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Bill Summary

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Overview

Proposes to increase from age 17 to age 18 the age when students are compelled to attend school. Minnesota increased the age of compulsory attendance from age 16 to age 17 in 2013.

Section

- 1** **Ages and terms.** Requires children through age 18, instead of age 17, to be enrolled in school and receive instruction.
Makes this section effective for the 2015-2016 school year and later.
- 2** **Withdrawal from school.** Makes the process for withdrawing from school applicable to students who are 18 years old, instead of 17 years old.
Makes this section effective for the 2015-2016 school year and later.
- 3** **Assessment of performance.** Requires home school students ages 16 through 18, instead of age 17, to be assessed using a nationally norm-referenced standardized achievement exam.
Makes this section effective for the 2015-2016 school year and later.
- 4** **Reports to superintendent.** Requires home school parents to submit a report on the instruction of students ages 16 to 18, instead of age 17, to the school superintendent.
Makes this section effective for the 2015-2016 school year and later.
- 5** **Termination of enrollment.** Allows a school district to terminate the enrollment of a nonresident student over age 18, instead of age 17, who is absent without lawful excuse on 15 school days and has not lawfully withdrawn from school.

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Makes this section effective for the 2015-2016 school year and later.

- 6** **Habitual truant.** Defines “habitual truant” to mean a student under age 18, instead of age 17, who is absent from school without a lawful excuse and has not lawfully withdrawn from school.

Makes this section effective for the 2015-2016 school year and later.