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Bill Summary =

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Overview

Minnesota Statutes establish a cycle for the education commissioner to review and revise state academic standards and related benchmarks and to examine the alignment of the standards with college readiness, advanced work, and high school graduation requirements. This bill directs the commissioner to continue to undertake the review and revision of the standards but prohibits the commissioner from finally adopting the revisions in rule without specific legislative authority to do so.

Revisions and reviews required. Directs the education commissioner to revise and align state academic standards and high school graduation requirements consistent with the statutory standards revision and review cycle and applicable rule making requirements but prohibits the commissioner from proceeding to finally adopt any revised standards or requirements without specific legislative authority.

Makes this section effective immediately.