	outcomes of children. Requires the governor to appoint a		director to oversee programs in early childhood care and
	director. Requires the director to report to the governor and		education.
	the commissioners of education and human services and lists	report to the governor, the Senate does not. Senate	
	the duties of the director. Requires the director to coordinate	requires the director to oversee resources and public	Paragraph (b) requires the director to report to the
	activities with the State Advisory Council on Early	funding streams for early childhood education and	commissioners of education and human services, and to
	Childhood Education and Care. Requires the director to	child care and to participate in the state's longitudinal	coordinate staff efforts to oversee recourses, work with the
	report to the legislature by February 1 of each year with	data collection program and the House does not.	departments and the Minnesota Early Learning Foundation to
	certain specified information and to present the legislature	House requires the director to create an inventory of	create common standards for early childhood programming,
	with a detailed plan to collocate state early childhood	early childhood services and the Senate does not.	create a seamless transition from early childhood to
	education and child care assistance programs and services by	House paragraph (c) requires the director to	kindergarten, develop and oversee data collection, plan and
	February 1, 2010. Makes this section effective the day	coordinate activities with the state Advisory Council	implement a quality rating and improvement system, and
	following final enactment.	on Early Childhood Education and Care. The Senate	employ the quality rating system rating tool in use in fiscal
		has no comparable language. House paragraph (d)	year 2008.
		requires the director to report to the legislature with	
		specified information. The Senate has no comparable	
		language.	
2	Distribution of appropriation. Amends § 119A.52.	Similar. The House applies the exemption to	Section 2. Distribution of Appropriation. Exempts
	Specifies that the state average federal cost per child for	initiatives serving families living in permanent	programs that target services to high risk populations from
	Early Head Start applies for all agencies without a federal	supportive housing and the Senate does not.	certain procedures required by the commissioner.
	Early Head Start rate. Exempts programs with approved		
	innovative initiatives that target services to high-risk		
	populations, including homeless families and families living		
	in homeless shelters and transitional housing, from meeting		
	certain enrollment procedures.		

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		No comparable provision	Section 3. Prekindergarten through grade 3 program.Subdivision 1. Establishes a prekindergarten through grade 3 educational program that serves children three years old to grade 3.
			Subdivision 2. Program components. Includes the components that the program may strive to include.
			Subdivision 3. Financing. Allows school districts or charter schools that establish a program under this section to allocate revenues to support the program, allows the program to accept kindergarten allowances if the program has been rated with a three-star rating or higher. Allows the program to establish fees to support children aged three and four years.
3	Program data submission requirements. Amends § 124D.13, subd. 13. Removes a requirement that ECFE programs submit a biennial plan to the Department of Education. Removes a requirement that ECFE programs submit annual program data to the Department of Education before it may certify a levy.	Same	Section 4. Program data submission requirements. Removes language relating to biennial plan requirements for early childhood programs. Removes the requirement that districts have an approved plan on file before certifying a early childhood family education levy.
4	Early childhood family education levy. Amends § 124D.135, subd. 3. Removes a requirement that districts meet annual program data and reporting requirements before certifying an ECFE levy.	Same	Section 5. Early childhood family education levy. Removes the requirement that a district submit a biennial plan before certifying its early childhood family education levy.
5	Quality rating and improvement system. Creates § 124D.142. Establishes a voluntary, standards-based quality rating and improvement system for early learning and care programs. Requires the state to consider the cost of administering and staffing the system and collecting evaluation and assessment data when establishing the system. Requires the state to use the Parent Aware quality rating tool prior to the creation of the voluntary statewide quality rating	Similar. House states the rating system is voluntary and the Senate does not. Technical differences in paragraph (a), clauses (1) and (2). House paragraph (b) and Senate paragraph (c) are similar. House states the rating system is voluntary, the Senate does not. House paragraph (c) requires the Departments of Education and Human Services to report specified information to the legislature. The Senate has no	 Section 6. Quality Rating and Improvement System. Paragraph (a) establishes a quality rating and improvement system based on the goal that Minnesota's children have access to high-quality early learning and care programs. Includes in the creation of the system: (1) establishing an early care and education framework; (2) using the framework as a tool to ensure that publicly funded and regulated early

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	and improvement system. Makes this section effective July 1, 2009.	comparable language. Senate paragraph (b) requires a cost assessment to be provided to the legislature. The House has no comparable provision.	 learning and care services in both public and private market programs are high quality and requires the state to establish a plan to link all future state funding to the framework; and (3) using the framework to track progress toward statewide access to high-quality early learning and care programs. Paragraph (b) requires the state to consider the cost of administering and staffing the system and collecting assessment and evaluation data in creating the system. Paragraph (c) requires the state to employ the Minnesota quality rating system rating tool in use in fiscal year 2008 prior to the creation of a statewide quality rating and improvement system.
		No comparable provision	Effective Date. Makes this section effective July 1, 2009. Section 7. Prekindergarten Finance Allowances.
			 Subdivision 1. Early childhood allowance locations. Requires the commissioners of human services and education to continue three prekindergarten exploratory projects in fiscal year 2010. Requires the commissioners to establish six additional prekindergarten projects in fiscal year 2011 and specifies that those sites be located in Otter Tail County, Itasca County, St. Louis County, and a consortium of Benton, Stearns, and Sherburne Counties. Subdivision 2. Allowance eligibility. Makes parents or legal guardians with incomes less than or equal to 46 percent of the state median income eligible to receive allowances. Sets the maximum amount at \$4,000 per child per year. Outlines how the allowances must be used.

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			Subdivision 2a. Automatic eligibility. Allows the commissioners of education and human services to accept children identified in other public funding eligibility processes.
			Subdivision 3. Quality standards. Establishes a provisional system and provisional ratings until a quality rating improvement system is established.
			Subdivision 4. Eligibility; applications. Makes eligible families that have incomes less than or equal to 46 percent of the median income. Prohibits allowances to be counted as earned income for the purposes of medical assistance, MinnesotaCare, MFIP, child care assistance, or Head Start programs.
			Effective Date. Makes this section effective the day following final enactment.
6	Early learning system. Creates § 124D.145. Defines the early learning system as a coherent structure of research-based curriculum content, instructional practice, program and child assessment, performance-based child and programmatic standards, professional development, engagement and outreach, accountability, financing, and governance efforts that contribute to all aspects of children's development and prepare children for kindergarten. Specifies that the system is delivered through a variety of public and private child care, preschool, Head Start, and school-based programs and services.	No comparable provision	
7	Establishment; purpose. Amends § 124D.15, subd. 1. Adds language specifying that the school readiness program is targeted toward children most at-risk for being unprepared for kindergarten.	No comparable provision	

Section	Article 6: Self-Sufficiency and Lifelong Learning		Article 6: Early Childhood Education, Prevention, Self- Sufficiency, and Lifelong Learning
8	Program requirements. Amends § 124D.15, subd. 3.	Similar. Senate includes a requirement that programs	Section 8. Program requirements. Requires an assessment
	Modifies school readiness program requirements by	serve children a minimum of 12 hours per week.	instrument to measure a child's cognitive skills, requires that
	modifying requirements related to assessments and	Senate requires programs to have teachers	assessment inform parents, requires that program content
	comprehensive program content and adding requirements	knowledgeable in cultural competencies. House does	align with state early childhood learning guidelines and
	related to coordinating appropriate kindergarten transition	not include these requirements.	kindergarten standards. Includes social, emotional, and
	with parents and kindergarten teachers and ensuring specified		physical skills be included in the program, requires
	staff-child ratios.		coordination with parents and kindergarten teachers, ensures
			staff-child ratios of one to ten, requires the program to serve
			children a minimum of 12 hours per week, and have teachers
			knowledgeable in early childhood curriculum, cultural
			competency, assessment, and instruction.
		No comparable provision	Section 13. American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of
			2009, Funds for Early Education.
			Subdivision 1. Policy. States that it is the policy of the state
			of Minnesota that schools should focus the spending of
			available resources to ensure children are fully ready for
			kindergarten.
			Subdivision 2. Encouragement. Encourages schools to
			direct a portion of the revenue from the American Recovery
			and Reinvestment Act of 2009 to ensure that all children are
			fully ready for kindergarten.
			Subdivision 3. Report. Requires schools to report how they
			used the increased funding to ensure that children are fully
			ready for kindergarten. Requires the commissioner to
			summarize and report the findings to the legislature.
9	Appropriations. Appropriates money in fiscal years 2010	Different. See fiscal tracking sheet.	Section 15. Appropriation. See fiscal tracking sheets.
	and 2011 for ECFE, school readiness, health and		
	developmental screening, Head Start, educate parents		
	partnership, and the kindergarten entrance assessment. See		
	spreadsheet for details.		

Section	Article 6: Self-Sufficiency and Lifelong Learning		Article 6: Early Childhood Education, Prevention, Self- Sufficiency, and Lifelong Learning
10	Revisor's instruction. Instructs the revisor to substitute the term "the director" for "commissioner" and "commissioner of education" in specified statutes. Instructs the revisor to substitute the term "the director" for "commissioner" and "commissioner of human services" in specified statutes.	Similar. House and Senate list different statutory sections. House instructs the revisor to substitute the term "director" for "commissioner of human services" in specified statutes and the Senate does not. The Senate instructs the revisor to substitute the term "Office of Early Learning" for "Department of Education" in specified statutes and the House does not.	Section 16. Revisor's instructions. Directs the revisor to change "Department of Education" to "Office of Early Learning" and "commissioner" to "director" in certain statutes.
	Article 2: Prevention		
1	Youth service programs. Amends § 124D.19, subd. 10. Removes a requirement that the commissioner maintain a list of acceptable projects with a description of each project. Removes a requirement that projects not on the list be approved by the commissioner.	Technical differences	Section 9. Youth service programs. Repeals the requirement that the commissioner maintain a list of acceptable youth service projects.
2	Community education; annual report. Amends § 124D.19, subd. 14. Modifies the information districts must include in their annual community education program reports by removing requirements to include information regarding the cost per participant and cost per contact hour. Removes a requirement that the Department of Education include this same information in their annual community education report.	Same	Section 10. Community education; annual report. Repeals the requirement that districts report the cost per participant and cost per contact hour in their annual report to the department, repeals the requirement that the department include this information in the community education annual report.
1	Other duties. Strikes language requiring the public safety commissioner to provide information upon request to school and community advisory teams.	Same	Section 12. Other Duties. Strikes the reference to school and community advisory teams that is repealed in Article 2.
2		Same	Section 17. Repealer. Repeals section 121A.27 (School and Advisory Team).
3	Appropriations.Appropriates money in fiscal years 2010and 2011 for community education aid, adults withdisabilities program aid, hearing impaired adults, and school-age care revenue.See spreadsheet for details.Article 3: Self-Sufficiency and Lifelong Learning	Different. See fiscal tracking sheet.	Section 15. Appropriation. See fiscal tracking sheets.
1	Adult basic education supplemental service grants.	Same	Section 11. Adult basic education supplemental service

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	Amends § 124D.522. Modifies the maximum grant amount a		grants. Changes the limit on the amount of a grant to a single
	single organization can receive.		organization from \$100,000 to 20 percent of the total
			supplemental services aid.
2	Appropriations. Appropriates money in fiscal years 2010	Different. See fiscal tracking sheets.	Section 15. Appropriation. See fiscal tracking sheets.
	and 2011 for adult basic education programs and GED tests.		
	See spreadsheet for details.		

Section	Article 7: State Agencies		Article 7: State Agencies
1	Grants and gifts. Allows the Board of the State Academies to apply for and receive grants and gifts from public and nonpublic sources. Appropriates and dedicates the money the Board of the State Academies receives, consistent with the purpose of the grant or gift. Directs the Board of the State Academies to report annually to the legislature on the amount of money received under this subdivision and the purpose for which it was used.	Similar, House includes requirement for annual report.	Section 1. Grants and gifts. Requires that money that is received in the form of gifts or grants to be used for the purpose for which it is granted.
2	Grants and gifts. Allows the commissioner to apply for and receive grants and gifts from public and nonpublic sources. Appropriates and dedicates the money the commissioner receives, consistent with the purpose of the grant or gift. Directs the commissioner to report annually to the legislature on the amount of money received under this subdivision and the purpose for which it was used.	Similar, House includes requirement for annual report.	Section 2. Grants and gifts. Allows the commissioner to apply for and receive grants. Requires that the money be used for the purpose for which it is granted. Requires the commissioner to report a list of all grants and gifts received and applied for under this subdivision.
3	 Appropriations; Department of Education. Appropriates \$21.383 million each year to the Department of Education for agency operations. Includes the following riders: \$41,000 per year for the Minnesota Academy of Science; \$632,000 per year for the Board of Teaching plus an additional \$30,000 per year for the board's 		Section 3. Appropriation. See fiscal tracking sheet.

Section	Article 7: State Agencies	Article 7: State Agencies
	licensure by portfolio activities;	
	▶ \$171,000 per year for the Board of Administrators;	
	▶ \$200,000 for the Minnesota Children's Museum;	
	▶ \$50,000 for the Duluth Children's Museum; and	
	 acceptance of federal funds, with the exception of certain funds from the 2009 federal stimulus accounts. 	
4	Appropriations; Minnesota State Academies.	Section 4. Appropriations See fiscal tracking sheet.
•	Appropriates \$11.912 million per year for the operation of	
	the Minnesota State Academies for the Deaf and the Blind.	
5	Appropriations; Perpich Center for Arts Education.Appropriates \$7.087 million per year for the operation of thePerpich Center for Arts Education.	Section 5. Appropriation. See fiscal tracking sheet.

Section	Article 8: Public Transportation	No comparable provision – See S.F. 1654	
1	Definitions. Allows a school district to include in its special		
	education costs the costs of using a school bus with a power		
	lift for a curricular field trip if the lift is required by a		
	student's disability.		
2	District reports. Authorizes a school district to record the		
	expense of a contracted pupil transportation service as the		
	actual cost of the contract under certain circumstances (under		
	current law, pupil transportation expenses must be allocated		
	on a cost-per-mile, cost-per-student, cost-per-hour, or cost-		
	per route basis).		
3	School bus. Increases the maximum vehicle weight of a type		
	A-1 school bus (these are the short, stubby school buses)		
	from 10,000 to 14,500 pounds. Defines multifunction school		
	activity bus.		

Section	Article 8: Public Transportation	No comparable provision – See S.F. 1654	
4	Personal cellular phone call prohibition. Clarifies a cross-		
	reference.		
5	National standards adopted. Clarifies the terminology		
	involved when referring to multifunction school activity		
	buses.		
6	Seat and crash barriers. Requires new school buses		
	purchased after October 21, 2009, to conform to the higher		
	seat back requirements specified in federal law (raising the		
	seatback height to 24 inches).		
7	Tailpipe. Allows the tailpipe to exit a school bus on either		
	the passenger or driver side of the vehicle.		
8	Exemption. Clarifies a cross-reference.		
9	School bus. Clarifies a cross-reference.		
10	Commercial motor vehicle. Clarifies a cross-reference.		
11	Driver's license classifications; endorsements;		
	exemptions. Clarifies the terminology involved when		
	referring to multifunction school activity buses and conforms		
	the type A-1 weight limits to the amounts specified in section		
	3. Makes technical changes to centralize requirements for		
	operating type A-1 and multifunction school activity buses		
	without a school bus endorsement.		
12	Exception for certain school bus drivers. Regulates		
	multifunction school activity buses when operated without a		
	school bus endorsement, establishing the same requirements		
	that apply to type A-1 school buses operated without the		
	school bus endorsement. Clarifies a cross-reference, and		
	recodes the type A-1 and multifunction school activity bus		
	weight limit and limit of 15 passengers or less.		
13	Exception for type III vehicle drivers. Modifies a law		
	enacted in 2008 that established regulations for drivers of		
	type III vehicles, which are certain passenger autos, vans, and		
	buses with a capacity of ten or fewer people (including the		
	driver), a maximum gross vehicle weight of 10,000 pounds,		

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Section	Article 8: Public Transportation	No comparable provision – See S.F. 1654
	and used for school purposes. The changes:	
	• modify the exemption from some of the type III driver requirements, so that all type III drivers must (1) undergo a background check, (2) have their license annually verified by the employer, and (3) notify the employer if convicted for certain DWI and traffic regulation offenses;	
	• clarify the exemptions from the physical exam and drug and alcohol testing provisions, to replace the "normal duties" test with an exemption that applies to all school and school district employees who are "not employed for the sole purpose of operating a type III vehicle;"	
	• clarify that holders of any class of commercial driver's license may operate a type III vehicle without a school bus endorsement (if the other requirements are met);	
	• specify that the school district or employer's driver training and certification has to include information on the requirement that the driver report convictions for certain DWI and traffic regulation offenses; and	
	• clarify that the driver's employer must require pre- employment drug and alcohol testing (unless the driver is exempted), and that drivers must comply with any employer's program for random or reasonable suspicion testing.	
14	Endorsement. Clarifies the circumstances under which a person can drive a school bus without a school bus endorsement.	
15	Training. Moves a requirement (to a subdivision on training) that a school district, nonpublic school, or a private bus contractor provide annual in-service training to each school bus driver.	
16	Annual evaluation and license verification. Extends the	

Section	Article 8: Public Transportation	No comparable provision – See S.F. 1654	
	time for the annual evaluation and license verification by 15		
	days to accommodate the shifting start days in Minnesota's		
	school year. Makes technical changes.		

Section	Article 9: School Finance System Changes	No comparable provision
1	Equalized debt service levy. Increases the first tier debt service equalization factor from \$3,200 to 100 percent of the state average adjusted net tax capacity per pupil	
	(approximately \$8,250). Increases the second tier equalizing	
	factor from \$8,000 to 200 percent of the state average	
	adjusted net tax capacity per pupil (roughly \$16,500).	
2	School bond agricultural credit.	
	 Subd. 1. Eligibility. Makes all property classified as agricultural or timberland (but excluding the house, garage and one acre of an agricultural homestead) eligible for the credit established in this section. Subd. 2. Credit amount. Provides for a credit of 66 percent of the portion of the property tax attributable to school debt levies, for all eligible property. 	
	Subd. 3. Credit reimbursements. Requires the county auditor to report to the commissioner of revenue the credit amount for each school district, and requires the commissioner to certify the accuracy of the submitted amounts.	
	Subd. 4. Payment. Requires the commissioner of revenue to certify the reimbursement amounts to the commissioner of education, and the commissioner of education to pay the reimbursement amounts to the school districts.	Article 8

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Section	Article 9: School Finance System Changes	No comparable provision
3	Career and technical aid. Triples funding for career and	
	technical programming by raising the allowance from \$80 to	
	\$240 times the number of students served in grades 10 to 12	
	and changes the funding from a local levy to state aid.	
4	Pupil of limited English proficiency. Removes the five-	
	year limit on the number of years that a non-English speaking	
	student qualifies for limited English proficiency revenue.	
5	School district LEP revenue. Increases the basic LEP	
	revenue from \$700 per pupil to 20 percent of the formula	
	allowance (\$1,500) per pupil. Note, the LEP concentration	
	revenue of up to \$250 per pupil is repealed in section 43.	
6	School district special education aid. Removes the	
	statewide cap on special education revenue so that each	
	school district's initial formula amount of special education	
	revenue is fully funded.	
7	District special education excess cost aid. Removes the	
	statewide cap on special education excess cost revenue so	
	that each school district's initial formula amount of special	
	education excess cost revenue is fully funded.	
8	Adjusted net tax capacity equalizing factor. Defines the	
	ANTC equalizing factor as the statewide average ANTC per	
	pupil unit.	
9	Referendum market value equalizing factor. Defines the	
	referendum market value equalizing factor as the statewide	
	average referendum market value per pupil unit.	
10	Location equity index. Defines the location equity index as	
	the lesser of 0.9 or the ratio of each district's composite wage	
	index to the statewide average weekly wages and not more	
	than 1.05. Sets the wage index by using three years of	
	weighted age data. Requires the commissioner of education	
	to annually calculate the location equity index for each	
	school district.	
11	Pupil unit. Simplifies the count of pupils by giving each	
	pupil unit a weight of 1.0, regardless of the pupil's grade.	

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adjustment to the count of resident pupil units.		
Average daily membership. Requires students to attend		
school for the statewide average hours of instruction before		
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services, and district support services.		
General education revenue. Redefines the components of		
general education revenue for fiscal year 2010 and later.		
Basic revenue. Increases the basic formula allowance from		
	qualifying for eligibility under the extended time revenue program (960 hours per year for elementary pupils and 1,050 hours for secondary students).Free and reduced price lunches. Bases the count of students eligible for free or reduced meals from a site level to a school district level.LEP pupil units. Removes the concentration factor from the count of LEP pupils.Education funding framework. Establishes an education funding framework by grouping revenue amounts into the categories of general classroom funding, district instructional services, and district support services.General education revenue. Redefines the components of general education revenue for fiscal year 2010 and later.	Includes funding for full-day kindergarten by weighting kindergarten pupils at 1.0. Compensation revenue pupil units. Modifies the calculation of compensatory revenue. Changes the measure from a site-based count to a district-based count of pupils (but continues to require the revenue to be distributed to the sites on a proportionate basis). Sets the compensatory funding equal to 40 percent of the formula allowance times the count of free and reduced pupils times the concentration factor. Sets a minimum amount of compensatory revenue for each eligible pupil at 33 percent of the formula allowance (\$2,500). Adjusted pupil units. Replaces the current additional pupil weighting for declining enrollment with a three year average measure of declining enrollment with a three year average measure of declining enrollment under section 22. Resident pupil units . Eliminates the declining enrollment adjustment to the count of resident pupil units. Average daily membership . Requires students to attend school for the statewide average hours of instruction before qualifying for eligibility under the extended time revenue program (960 hours per year for elementary pupils and 1,050 hours for secondary students). Free and reduced price lunches . Bases the count of students eligible for free or reduced meals from a site level to a school district level. LEP pupil units . Removes the concentration factor from the count of LEP pupils. Education funding framework . Establishes an education funding framework by grouping revenue amounts into the categories of general classroom funding, district instructional services, and district support services. General education revenue Forfiscal year 2010 and later.

Section	Article 9: School Finance System Changes	No comparable provision	
	\$5,124 to \$7,500 per pupil unit beginning in fiscal year 2010.	<u> </u>	
	Increases the formula allowance for each subsequent year by		
	the same rate of growth as the growth in the implicit price		
	deflator.		
21	Extended time revenue. Links extended time revenue to the		
	formula allowance (currently extended time revenue is		
	calculated using the formula allowance amount for FY 2005		
	which was \$4,601).		
22	Declining enrollment revenue. Creates a new component of		
	general education revenue for districts with declining		
	enrollment. Sets the revenue amount equal to the formula		
	allowance times the average loss of pupils for the three		
	preceding years.		
23	Location equity revenue. Creates a new component of		
	general education revenue called location equity revenue.		
	Sets the revenue equal to the product of 50 percent of the		
	basic formula allowance, the district's pupil units for that		
	year, and its location equity index minus 0.9.		
24	Referendum replacement revenue. Grants each district an		
	additional \$500 per pupil unit (Note: section 35 offsets the		
	first \$500 of referendum revenue per pupil unit).		
25	Compensatory education revenue. Establishes a minimum		
	amount of compensatory revenue for each pupil eligible for		
	free or reduced price meals equal to \$2,500 per pupil. Sets		
	the compensatory formula equal to 40 percent of the basic		
	formula allowance times the district's compensation revenue		
	pupil units.		
26	Basic skills revenue. Eliminates the concentration portion of		
	LEP revenue.		
27	Definitions. Increases the number of districts eligible for		
	sparsity revenue by lowering the minimum distance to the		
	next nearest school building from 19 to 15 miles.		
28	Total operating capital revenue. Adds \$600 of aid per		
	pupil unit to operating capital revenue for health and safety		

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Section	Article 9: School Finance System Changes	No comparable provision	
	and deferred maintenance purposes for those districts who are		
	not participating in the alternative facilities program. Adds		
	\$50 per pupil unit to operating capital revenue for technology		
	purposes. Raises the basic operating capital allowance from		
	\$70 to \$100 per pupil to adjust for the loss of pupil weighting		
	by grade under section 13.		
29	Uses of total operating capital. Defines the uses of		
	technology revenue.		
30	Transportation sparsity revenue allowance. Makes a		
	technical change to include transportation sparsity revenue in		
	the revenue under section 31.		
31	Transportation revenue. Adds two new transportation		
-	components to the transportation sparsity revenue amount.		
	Adds an amount for hazardous transportation services equal		
	to the district's actual costs, not to exceed 20 percent of the		
	district's total to and from transportation costs and adds an		
	amount equal to 5 percent of a district's total transportation		
	spending for bus purchase or other transportation needs.		
32	Innovation revenue. Requires a school district to use at		
	least 5 percent of its basic revenue for innovative revenue		
	programs including peer-reviewed, research-based measures		
	to improve academic performance. Requires a district that is		
	demonstrating low student growth to submit a plan to the		
	commissioner of education describing how it intends to use		
	its innovation revenue.		
33	General education aid. Eliminates the property tax levies of		
	general education revenue so that general education revenue		
	is provided entirely through state aid.		
34	Uses of revenue. Specifies that a certain portion of general		
	education revenue must be set aside for the following:		
	▶ one percent of basic revenue (\$75 per pupil) for		
	gifted and talented services;		
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Section	Article 9: School Finance System Changes	No comparable provision	
Section	 Five percent of basic revenue to implement a 		
	district's innovative revenue program;		
	district s innovative revenue program,		
	• basic skills revenue (compensatory and LEP		
	revenue) must be set aside as is required by		
	current law; and		
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	• operating capital must be set aside as required by		
	current law.		
35	Referendum allowance. Reduces each school district's		
00	approved referendum allowance by \$500 per pupil unit (this		
	amount is replaced with revenue under section 24).		
36	Referendum equalization revenue. Removes obsolete		
	language.		
37	Referendum equalization levy. Converts the operating		
	referendum equalization factors from fixed amounts to a		
	percent of the statewide average referendum market value tax		
	base. Changes the first tier equalizing factor from \$476,000		
	per pupil to 100 percent of statewide equalizing factor (about		
	\$582,000 per pupil). Changes the second tier equalizing		
	factor from \$276,000 per pupil to 60 percent of the statewide		
	referendum market value equalizing factor (about \$350,000).		
38	Annual general education aid appropriation. Expands the		
	open and standing appropriation for general education		
	revenue to include the amounts necessary to fund the special		
	education formulas, debt service equalization aid, and the		
	school bond agricultural credit.		
39	To lease building or land. Increases the building lease levy		
	from a maximum of \$100 per pupil to \$150 per pupil and		
	authorizes school districts to lease administrative space as		
	well as classroom space. Increases the lease levy for districts		
	that are members of an intermediate school district from \$25		
	to \$50 per pupil unit.		
40	Statewide average revenue. Makes a technical correction to		

No comparable provision	Article 9: School Finance System Changes	Section
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	reflect the elimination of equity revenue and transition	
 	revenue.	
	Phase-in. Defines a district's baseline education revenue as	41
	the amounts calculated under the formulas in the 2008	
	Minnesota Statutes.	
	Phases in the new aid, levy and revenue over an unspecified	
	number of years by adding the percentage to be phased in for	
	that year to the baseline education revenue amount for each	
	district.	
	Revisor's instruction. Instructs the revisor to remove the	42
	phrase "marginal cost" from all of the definitions of pupil	
	units that appear in statute.	
	Repealer. Repeals the fixed standing appropriation for debt	43
	service equalization aid, special education revenue caps,	
	gifted and talented revenue, the operating capital levy, equity	
	revenue, transition revenue, alternative teacher compensation	
	revenue, the learning and development revenue set-aside and	
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	the teacher retirement and PERA pension adjustments to general education revenue.	

Section	Article 10: Forecast Adjustments	Similar, House does not include certain negative adjustments.	Article 8: Forecast Adjustments

Section	Article 11: Technical Corrections	No comparable provision	
1	Equity revenue. Removes an obsolete cross-reference to a		
	revenue source that no longer exists.		
2	Education records. Corrects a cross-reference.		