



STATE OF MINNESOTA

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May 30, 2017

The Honorable Kurt Daudt
Speaker of the House
Room 463, State Office Building
St. Paul, Minnesota 55155

Dear Speaker Daudt:

On the advice of my General Counsel, to ensure there are no legal challenges, I am signing Chapter 5, House File 2 rather than allowing it to become law without my signature.

I am pleased the Legislature finally agreed to funding the two percent annual increases on the basic education funding formula I sought. The original E-12 education bill you sent me and that I vetoed, was insufficient in this regard, endangering school districts' basic operations and local property taxpayers' pocketbooks. This bill is much improved and will offer districts a better chance to keep up with inflationary costs. However, even this significant investment is not enough to prevent some school districts from teacher layoffs for the upcoming school year.

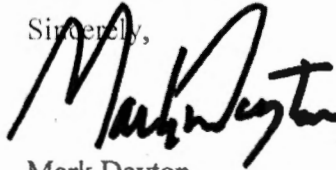
There is a substantial investment in early learning which will benefit children and families across Minnesota, although I believe we can do far better in this area. I am pleased that the bill includes up to an additional \$50 million for prekindergarten. Results from the first year demonstrated significant demand for this program from parents, teachers, principals and superintendents. The bill, however, failed to meet the known demand for the prekindergarten program established last session. This additional funding is one-time only which is a detriment to establishing ongoing programs to serve our youngest learners.

In addition, funding for early learning scholarships is increased, but the requirement for those scholarships to be used at highly rated programs is pushed back until 2020 and the option provided for schools and child care centers to reserve spaces is foreclosed.

The Perpich Center remains open to provide arts education and outreach to students and education professionals. This enduring legacy of Governor Perpich has been and will continue to be an asset to our state. The reforms included in the bill should strengthen the work of the current Perpich Center board members in addressing concerns about the school's governance.

There are a number of laudable investments in the bill, including reading and math corps, mental health grants, teacher workforce initiatives, career and technical education programming, transportation, agency operating and IT needs, and the Bureau of Indian Education Schools. These investments will help support and sustain educational opportunities throughout Minnesota. I am quite concerned however, that the funding for the Bureau of Indian Education schools is one-time. This should be addressed next session. I am also very disappointed that no funding was provided for special education. The cross-subsidy continues to be a drain on district programming.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mark Dayton", written over the word "Sincerely,".

Mark Dayton
Governor

cc: Senator Michelle L. Fischbach, President of the Senate
Senator Paul E. Gazelka, Senate Majority Leader
Senator Thomas M. Bakk, Senate Minority Leader
Senator Carla Nelson, Minnesota Senate
Representative Melissa Hortman, House Minority Leader
Representative Jenifer Loon, House of Representatives
The Honorable Steve Simon, Secretary of State
Mr. Cal R. Ludeman, Secretary of the Senate
Mr. Patrick Murphy, Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives
Mr. Paul Marinac, Revisor of Statutes

AN ACT

1.1
1.2 relating to education finance; providing funding in early childhood, kindergarten
1.3 through grade 12, and adult education, including general education, education
1.4 excellence, teachers, special education, facilities and technology, nutrition, libraries,
1.5 early childhood and family support, community education and prevention,
1.6 self-sufficiency and lifelong learning, and state agencies; making forecast
1.7 adjustments; restructuring Minnesota's teacher licensing system; establishing and
1.8 transferring all teacher licensing and support personnel licensing and credentialing
1.9 authority to the Professional Educator Licensing and Standards Board; providing
1.10 for rulemaking; requiring a report; appropriating money; amending Minnesota
1.11 Statutes 2016, sections 120A.22, subdivision 9; 120A.41; 120B.021, subdivisions
1.12 1, 3; 120B.022, subdivision 1b; 120B.12, subdivisions 2, 2a, 3; 120B.125;
1.13 120B.132; 120B.22, subdivision 2; 120B.23, subdivision 3; 120B.232, subdivision
1.14 1; 120B.30, subdivision 1; 120B.31, subdivisions 4, 4a, by adding a subdivision;
1.15 120B.35, subdivision 3; 120B.36, subdivision 1; 120B.363, subdivision 1; 121A.22,
1.16 subdivision 2; 121A.221; 122A.06; 122A.07; 122A.08; 122A.09, subdivisions 1,
1.17 2, 3, 4, 4a, 6, 7, 9, 10; 122A.14, subdivision 9; 122A.17; 122A.18, subdivisions
1.18 1, 2, 2b, 7a, 7c, 8, by adding a subdivision; 122A.19; 122A.20; 122A.21,
1.19 subdivisions 1, 2, by adding a subdivision; 122A.22; 122A.23, subdivision 3;
1.20 122A.26, subdivision 2; 122A.28; 122A.29; 122A.30; 122A.40, subdivision 10;
1.21 122A.41, by adding a subdivision; 122A.414, subdivision 2; 122A.415, subdivision
1.22 4; 123A.73, subdivision 2; 123B.41, subdivisions 2, 5a; 123B.52, subdivision 1,
1.23 by adding a subdivision; 123B.595, subdivisions 1, 4; 123B.71, subdivisions 11,
1.24 12; 123B.92, subdivision 1; 124D.03, subdivision 5a; 124D.09, subdivisions 3, 5,
1.25 10, 12, 13, by adding subdivisions; 124D.13, subdivision 11; 124D.151,
1.26 subdivisions 5, 6; 124D.165, subdivisions 1, 2, 3, 4; 124D.454, subdivision 12;
1.27 124D.52, subdivision 7; 124D.549; 124D.55; 124D.59, subdivision 2; 124D.68,
1.28 subdivision 2; 124D.695; 124D.75, subdivisions 1, 6; 124D.83, subdivision 2;
1.29 124E.03, subdivision 2; 124E.05, subdivision 7; 124E.11; 124E.22; 125A.083;
1.30 125A.0941; 125A.11, subdivision 1; 125A.21, subdivision 2; 125A.515; 125A.56,
1.31 subdivision 1; 125A.67, subdivision 2; 125A.74, subdivision 1; 125A.76,
1.32 subdivision 2c; 126C.05, subdivisions 1, 8; 126C.10, subdivisions 2, 2a, 3, 13a,
1.33 by adding a subdivision; 126C.17, subdivision 9; 127A.05, subdivision 6; 127A.41,
1.34 subdivision 3; 127A.45, subdivision 10; 129C.10, subdivisions 1, 4; 129C.105;
1.35 134.31, subdivision 2; 136A.1791, subdivisions 1, 2, 9; 214.04, subdivision 1;
1.36 214.045; 256B.0625, subdivision 26; 256J.08, subdivisions 38, 39; Laws 2015,
1.37 First Special Session chapter 3, article 1, section 27, subdivisions 2, as amended,
1.38 3, 4, as amended, 6, as amended, 7, as amended, 9, as amended; article 2, section
1.39 70, subdivisions 2, as amended, 3, as amended, 4, as amended, 5, as amended, 7,

as amended, 11, as amended; article 4, section 9, subdivision 2, as amended; article 5, section 30, subdivisions 2, as amended, 3, as amended, 5, as amended, 6; article 6, section 13, subdivisions 2, as amended, 3, as amended; article 7, section 7, subdivisions 2, as amended, 3, as amended, 4, as amended; article 9, section 8, subdivisions 5, as amended, 6, as amended; article 10, section 3, subdivision 2, as amended; article 11, section 3, subdivision 2, as amended; Laws 2016, chapter 189, article 25, sections 58; 62, subdivisions 7, 11, 17; article 30, section 25, subdivision 5; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapters 120A; 120B; 121A; 122A; 124D; 129C; 136A; repealing Minnesota Statutes 2016, sections 122A.09, subdivisions 5, 8, 11; 122A.14, subdivision 5; 122A.162; 122A.163; 122A.18, subdivisions 2a, 3, 3a, 4, 4a, 6, 7, 7b; 122A.21, subdivision 2; 122A.23, subdivisions 1, 2; 122A.245; 122A.25; 122A.40, subdivision 11; 122A.41, subdivision 14; 123A.73, subdivision 3; 124D.73, subdivision 2; 125A.085; 125A.75, subdivision 7; 125A.76, subdivision 2b; 129C.10, subdivision 5a; 129C.30; Minnesota Rules, part 3500.3100, subpart 4.

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

ARTICLE 1

GENERAL EDUCATION

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 120A.41, is amended to read:

120A.41 LENGTH OF SCHOOL YEAR; HOURS OF INSTRUCTION.

(a) A school board's annual school calendar must include at least 425 hours of instruction for a kindergarten student without a disability, 935 hours of instruction for a student in grades 1 through 6, and 1,020 hours of instruction for a student in grades 7 through 12, not including summer school. The school calendar for all-day kindergarten must include at least 850 hours of instruction for the school year. The school calendar for a prekindergarten student under section 124D.151, if offered by the district, must include at least 350 hours of instruction for the school year. A school board's annual calendar must include at least 165 days of instruction for a student in grades 1 through 11 unless a four-day week schedule has been approved by the commissioner under section 124D.126.

(b) A school board's annual school calendar may include plans for up to five days of instruction provided through online instruction due to inclement weather. The inclement weather plans must be developed according to section 120A.414.

Sec. 2. [120A.414] E-LEARNING DAYS.

Subdivision 1. **Days.** "E-learning day" means a school day where a school offers full access to online instruction provided by students' individual teachers due to inclement weather. A school district or charter school that chooses to have e-learning days may have up to five e-learning days in one school year. An e-learning day is counted as a day of instruction and included in the hours of instruction under section 120A.41.

3.1 Subd. 2. **Plan.** A school board may adopt an e-learning day plan after consulting with
3.2 the exclusive representative of the teachers. A charter school may adopt an e-learning day
3.3 plan after consulting with its teachers. The plan must include accommodations for students
3.4 without Internet access at home and for digital device access for families without the
3.5 technology or an insufficient amount of technology for the number of children in the
3.6 household. A school's e-learning day plan must provide accessible options for students with
3.7 disabilities under chapter 125A.

3.8 Subd. 3. **Annual notice.** A school district or charter school must notify parents and
3.9 students of the e-learning day plan at the beginning of the school year.

3.10 Subd. 4. **Daily notice.** On an e-learning day declared by the school, a school district or
3.11 charter school must notify parents and students at least two hours prior to the normal school
3.12 start time that students need to follow the e-learning day plan for that day.

3.13 Subd. 5. **Teacher access.** Each student's teacher must be accessible both online and by
3.14 telephone during normal school hours on an e-learning day to assist students and parents.

3.15 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective for the 2017-2018 school year and later.

3.16 Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 121A.22, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

3.17 Subd. 2. **Exclusions.** In addition, this section does not apply to drugs or medicine that
3.18 are:

3.19 (1) purchased without a prescription;

3.20 (2) used by a pupil who is 18 years old or older;

3.21 (3) used in connection with services for which a minor may give effective consent,
3.22 including section 144.343, subdivision 1, and any other law;

3.23 (4) used in situations in which, in the judgment of the school personnel who are present
3.24 or available, the risk to the pupil's life or health is of such a nature that drugs or medicine
3.25 should be given without delay;

3.26 (5) used off the school grounds;

3.27 (6) used in connection with athletics or extra curricular activities;

3.28 (7) used in connection with activities that occur before or after the regular school day;

3.29 (8) provided or administered by a public health agency to prevent or control an illness
3.30 or a disease outbreak as provided for in sections 144.05 and 144.12;

(9) prescription asthma or reactive airway disease medications self-administered by a pupil with an asthma inhaler, consistent with section 121A.221, if the district has received a written authorization from the pupil's parent permitting the pupil to self-administer the medication, the inhaler is properly labeled for that student, and the parent has not requested school personnel to administer the medication to the pupil. The parent must submit written authorization for the pupil to self-administer the medication each school year; or

(10) epinephrine auto-injectors, consistent with section 121A.2205, if the parent and prescribing medical professional annually inform the pupil's school in writing that (i) the pupil may possess the epinephrine or (ii) the pupil is unable to possess the epinephrine and requires immediate access to epinephrine auto-injectors that the parent provides properly labeled to the school for the pupil as needed.

Sec. 4. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 121A.221, is amended to read:

121A.221 POSSESSION AND USE OF ASTHMA INHALERS BY ASTHMATIC STUDENTS.

(a) Consistent with section 121A.22, subdivision 2, clause (9), in a school district that employs a school nurse or provides school nursing services under another arrangement, the school nurse or other appropriate party must assess the student's knowledge and skills to safely possess and use an asthma inhaler in a school setting and enter into the student's school health record a plan to implement safe possession and use of asthma inhalers.

(b) Consistent with section 121A.22, subdivision 2, clause (9), in a school that does not have a school nurse or school nursing services, the student's parent or guardian must submit written verification from the prescribing professional that documents an assessment of the student's knowledge and skills to safely possess and use an asthma inhaler in a school setting has been completed.

Sec. 5. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 123B.41, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

Subd. 2. **Textbook.** (a) "Textbook" means any book or book substitute, including electronic books as well as other printed materials delivered electronically, which a pupil uses as a text or text substitute in a particular class or program in the school regularly attended and a copy of which is expected to be available for the individual use of each pupil in this class or program. Textbook includes an online book with an annual subscription cost.

(b) For purposes of calculating the annual nonpublic pupil aid entitlement for textbooks, the term shall be limited to books, workbooks, or manuals, whether bound or in loose-leaf

5.1 form, as well as electronic books and other printed materials delivered electronically,
5.2 intended for use as a principal source of study material for a given class or a group of
5.3 students.

5.4 (c) For purposes of sections 123B.40 to 123B.48, the terms "textbook" and "software
5.5 or other educational technology" include only such secular, neutral, and nonideological
5.6 materials as are available, used by, or of benefit to Minnesota public school pupils.

5.7 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective for revenue in fiscal year 2018 and later.

5.8 Sec. 6. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 123B.41, subdivision 5a, is amended to read:

5.9 Subd. 5a. **Software or other educational technology.** For purposes of sections 123B.42
5.10 and 123B.43, "software or other educational technology" includes software, programs,
5.11 applications, hardware, and any other electronic educational technology. Software or other
5.12 educational technology includes course registration fees for advanced placement courses
5.13 delivered online.

5.14 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective for revenue in fiscal year 2018 and later.

5.15 Sec. 7. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 123B.92, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

5.16 Subdivision 1. **Definitions.** For purposes of this section and section 125A.76, the terms
5.17 defined in this subdivision have the meanings given to them.

5.18 (a) "Actual expenditure per pupil transported in the regular and excess transportation
5.19 categories" means the quotient obtained by dividing:

5.20 (1) the sum of:

5.21 (i) all expenditures for transportation in the regular category, as defined in paragraph
5.22 (b), clause (1), and the excess category, as defined in paragraph (b), clause (2), plus

5.23 (ii) an amount equal to one year's depreciation on the district's school bus fleet and
5.24 mobile units computed on a straight line basis at the rate of 15 percent per year for districts
5.25 operating a program under section 124D.128 for grades 1 to 12 for all students in the district
5.26 and 12-1/2 percent per year for other districts of the cost of the fleet, plus

5.27 (iii) an amount equal to one year's depreciation on the district's type III vehicles, as
5.28 defined in section 169.011, subdivision 71, which must be used a majority of the time for
5.29 pupil transportation purposes, computed on a straight line basis at the rate of 20 percent per
5.30 year of the cost of the type three school buses by:

(2) the number of pupils eligible for transportation in the regular category, as defined in paragraph (b), clause (1), and the excess category, as defined in paragraph (b), clause (2).

(b) "Transportation category" means a category of transportation service provided to pupils as follows:

(1) Regular transportation is:

(i) transportation to and from school during the regular school year for resident elementary pupils residing one mile or more from the public or nonpublic school they attend, and resident secondary pupils residing two miles or more from the public or nonpublic school they attend, excluding desegregation transportation and noon kindergarten transportation; but with respect to transportation of pupils to and from nonpublic schools, only to the extent permitted by sections 123B.84 to 123B.87;

(ii) transportation of resident pupils to and from language immersion programs;

(iii) transportation of a pupil who is a custodial parent and that pupil's child between the pupil's home and the child care provider and between the provider and the school, if the home and provider are within the attendance area of the school;

(iv) transportation to and from or board and lodging in another district, of resident pupils of a district without a secondary school; and

(v) transportation to and from school during the regular school year required under subdivision 3 for nonresident elementary pupils when the distance from the attendance area border to the public school is one mile or more, and for nonresident secondary pupils when the distance from the attendance area border to the public school is two miles or more, excluding desegregation transportation and noon kindergarten transportation.

For the purposes of this paragraph, a district may designate a licensed day care facility, school day care facility, respite care facility, the residence of a relative, or the residence of a person or other location chosen by the pupil's parent or guardian, or an after-school program for children operated by a political subdivision of the state, as the home of a pupil for part or all of the day, if requested by the pupil's parent or guardian, and if that facility, residence, or program is within the attendance area of the school the pupil attends.

(2) Excess transportation is:

(i) transportation to and from school during the regular school year for resident secondary pupils residing at least one mile but less than two miles from the public or nonpublic school they attend, and transportation to and from school for resident pupils residing less than one

7.1 mile from school who are transported because of full-service school zones, extraordinary
7.2 traffic, drug, or crime hazards; and

7.3 (ii) transportation to and from school during the regular school year required under
7.4 subdivision 3 for nonresident secondary pupils when the distance from the attendance area
7.5 border to the school is at least one mile but less than two miles from the public school they
7.6 attend, and for nonresident pupils when the distance from the attendance area border to the
7.7 school is less than one mile from the school and who are transported because of full-service
7.8 school zones, extraordinary traffic, drug, or crime hazards.

7.9 (3) Desegregation transportation is transportation within and outside of the district during
7.10 the regular school year of pupils to and from schools located outside their normal attendance
7.11 areas under a plan for desegregation mandated by the commissioner or under court order.

7.12 (4) "Transportation services for pupils with disabilities" is:

7.13 (i) transportation of pupils with disabilities who cannot be transported on a regular school
7.14 bus between home or a respite care facility and school;

7.15 (ii) necessary transportation of pupils with disabilities from home or from school to
7.16 other buildings, including centers such as developmental achievement centers, hospitals,
7.17 and treatment centers where special instruction or services required by sections 125A.03 to
7.18 125A.24, 125A.26 to 125A.48, and 125A.65 are provided, within or outside the district
7.19 where services are provided;

7.20 (iii) necessary transportation for resident pupils with disabilities required by sections
7.21 125A.12, and 125A.26 to 125A.48;

7.22 (iv) board and lodging for pupils with disabilities in a district maintaining special classes;

7.23 (v) transportation from one educational facility to another within the district for resident
7.24 pupils enrolled on a shared-time basis in educational programs, and necessary transportation
7.25 required by sections 125A.18, and 125A.26 to 125A.48, for resident pupils with disabilities
7.26 122.10 who are provided special instruction and services on a shared-time basis or if resident
7.27 pupils are not transported, the costs of necessary travel between public and private schools
7.28 or neutral instructional sites by essential personnel employed by the district's program for
7.29 children with a disability;

7.30 (vi) transportation for resident pupils with disabilities to and from board and lodging
7.31 facilities when the pupil is boarded and lodged for educational purposes;

8.1 (vii) transportation of pupils for a curricular field trip activity on a school bus equipped
8.2 with a power lift when the power lift is required by a student's disability or section 504 plan;
8.3 and

8.4 (viii) services described in clauses (i) to (vii), when provided for pupils with disabilities
8.5 in conjunction with a summer instructional program that relates to the pupil's individualized
8.6 education program or in conjunction with a learning year program established under section
8.7 124D.128.

8.8 For purposes of computing special education initial aid under section 125A.76, the cost
8.9 of providing transportation for children with disabilities includes (A) the additional cost of
8.10 transporting a student in a shelter care facility as defined in section 260C.007, subdivision
8.11 30, a homeless student from a temporary nonshelter home in another district to the school
8.12 of origin, or a formerly homeless student from a permanent home in another district to the
8.13 school of origin but only through the end of the academic year; and (B) depreciation on
8.14 district-owned school buses purchased after July 1, 2005, and used primarily for
8.15 transportation of pupils with disabilities, calculated according to paragraph (a), clauses (ii)
8.16 and (iii). Depreciation costs included in the disabled transportation category must be excluded
8.17 in calculating the actual expenditure per pupil transported in the regular and excess
8.18 transportation categories according to paragraph (a). For purposes of subitem (A), a school
8.19 district may transport a child who does not have a school of origin to the same school
8.20 attended by that child's sibling, if the siblings are homeless or in a shelter care facility.

8.21 (5) "Nonpublic nonregular transportation" is:

8.22 (i) transportation from one educational facility to another within the district for resident
8.23 pupils enrolled on a shared-time basis in educational programs, excluding transportation
8.24 for nonpublic pupils with disabilities under clause (4);

8.25 (ii) transportation within district boundaries between a nonpublic school and a public
8.26 school or a neutral site for nonpublic school pupils who are provided pupil support services
8.27 pursuant to section 123B.44; and

8.28 (iii) late transportation home from school or between schools within a district for
8.29 nonpublic school pupils involved in after-school activities.

8.30 (c) "Mobile unit" means a vehicle or trailer designed to provide facilities for educational
8.31 programs and services, including diagnostic testing, guidance and counseling services, and
8.32 health services. A mobile unit located off nonpublic school premises is a neutral site as
8.33 defined in section 123B.41, subdivision 13.

9.1 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective retroactively from December 10, 2016.

9.2 Sec. 8. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 126C.05, subdivision 8, is amended to read:

9.3 Subd. 8. **Average daily membership.** (a) Membership for pupils in grades kindergarten
9.4 through 12 and for prekindergarten pupils with disabilities shall mean the number of pupils
9.5 on the current roll of the school, counted from the date of entry until withdrawal. The date
9.6 of withdrawal shall mean the day the pupil permanently leaves the school or the date it is
9.7 officially known that the pupil has left or has been legally excused. However, a pupil,
9.8 regardless of age, who has been absent from school for 15 consecutive school days during
9.9 the regular school year or for five consecutive school days during summer school or
9.10 intersession classes of flexible school year programs without receiving instruction in the
9.11 home or hospital shall be dropped from the roll and classified as withdrawn. Nothing in this
9.12 section shall be construed as waiving the compulsory attendance provisions cited in section
9.13 120A.22. Average daily membership equals the sum for all pupils of the number of days
9.14 of the school year each pupil is enrolled in the district's schools divided by the number of
9.15 days the schools are in session or are providing e-learning days due to inclement weather.
9.16 Days of summer school or intersession classes of flexible school year programs are only
9.17 included in the computation of membership for pupils with a disability not appropriately
9.18 served primarily in the regular classroom. A student must not be counted as more than 1.2
9.19 pupils in average daily membership under this section and section 126C.10, subdivision 2a,
9.20 paragraph (b). When the initial total average daily membership exceeds 1.2 for a pupil
9.21 enrolled in more than one school district during the fiscal year, each district's average daily
9.22 membership must be reduced proportionately.

9.23 (b) A student must not be counted as more than one pupil in average daily membership
9.24 except for purposes of section 126C.10, subdivision 2a.

9.25 Sec. 9. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 126C.10, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

9.26 Subd. 2. **Basic revenue.** The basic revenue for each district equals the formula allowance
9.27 times the adjusted pupil units for the school year. ~~The formula allowance for fiscal year~~
9.28 ~~2015 is \$5,831. The formula allowance for fiscal year 2016 is \$5,948. The formula allowance~~
9.29 ~~for fiscal year 2017 and later is \$6,067. The formula allowance for fiscal year 2018 is \$6,188.~~
9.30 The formula allowance for fiscal year 2019 and later is \$6,312.

9.31 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective for revenue in fiscal year 2018 and later.

10.1 Sec. 10. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 126C.10, subdivision 2a, is amended to read:

10.2 Subd. 2a. **Extended time revenue.** (a) A school district's extended time revenue is equal
10.3 to the product of \$5,117 and the sum of the adjusted pupil units of the district for each pupil
10.4 in average daily membership in excess of 1.0 and less than 1.2 according to section 126C.05,
10.5 subdivision 8.

10.6 (b) Extended time revenue for pupils placed in an on-site education program at the Prairie
10.7 Lakes Education Center or the Lake Park School, located within the borders of Independent
10.8 School District No. 347, Willmar, for instruction provided after the end of the preceding
10.9 regular school year and before the beginning of the following regular school year equals
10.10 membership hours divided by the minimum annual instructional hours in section 126C.05,
10.11 subdivision 15, not to exceed 0.20, times the pupil unit weighting in section 126C.05,
10.12 subdivision 1, times \$5,117.

10.13 (c) A school district's extended time revenue may be used for extended day programs,
10.14 extended week programs, summer school, vacation break academies such as spring break
10.15 academies and summer term academies, and other programming authorized under the
10.16 learning year program.

10.17 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective for revenue for fiscal year 2018 and later.

10.18 Sec. 11. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 126C.10, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

10.19 Subd. 3. **Compensatory education revenue.** (a) ~~For fiscal year 2014, the compensatory~~
10.20 ~~education revenue for each building in the district equals the formula allowance minus \$415~~
10.21 ~~times the compensation revenue pupil units computed according to section 126C.05,~~
10.22 ~~subdivision 3. For fiscal year 2015 and later, The compensatory education revenue for each~~
10.23 building in the district equals the formula allowance minus \$839 times the compensation
10.24 revenue pupil units computed according to section 126C.05, subdivision 3. A district's
10.25 compensatory revenue equals the sum of its compensatory revenue for each building in the
10.26 district and the amounts designated under Laws 2015, First Special Session chapter 3, article
10.27 2, section 70, subdivision 8, for fiscal year 2017. Revenue shall be paid to the district and
10.28 must be allocated according to section 126C.15, subdivision 2.

10.29 (b) When the district contracting with an alternative program under section 124D.69
10.30 changes prior to the start of a school year, the compensatory revenue generated by pupils
10.31 attending the program shall be paid to the district contracting with the alternative program
10.32 for the current school year, and shall not be paid to the district contracting with the alternative
10.33 program for the prior school year.

11.1 (c) When the fiscal agent district for an area learning center changes prior to the start of
11.2 a school year, the compensatory revenue shall be paid to the fiscal agent district for the
11.3 current school year, and shall not be paid to the fiscal agent district for the prior school year.

11.4 (d) Of the amount of revenue under this subdivision, 1.7 percent for fiscal year 2018,
11.5 3.5 percent for fiscal year 2019, and for fiscal year 2020 and later, 3.5 percent plus the
11.6 percentage change in the formula allowance from fiscal year 2019, must be used for extended
11.7 time activities under subdivision 2a, paragraph (c).

11.8 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective for revenue for fiscal year 2018 and later.

11.9 Sec. 12. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 126C.10, subdivision 13a, is amended to read:

11.10 Subd. 13a. **Operating capital levy.** To obtain operating capital revenue, a district may
11.11 levy an amount not more than the product of its operating capital revenue for the fiscal year
11.12 times the lesser of one or the ratio of its adjusted net tax capacity per adjusted pupil unit to
11.13 the operating capital equalizing factor. The operating capital equalizing factor equals \$15,740
11.14 for fiscal year 2017, ~~\$19,972~~ \$20,548 for fiscal year 2018, and ~~\$22,912~~ \$24,241 for fiscal
11.15 year 2019, and \$22,912 for fiscal year 2020 and later.

11.16 Sec. 13. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 126C.10, is amended by adding a subdivision
11.17 to read:

11.18 Subd. 18a. **Pupil transportation adjustment.** (a) An independent, common, or special
11.19 school district's transportation sparsity revenue under Minnesota Statutes, section 126C.10,
11.20 subdivision 18, is increased by the greater of zero or 18.2 percent of the difference between:

11.21 (1) the lesser of the district's total cost for regular and excess pupil transportation under
11.22 section 123B.92, subdivision 1, paragraph (b), including depreciation, for the previous fiscal
11.23 year or 105 percent of the district's total cost for the second previous fiscal year; and

11.24 (2) the sum of:

11.25 (i) 4.66 percent of the district's basic revenue for the previous fiscal year;

11.26 (ii) transportation sparsity revenue under Minnesota Statutes, section 126C.10, subdivision
11.27 18, for the previous fiscal year; and

11.28 (iii) the district's charter school transportation adjustment for the previous fiscal year.

11.29 (b) A charter school's pupil transportation adjustment equals the school district per pupil
11.30 adjustment under paragraph (a).

11.31 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective for revenue for fiscal year 2018 and later.

12.1 Sec. 14. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 126C.17, subdivision 9, is amended to read:

12.2 Subd. 9. **Referendum revenue.** (a) The revenue authorized by section 126C.10,
12.3 subdivision 1, may be increased in the amount approved by the voters of the district at a
12.4 referendum called for the purpose. The referendum may be called by the board. The
12.5 referendum must be conducted one or two calendar years before the increased levy authority,
12.6 if approved, first becomes payable. Only one election to approve an increase may be held
12.7 in a calendar year. Unless the referendum is conducted by mail under subdivision 11,
12.8 paragraph (a), the referendum must be held on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in
12.9 November. The ballot must state the maximum amount of the increased revenue per adjusted
12.10 pupil unit. The ballot may state a schedule, determined by the board, of increased revenue
12.11 per adjusted pupil unit that differs from year to year over the number of years for which the
12.12 increased revenue is authorized or may state that the amount shall increase annually by the
12.13 rate of inflation. For this purpose, the rate of inflation shall be the annual inflationary increase
12.14 calculated under subdivision 2, paragraph (b). The ballot may state that existing referendum
12.15 levy authority is expiring. In this case, the ballot may also compare the proposed levy
12.16 authority to the existing expiring levy authority, and express the proposed increase as the
12.17 amount, if any, over the expiring referendum levy authority. The ballot must designate the
12.18 specific number of years, not to exceed ten, for which the referendum authorization applies.
12.19 The ballot, including a ballot on the question to revoke or reduce the increased revenue
12.20 amount under paragraph (c), must abbreviate the term "per adjusted pupil unit" as "per
12.21 pupil." The notice required under section 275.60 may be modified to read, in cases of
12.22 renewing existing levies at the same amount per pupil as in the previous year:

12.23 "BY VOTING "YES" ON THIS BALLOT QUESTION, YOU ARE VOTING TO
12.24 EXTEND AN EXISTING PROPERTY TAX REFERENDUM THAT IS SCHEDULED
12.25 TO EXPIRE."

12.26 The ballot may contain a textual portion with the information required in this subdivision
12.27 and a question stating substantially the following:

12.28 "Shall the increase in the revenue proposed by (petition to) the board of, School
12.29 District No. ..., be approved?"

12.30 If approved, an amount equal to the approved revenue per adjusted pupil unit times the
12.31 adjusted pupil units for the school year beginning in the year after the levy is certified shall
12.32 be authorized for certification for the number of years approved, if applicable, or until
12.33 revoked or reduced by the voters of the district at a subsequent referendum.

13.1 (b) The board must ~~prepare and~~ deliver by ~~first class~~ mail at least 15 days but no more
13.2 than 30 days before the day of the referendum to each taxpayer a notice of the referendum
13.3 and the proposed revenue increase. The board need not mail more than one notice to any
13.4 taxpayer. For the purpose of giving mailed notice under this subdivision, owners must be
13.5 those shown to be owners on the records of the county auditor or, in any county where tax
13.6 statements are mailed by the county treasurer, on the records of the county treasurer. Every
13.7 property owner whose name does not appear on the records of the county auditor or the
13.8 county treasurer is deemed to have waived this mailed notice unless the owner has requested
13.9 in writing that the county auditor or county treasurer, as the case may be, include the name
13.10 on the records for this purpose. The notice must project the anticipated amount of tax increase
13.11 in annual dollars for typical residential homesteads, agricultural homesteads, apartments,
13.12 and commercial-industrial property within the school district.

13.13 The notice for a referendum may state that an existing referendum levy is expiring and
13.14 project the anticipated amount of increase over the existing referendum levy in the first
13.15 year, if any, in annual dollars for typical residential homesteads, agricultural homesteads,
13.16 apartments, and commercial-industrial property within the district.

13.17 The notice must include the following statement: "Passage of this referendum will result
13.18 in an increase in your property taxes." However, in cases of renewing existing levies, the
13.19 notice may include the following statement: "Passage of this referendum extends an existing
13.20 operating referendum at the same amount per pupil as in the previous year."

13.21 (c) A referendum on the question of revoking or reducing the increased revenue amount
13.22 authorized pursuant to paragraph (a) may be called by the board. A referendum to revoke
13.23 or reduce the revenue amount must state the amount per adjusted pupil unit by which the
13.24 authority is to be reduced. Revenue authority approved by the voters of the district pursuant
13.25 to paragraph (a) must be available to the school district at least once before it is subject to
13.26 a referendum on its revocation or reduction for subsequent years. Only one revocation or
13.27 reduction referendum may be held to revoke or reduce referendum revenue for any specific
13.28 year and for years thereafter.

13.29 (d) The approval of 50 percent plus one of those voting on the question is required to
13.30 pass a referendum authorized by this subdivision.

13.31 (e) At least 15 days before the day of the referendum, the district must submit a copy of
13.32 the notice required under paragraph (b) to the commissioner and to the county auditor of
13.33 each county in which the district is located. Within 15 days after the results of the referendum
13.34 have been certified by the board, or in the case of a recount, the certification of the results

14.1 of the recount by the canvassing board, the district must notify the commissioner of the
14.2 results of the referendum.

14.3 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective August 1, 2017.

14.4 Sec. 15. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 127A.41, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

14.5 Subd. 3. **Audits.** The commissioner shall establish procedures for conducting and shall
14.6 conduct audits of district records and files for the purpose of verifying district pupil counts,
14.7 levy limitations, and aid entitlements. The commissioner shall establish procedures for
14.8 selecting and shall select districts to be audited. Disparities, if any, between pupil counts,
14.9 levy limitations, or aid entitlements determined by audit of district records and files and
14.10 data reported by districts in reports, claims and other documents shall be reviewed by the
14.11 commissioner who shall order increases or decreases accordingly. Whenever possible, the
14.12 commissioner shall audit at least 25 districts each year pursuant to this subdivision.

14.13 Procedures adopted under this subdivision are not subject to chapter 14, including section
14.14 14.386, and may differ from the procedures under section 127A.42.

14.15 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 1, 2017.

14.16 Sec. 16. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 127A.45, subdivision 10, is amended to read:

14.17 Subd. 10. **Payments to school nonoperating funds.** Each fiscal year state general fund
14.18 payments for a district nonoperating fund must be made at the current year aid payment
14.19 percentage of the estimated entitlement during the fiscal year of the entitlement. This amount
14.20 shall be paid in ~~12~~ six equal monthly installments from July through December. The amount
14.21 of the actual entitlement, after adjustment for actual data, minus the payments made during
14.22 the fiscal year of the entitlement must be paid prior to October 31 of the following school
14.23 year. The commissioner may make advance payments of debt service equalization aid and
14.24 state-paid tax credits for a district's debt service fund earlier than would occur under the
14.25 preceding schedule if the district submits evidence showing a serious cash flow problem in
14.26 the fund. The commissioner may make earlier payments during the year and, if necessary,
14.27 increase the percent of the entitlement paid to reduce the cash flow problem.

14.28 Sec. 17. **NEVIS SCHOOL DISTRICT; LEVY ADJUSTMENT.**

14.29 Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes, section 126C.48, Independent School District No.
14.30 308, Nevis, at the discretion of its school board, may spread any levy adjustment remaining
14.31 from the conversion of its operating referendum revenue over three or fewer years beginning
14.32 with school property taxes for taxes payable in 2018.

15.1 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.

15.2 Sec. 18. **EAGLE VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT DISSOLUTION;**
15.3 **REORGANIZATION; BONDS.**

15.4 Subdivision 1. **Reorganization operating debt determined.** Independent School District
15.5 No. 2759, Eagle Valley, must estimate its reorganization operating debt according to
15.6 Minnesota Statutes, section 123B.82, and submit that amount to the commissioner of
15.7 education for approval. The commissioner of education may adjust this amount based on
15.8 any other school funding and pupil information available to the commissioner. The
15.9 commissioner may apportion the total operating debt between Independent School District
15.10 Nos. 786, Bertha-Hewitt, and 787, Browerville.

15.11 Subd. 2. **Bond sale; Bertha-Hewitt.** Independent School District No. 786, Bertha-Hewitt,
15.12 may issue general obligation bonds without an election under Minnesota Statutes, chapter
15.13 475, in an amount not to exceed the reorganization operating debt approved by the
15.14 commissioner of education under subdivision 1 for that district. The bonds must be repaid
15.15 within six years of issuance.

15.16 Subd. 3. **Bond sale; Browerville.** Independent School District No. 787, Browerville,
15.17 may issue general obligation bonds without an election under Minnesota Statutes, chapter
15.18 475, in an amount not to exceed the reorganization operating debt approved by the
15.19 commissioner of education under subdivision 1 for that district. The bonds must be repaid
15.20 within six years of issuance.

15.21 Subd. 4. **Repayment.** The bonded debt issued under this section remains payable by the
15.22 taxable property located within the boundaries of former Independent School District No.
15.23 2759, Eagle Valley.

15.24 Subd. 5. **Reorganization operating debt levy.** A school district that otherwise is eligible
15.25 to levy for reorganization operating debt amounts of the former Independent School District
15.26 No. 2759, Eagle Valley, may levy under Minnesota Statutes, section 123A.73, subdivision
15.27 9, only upon approval of the commissioner of education and only for that portion of the
15.28 reorganization operating debt not already included under subdivision 1.

15.29 Subd. 6. **Adjustments.** The commissioner may adjust the assignment of assets and
15.30 liabilities under Minnesota Statutes, section 123A.46, to reflect the funds raised by the bonds
15.31 authorized under this section.

15.32 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.

Sec. 19. APPROPRIATIONS.

Subdivision 1. Department of Education. The sums indicated in this section are appropriated from the general fund to the Department of Education for the fiscal years designated.

Subd. 2. General education aid. For general education aid under Minnesota Statutes, section 126C.13, subdivision 4:

\$	<u>7,032,051,000</u>	.....	<u>2018</u>
\$	<u>7,227,809,000</u>	.....	<u>2019</u>

The 2018 appropriation includes \$686,828,000 for 2017 and \$6,345,223,000 for 2018.

The 2019 appropriation includes \$705,024,000 for 2018 and \$6,522,785,000 for 2019.

Subd. 3. Enrollment options transportation. For transportation of pupils attending postsecondary institutions under Minnesota Statutes, section 124D.09, or for transportation of pupils attending nonresident districts under Minnesota Statutes, section 124D.03:

\$	<u>29,000</u>	.....	<u>2018</u>
\$	<u>31,000</u>	.....	<u>2019</u>

Subd. 4. Abatement aid. For abatement aid under Minnesota Statutes, section 127A.49:

\$	<u>2,374,000</u>	.....	<u>2018</u>
\$	<u>2,163,000</u>	.....	<u>2019</u>

The 2018 appropriation includes \$262,000 for 2017 and \$2,112,000 for 2018.

The 2019 appropriation includes \$234,000 for 2018 and \$1,929,000 for 2019.

Subd. 5. Consolidation transition aid. For districts consolidating under Minnesota Statutes, section 123A.485:

\$	<u>185,000</u>	.....	<u>2018</u>
\$	<u>382,000</u>	.....	<u>2019</u>

The 2018 appropriation includes \$0 for 2017 and \$185,000 for 2018.

The 2019 appropriation includes \$20,000 for 2018 and \$362,000 for 2019.

Subd. 6. Nonpublic pupil education aid. For nonpublic pupil education aid under Minnesota Statutes, sections 123B.40 to 123B.43 and 123B.87:

\$	<u>18,197,000</u>	.....	<u>2018</u>
\$	<u>19,225,000</u>	.....	<u>2019</u>

The 2018 appropriation includes \$1,687,000 for 2017 and \$16,510,000 for 2018.

17.1 The 2019 appropriation includes \$1,834,000 for 2018 and \$17,391,000 for 2019.

17.2 Subd. 7. **Nonpublic pupil transportation.** For nonpublic pupil transportation aid under
17.3 Minnesota Statutes, section 123B.92, subdivision 9:

17.4 \$ 18,372,000 2018

17.5	\$	<u>18,541,000</u>	<u>2019</u>
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17.6 The 2018 appropriation includes \$1,835,000 for 2017 and \$16,537,000 for 2018.

17.7 The 2019 appropriation includes \$1,837,000 for 2018 and \$16,704,000 for 2019.

17.8 Subd. 8. **One-room schoolhouse.** For a grant to Independent School District No. 690,
17.9 Warroad, to operate the Angle Inlet School:

17.10	\$	65,000	2018
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17.11	\$	65,000	2019
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17.12 Subd. 9. Career and technical aid. For career and technical aid under Minnesota

17.13 Statutes, section 124D.4531, subdivision 1b:

17.14 \$ 4,561,000 2018

17.15	\$	4,125,000	2019
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17.16 The 2018 appropriation includes \$476,000 for 2017 and \$4,085,000 for 2018.

17.17 The 2019 appropriation includes \$453,000 for 2018 and \$3,672,000 for 2019.

17.18 **Sec. 20. REPEALER.**

17.19 Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 124D.73, subdivision 2, is repealed.

17.20 ARTICLE 2

17.21 EDUCATION EXCELLENCE

17.22 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 120A.22, subdivision 9, is amended to read:

17.23 Subd. 9. **Curriculum Knowledge and skills.** Instruction must be provided in at least

17.24 the following subject areas:

17.25 (1) basic communication skills including reading and writing, literature, and fine arts;

17.26 (2) mathematics and science;

17.27 (3) social studies including history, geography, ~~and~~ economics, government, and
17.28 citizenship; and

17.29 (4) health and physical education.

18.1 Instruction, textbooks, and materials must be in the English language. Another language
18.2 may be used pursuant to sections 124D.59 to 124D.61.

18.3 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 120B.021, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

18.4 Subdivision 1. **Required academic standards.** (a) The following subject areas are
18.5 required for statewide accountability:

18.6 (1) language arts;

18.7 (2) mathematics;

18.8 (3) science;

18.9 (4) social studies, including history, geography, economics, and government and
18.10 citizenship that includes civics consistent with section 120B.02, subdivision 3;

18.11 (5) physical education;

18.12 (6) health, for which locally developed academic standards apply; and

18.13 (7) the arts, for which statewide or locally developed academic standards apply, as
18.14 determined by the school district. Public elementary and middle schools must offer at least
18.15 three and require at least two of the following four arts areas: dance; music; theater; and
18.16 visual arts. Public high schools must offer at least three and require at least one of the
18.17 following five arts areas: media arts; dance; music; theater; and visual arts.

18.18 (b) For purposes of applicable federal law, the academic standards for language arts,
18.19 mathematics, and science apply to all public school students, except the very few students
18.20 with extreme cognitive or physical impairments for whom an individualized education
18.21 program team has determined that the required academic standards are inappropriate. An
18.22 individualized education program team that makes this determination must establish
18.23 alternative standards.

18.24 (c) ~~Beginning in the 2016-2017 school year,~~ The department must adopt the most recent
18.25 ~~National Association of Sport and Physical Education~~ SHAPE America (Society of Health
18.26 and Physical Educators) kindergarten through grade 12 standards and benchmarks for
18.27 physical education as the required physical education academic standards. The department
18.28 may modify and adapt the national standards to accommodate state interest. The modification
18.29 and adaptations must maintain the purpose and integrity of the national standards. The
18.30 department must make available sample assessments, which school districts may use as an
18.31 alternative to local assessments, to assess students' mastery of the physical education
18.32 standards beginning in the 2018-2019 school year.

19.1 (d) A school district may include child sexual abuse prevention instruction in a health
19.2 curriculum, consistent with paragraph (a), clause (6). Child sexual abuse prevention
19.3 instruction may include age-appropriate instruction on recognizing sexual abuse and assault,
19.4 boundary violations, and ways offenders groom or desensitize victims, as well as strategies
19.5 to promote disclosure, reduce self-blame, and mobilize bystanders. A school district may
19.6 provide instruction under this paragraph in a variety of ways, including at an annual assembly
19.7 or classroom presentation. A school district may also provide parents information on the
19.8 warning signs of child sexual abuse and available resources.

19.9 ~~(d)~~ (e) District efforts to develop, implement, or improve instruction or curriculum as a
19.10 result of the provisions of this section must be consistent with sections 120B.10, 120B.11,
19.11 and 120B.20.

19.12 Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 120B.021, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

19.13 Subd. 3. **Rulemaking.** The commissioner, consistent with the requirements of this section
19.14 and section 120B.022, must adopt statewide rules under section 14.389 for implementing
19.15 statewide rigorous core academic standards in language arts, mathematics, science, social
19.16 studies, physical education, and the arts. After the rules authorized under this subdivision
19.17 are initially adopted, the commissioner may not amend or repeal these rules nor adopt new
19.18 rules on the same topic without specific legislative authorization. ~~The academic standards~~
19.19 ~~for language arts, mathematics, and the arts must be implemented for all students beginning~~
19.20 ~~in the 2003-2004 school year. The academic standards for science and social studies must~~
19.21 ~~be implemented for all students beginning in the 2005-2006 school year.~~

19.22 Sec. 4. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 120B.022, subdivision 1b, is amended to read:

19.23 Subd. 1b. **State bilingual and multilingual seals.** (a) Consistent with efforts to strive
19.24 for the world's best workforce under sections 120B.11 and 124E.03, subdivision 2, paragraph
19.25 (i), and close the academic achievement and opportunity gap under sections 124D.861 and
19.26 124D.862, voluntary state bilingual and multilingual seals are established to recognize high
19.27 school students in any school district, charter school, or nonpublic school who demonstrate
19.28 an advanced-low level or an intermediate high level of functional proficiency in listening,
19.29 speaking, reading, and writing on either assessments aligned with American Council on the
19.30 Teaching of Foreign Languages' (ACTFL) proficiency guidelines or on equivalent valid
19.31 and reliable assessments in one or more languages in addition to English. American Sign
19.32 Language is a language other than English for purposes of this subdivision and a world
19.33 language for purposes of subdivision 1a.

20.1 (b) In addition to paragraph (a), to be eligible to receive a seal:

20.2 (1) students must satisfactorily complete all required English language arts credits; and

20.3 (2) students must demonstrate mastery of Minnesota's English language proficiency
20.4 standards.

20.5 (c) Consistent with this subdivision, a high school student who demonstrates an
20.6 intermediate high ACTFL level of functional proficiency in one language in addition to
20.7 English is eligible to receive the state bilingual gold seal. A high school student who
20.8 demonstrates an intermediate high ACTFL level of functional native proficiency in more
20.9 than one language in addition to English is eligible to receive the state multilingual gold
20.10 seal. A high school student who demonstrates an advanced-low ACTFL level of functional
20.11 proficiency in one language in addition to English is eligible to receive the state bilingual
20.12 platinum seal. A high school student who demonstrates an advanced-low ACTFL level of
20.13 functional proficiency in more than one language in addition to English is eligible to receive
20.14 the state multilingual platinum seal.

20.15 (d) School districts and charter schools may give students periodic opportunities to
20.16 demonstrate their level of proficiency in listening, speaking, reading, and writing in a
20.17 language in addition to English. Where valid and reliable assessments are unavailable, a
20.18 school district or charter school may rely on evaluators trained in assessing under ACTFL
20.19 proficiency guidelines to assess a student's level of foreign, heritage, or indigenous language
20.20 proficiency under this section. School districts and charter schools must maintain appropriate
20.21 records to identify high school students eligible to receive the state bilingual or multilingual
20.22 gold and platinum seals. The school district or charter school must affix the appropriate seal
20.23 to the transcript of each high school student who meets the requirements of this subdivision
20.24 and may affix the seal to the student's diploma. A school district or charter school must not
20.25 charge the high school student a fee for this seal.

20.26 (e) A school district or charter school may award elective course credits in world
20.27 languages to a student who demonstrates the requisite proficiency in a language other than
20.28 English under this section.

20.29 (f) A school district or charter school may award community service credit to a student
20.30 who demonstrates an intermediate high or advanced-low ACTFL level of functional
20.31 proficiency in listening, speaking, reading, and writing in a language other than English
20.32 and who participates in community service activities that are integrated into the curriculum,
20.33 involve the participation of teachers, and support biliteracy in the school or local community.

21.1 (g) The commissioner must list on the Web page those assessments that are aligned to
21.2 ACTFL proficiency guidelines.

21.3 (h) By August 1, 2015, the colleges and universities of the Minnesota State Colleges
21.4 and Universities system must establish criteria to translate the seals into college credits
21.5 based on the world language course equivalencies identified by the Minnesota State Colleges
21.6 and Universities faculty and staff and, upon request from an enrolled student, the Minnesota
21.7 State Colleges and Universities may award foreign language credits to a student who receives
21.8 a Minnesota World Language Proficiency Certificate under subdivision 1a. A student who
21.9 demonstrated the requisite level of language proficiency in grade 10, 11, or 12 to receive a
21.10 seal or certificate and is enrolled in a Minnesota State Colleges and Universities institution
21.11 must request college credits for the student's seal or proficiency certificate within three
21.12 academic years after graduating from high school. The University of Minnesota is encouraged
21.13 to award students foreign language academic credits consistent with this paragraph.

21.14 Sec. 5. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 120B.12, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

21.15 Subd. 2. **Identification; report.** (a) Each school district shall identify before the end of
21.16 kindergarten, grade 1, and grade 2 students who are not reading at grade level before the
21.17 end of the current school year and shall identify students in grade 3 or higher who
21.18 demonstrate a reading difficulty to a classroom teacher. Reading assessments in English,
21.19 and in the predominant languages of district students where practicable, must identify and
21.20 evaluate students' areas of academic need related to literacy. The district also must monitor
21.21 the progress and provide reading instruction appropriate to the specific needs of English
21.22 learners. The district must use a locally adopted, developmentally appropriate, and culturally
21.23 responsive assessment and annually report summary assessment results to the commissioner
21.24 by July 1. The district also must annually report to the commissioner by July 1 a summary
21.25 of the district's efforts to screen and identify students with:

21.26 (1) dyslexia, using screening tools such as those recommended by the department's
21.27 dyslexia and literacy specialist; or

21.28 (2) convergence insufficiency disorder to the commissioner by July 1.

21.29 (b) A student identified under this subdivision must be provided with alternate instruction
21.30 under section 125A.56, subdivision 1.

22.1 Sec. 6. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 120B.12, subdivision 2a, is amended to read:

22.2 Subd. 2a. **Parent notification and involvement.** Schools, at least annually, must give
22.3 the parent of each student who is not reading at or above grade level timely information
22.4 about:

22.5 (1) the student's reading proficiency as measured by a locally adopted assessment;

22.6 (2) reading-related services currently being provided to the student and the student's
22.7 progress; and

22.8 (3) strategies for parents to use at home in helping their student succeed in becoming
22.9 grade-level proficient in reading in English and in their native language.

22.10 A district may not use this section to deny a student's right to a special education
22.11 evaluation.

22.12 Sec. 7. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 120B.12, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

22.13 Subd. 3. **Intervention.** (a) For each student identified under subdivision 2, the district
22.14 shall provide reading intervention to accelerate student growth and reach the goal of reading
22.15 at or above grade level by the end of the current grade and school year. If a student does
22.16 not read at or above grade level by the end of grade 3, the district must continue to provide
22.17 reading intervention until the student reads at grade level. District intervention methods
22.18 shall encourage family engagement and, where possible, collaboration with appropriate
22.19 school and community programs. Intervention methods may include, but are not limited to,
22.20 requiring attendance in summer school, intensified reading instruction that may require that
22.21 the student be removed from the regular classroom for part of the school day, extended-day
22.22 programs, or programs that strengthen students' cultural connections.

22.23 (b) A school district or charter school is strongly encouraged to provide a personal
22.24 learning plan for a student who is unable to demonstrate grade-level proficiency, as measured
22.25 by the statewide reading assessment in grade 3. The district or charter school must determine
22.26 the format of the personal learning plan in collaboration with the student's educators and
22.27 other appropriate professionals. The school must develop the learning plan in consultation
22.28 with the student's parent or guardian. The personal learning plan must address knowledge
22.29 gaps and skill deficiencies through strategies such as specific exercises and practices during
22.30 and outside of the regular school day, periodic assessments, and reasonable timelines. The
22.31 personal learning plan may include grade retention, if it is in the student's best interest. A
22.32 school must maintain and regularly update and modify the personal learning plan until the

23.1 student reads at grade level. This paragraph does not apply to a student under an
23.2 individualized education program.

23.3 Sec. 8. **[120B.122] DYSLEXIA SPECIALIST.**

23.4 Subdivision 1. **Purpose.** The department must employ a dyslexia specialist to provide
23.5 technical assistance for dyslexia and related disorders and to serve as the primary source of
23.6 information and support for schools in addressing the needs of students with dyslexia and
23.7 related disorders. The dyslexia specialist shall also act to increase professional awareness
23.8 and instructional competencies to meet the educational needs of students with dyslexia or
23.9 identified with risk characteristics associated with dyslexia and shall develop implementation
23.10 guidance and make recommendations to the commissioner consistent with section 122A.06,
23.11 subdivision 4, to be used to assist general education teachers and special education teachers
23.12 to recognize educational needs and to improve literacy outcomes for students with dyslexia
23.13 or identified with risk characteristics associated with dyslexia, including recommendations
23.14 related to increasing the availability of online and asynchronous professional development
23.15 programs and materials.

23.16 Subd. 2. **Definition.** For purposes of this section, a "dyslexia specialist" means a dyslexia
23.17 therapist, licensed psychologist, licensed speech-language pathologist, or certified dyslexia
23.18 training specialist who has a minimum of three years of field experience in screening,
23.19 identifying, and treating dyslexia and related disorders.

23.20 Subd. 3. **Requirements.** A dyslexia specialist shall be highly trained in dyslexia and
23.21 related disorders and in using interventions and treatments that are evidence-based,
23.22 multisensory, direct, explicit, structured, and sequential in the areas of phonics, phonemic
23.23 awareness, vocabulary, fluency, and comprehension.

23.24 Sec. 9. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 120B.125, is amended to read:

23.25 **120B.125 PLANNING FOR STUDENTS' SUCCESSFUL TRANSITION TO**
23.26 **POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION AND EMPLOYMENT; PERSONAL LEARNING**
23.27 **PLANS.**

23.28 (a) Consistent with sections 120B.13, 120B.131, 120B.132, 120B.14, 120B.15, 120B.30,
23.29 subdivision 1, paragraph (c), 125A.08, and other related sections, school districts, beginning
23.30 in the 2013-2014 school year, must assist all students by no later than grade 9 to explore
23.31 their educational, college, and career interests, aptitudes, and aspirations and develop a plan
23.32 for a smooth and successful transition to postsecondary education or employment. All
23.33 students' plans must:

24.1 (1) provide a comprehensive plan to prepare for and complete a career and college ready
24.2 curriculum by meeting state and local academic standards and developing career and
24.3 employment-related skills such as team work, collaboration, creativity, communication,
24.4 critical thinking, and good work habits;

24.5 (2) emphasize academic rigor and high expectations and inform the student, and the
24.6 student's parent or guardian if the student is a minor, of the student's achievement level
24.7 score on the Minnesota Comprehensive Assessments that are administered during high
24.8 school;

24.9 (3) help students identify interests, aptitudes, aspirations, and personal learning styles
24.10 that may affect their career and college ready goals and postsecondary education and
24.11 employment choices;

24.12 (4) set appropriate career and college ready goals with timelines that identify effective
24.13 means for achieving those goals;

24.14 (5) help students access education and career options;

24.15 (6) integrate strong academic content into career-focused courses and applied and
24.16 experiential learning opportunities and integrate relevant career-focused courses and applied
24.17 and experiential learning opportunities into strong academic content;

24.18 (7) help identify and access appropriate counseling and other supports and assistance
24.19 that enable students to complete required coursework, prepare for postsecondary education
24.20 and careers, and obtain information about postsecondary education costs and eligibility for
24.21 financial aid and scholarship;

24.22 (8) help identify collaborative partnerships among prekindergarten through grade 12
24.23 schools, postsecondary institutions, economic development agencies, and local and regional
24.24 employers that support students' transition to postsecondary education and employment and
24.25 provide students with applied and experiential learning opportunities; and

24.26 (9) be reviewed and revised at least annually by the student, the student's parent or
24.27 guardian, and the school or district to ensure that the student's course-taking schedule keeps
24.28 the student making adequate progress to meet state and local academic standards and high
24.29 school graduation requirements and with a reasonable chance to succeed with employment
24.30 or postsecondary education without the need to first complete remedial course work.

24.31 (b) A school district may develop grade-level curricula or provide instruction that
24.32 introduces students to various careers, but must not require any curriculum, instruction, or

employment-related activity that obligates an elementary or secondary student to involuntarily select or pursue a career, career interest, employment goals, or related job training.

(c) Educators must possess the knowledge and skills to effectively teach all English learners in their classrooms. School districts must provide appropriate curriculum, targeted materials, professional development opportunities for educators, and sufficient resources to enable English learners to become career and college ready.

(d) When assisting students in developing a plan for a smooth and successful transition to postsecondary education and employment, districts must recognize the unique possibilities of each student and ensure that the contents of each student's plan reflect the student's unique talents, skills, and abilities as the student grows, develops, and learns.

(e) If a student with a disability has an individualized education program (IEP) or standardized written plan that meets the plan components of this section, the IEP satisfies the requirement and no additional transition plan is needed.

(f) Students who do not meet or exceed Minnesota academic standards, as measured by the Minnesota Comprehensive Assessments that are administered during high school, shall be informed that admission to a public school is free and available to any resident under 21 years of age or who meets the requirements of section 120A.20, subdivision 1, paragraph

(c). A student's plan under this section shall continue while the student is enrolled.

EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective July 1, 2017.

Sec. 10. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 120B.132, is amended to read:

**120B.132 RAISED ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT; ADVANCED PLACEMENT
AND INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE PROGRAMS.**

Subdivision 1. **Establishment; eligibility.** A program is established to raise kindergarten through grade 12 academic achievement through increased student participation in preadvanced placement, advanced placement, and international baccalaureate programs, consistent with section 120B.13. Schools and charter schools eligible to participate under this section:

(1) must have a three-year plan approved by the local school board to establish a new international baccalaureate program leading to international baccalaureate authorization, expand an existing program that leads to international baccalaureate authorization, or expand an existing authorized international baccalaureate program; or

26.1 (2) must have a three-year plan approved by the local school board to create a new or
26.2 expand an existing program to implement the college board advanced placement courses
26.3 and exams or preadvanced placement initiative; and

26.4 (3) must propose to further raise students' academic achievement by:

26.5 (i) increasing the availability of and all students' access to advanced placement or
26.6 international baccalaureate courses or programs;

26.7 (ii) expanding the breadth of advanced placement or international baccalaureate courses
26.8 or programs that are available to students;

26.9 (iii) increasing the number and the diversity of the students who participate in advanced
26.10 placement or international baccalaureate courses or programs and succeed;

26.11 (iv) providing low-income and other disadvantaged students with increased access to
26.12 advanced placement or international baccalaureate courses and programs; or

26.13 (v) increasing the number of high school students, including low-income and other
26.14 disadvantaged students, who receive college credit by successfully completing advanced
26.15 placement or international baccalaureate courses or programs and achieving satisfactory
26.16 scores on related exams.

26.17 Subd. 2. **Application and review process; funding priority.** (a) Charter schools and
26.18 school districts in which eligible schools under subdivision 1 are located may apply to the
26.19 commissioner, in the form and manner the commissioner determines, for competitive funding
26.20 to further raise students' academic achievement. The application must detail the specific
26.21 efforts the applicant intends to undertake in further raising students' academic achievement,
26.22 consistent with subdivision 1, and a proposed budget detailing the district or charter school's
26.23 current and proposed expenditures for advanced placement, preadvanced placement, and
26.24 international baccalaureate courses and programs. The proposed budget must demonstrate
26.25 that the applicant's efforts will support implementation of advanced placement, preadvanced
26.26 placement, and international baccalaureate courses and programs. Expenditures for
26.27 administration must not exceed five percent of the proposed budget. The commissioner may
26.28 require an applicant to provide additional information.

26.29 (b) When reviewing applications, the commissioner must determine whether the applicant
26.30 satisfied all the requirements in this subdivision and subdivision 1. The commissioner may
26.31 give funding priority to an otherwise qualified applicant that demonstrates:

26.32 (1) a focus on developing or expanding preadvanced placement, advanced placement,
26.33 or international baccalaureate courses or programs or increasing students' participation in,

27.1 access to, or success with the courses or programs, including the participation, access, or
27.2 success of low-income and other disadvantaged students;

27.3 (2) a compelling need for access to preadvanced placement, advanced placement, or
27.4 international baccalaureate courses or programs;

27.5 (3) an effective ability to actively involve local business and community organizations
27.6 in student activities that are integral to preadvanced placement, advanced placement, or
27.7 international baccalaureate courses or programs;

27.8 (4) access to additional public or nonpublic funds or in-kind contributions that are
27.9 available for preadvanced placement, advanced placement, or international baccalaureate
27.10 courses or programs; or

27.11 (5) an intent to implement activities that target low-income and other disadvantaged
27.12 students; or

27.13 (6) an intent to increase the advanced placement and international baccalaureate course
27.14 offerings in science, technology, engineering, and math to low-income and other
27.15 disadvantaged students.

27.16 Subd. 3. **Funding; permissible funding uses.** (a) The commissioner shall award grants
27.17 to applicant school districts and charter schools that meet the requirements of subdivisions
27.18 1 and 2. The commissioner must award grants on an equitable geographical basis to the
27.19 extent feasible and consistent with this section. Grant awards must not exceed the lesser of:

27.20 (1) \$85 times the number of pupils enrolled at the participating sites on October 1 of the
27.21 previous fiscal year; or

27.22 (2) the approved supplemental expenditures based on the budget submitted under
27.23 subdivision 2. For charter schools in their first year of operation, the maximum funding
27.24 award must be calculated using the number of pupils enrolled on October 1 of the current
27.25 fiscal year. The commissioner may adjust the maximum funding award computed using
27.26 prior year data for changes in enrollment attributable to school closings, school openings,
27.27 grade level reconfigurations, or school district reorganizations between the prior fiscal year
27.28 and the current fiscal year; or

27.29 (3) \$150,000 per district or charter school.

27.30 (b) School districts and charter schools that submit an application and receive funding
27.31 under this section must use the funding, consistent with the application, to:

28.1 (1) provide teacher training and instruction to more effectively serve students, including
28.2 low-income and other disadvantaged students, who participate in preadvanced placement,
28.3 advanced placement, or international baccalaureate courses or programs;

28.4 (2) further develop preadvanced placement, advanced placement, or international
28.5 baccalaureate courses or programs;

28.6 (3) improve the transition between grade levels to better prepare students, including
28.7 low-income and other disadvantaged students, for succeeding in preadvanced placement,
28.8 advanced placement, or international baccalaureate courses or programs;

28.9 (4) purchase books and supplies;

28.10 (5) pay course or program fees;

28.11 (6) increase students' participation in and success with preadvanced placement, advanced
28.12 placement, or international baccalaureate courses or programs;

28.13 (7) expand students' access to preadvanced placement, advanced placement, or
28.14 international baccalaureate courses or programs through online learning;

28.15 (8) hire appropriately licensed personnel to teach additional advanced placement or
28.16 international baccalaureate courses or programs; or

28.17 (9) engage in other ~~activity directly related~~ activities to expanding expand low-income
28.18 or disadvantaged students' access to, participation in, and success with preadvanced
28.19 placement, advanced placement, or international baccalaureate courses or programs;
28.20 ~~including.~~ Other activities may include but are not limited to preparing and disseminating
28.21 promotional materials to low-income and other disadvantaged students and their families.

28.22 Subd. 4. **Grants; annual reports.** (a) Each school district and charter school that receives
28.23 a grant under this section annually must collect demographic and other student data to
28.24 demonstrate and measure the extent to which the district or charter school raised students'
28.25 academic achievement under this program and must report the data to the commissioner in
28.26 the form and manner the commissioner determines. The commissioner annually by February
28.27 15 must make summary data about this program available to the education policy and finance
28.28 committees of the legislature.

28.29 (b) Each school district and charter school that receives a grant under this section annually
28.30 must report to the commissioner, consistent with the Uniform Financial Accounting and
28.31 Reporting Standards, its actual expenditures for advanced placement, preadvanced placement,
28.32 and international baccalaureate courses and programs. The report must demonstrate that
28.33 the school district or charter school has maintained its effort from other sources for advanced

29.1 placement, preadvanced placement, and international baccalaureate courses and programs
29.2 compared with the previous fiscal year, and the district or charter school has expended all
29.3 grant funds, consistent with its approved budget.

29.4 (c) Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, a grant under this section is available for
29.5 three years from the date of the grant if the district or charter school meets the annual
29.6 benchmarks in its plan under subdivision 1.

29.7 Sec. 11. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 120B.22, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

29.8 Subd. 2. **In-service training.** Each district is encouraged to provide training for district
29.9 staff and school board members ~~to help~~ on the following:

29.10 (1) helping students identify violence in the family and the community so that students
29.11 may learn to resolve conflicts in effective, nonviolent ways;

29.12 (2) responding to a disclosure of child sexual abuse in a supportive, appropriate manner;
29.13 and

29.14 (3) complying with mandatory reporting requirements under section 626.556.

29.15 The in-service training must be ongoing and involve experts familiar with sexual abuse,
29.16 domestic violence, and personal safety issues.

29.17 Sec. 12. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 120B.23, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

29.18 Subd. 3. **Grant awards.** (a) The commissioner may award grants for a violence
29.19 prevention education program to eligible applicants as defined in subdivision 2. Grant
29.20 amounts may not exceed \$3 per resident pupil unit in the district or group of districts in the
29.21 prior school year. Grant recipients should be geographically distributed throughout the state.

29.22 (b) School districts and charter schools may accept funds from private and other public
29.23 sources for child sexual abuse prevention programs developed and implemented under
29.24 sections 120B.021, subdivision 1, paragraph (d), and 120B.234, including federal funding
29.25 under the Every Student Succeeds Act.

29.26 Sec. 13. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 120B.232, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

29.27 Subdivision 1. **Character development education.** (a) Character education is the shared
29.28 responsibility of parents, teachers, and members of the community. The legislature
29.29 encourages districts to integrate or offer instruction on character education including, but
29.30 not limited to, character qualities such as attentiveness, truthfulness, respect for authority,
29.31 diligence, gratefulness, self-discipline, patience, forgiveness, respect for others, peacemaking,

30.1 and resourcefulness. Instruction should be integrated into a district's existing programs,
30.2 curriculum, or the general school environment. To the extent practicable, instruction should
30.3 be integrated into positive behavioral intervention strategies, under section 122A.627. The
30.4 commissioner shall provide assistance at the request of a district to develop character
30.5 education curriculum and programs.

30.6 (b) Character development education under paragraph (a) may include a voluntary
30.7 elementary, middle, and high school program that incorporates the history and values of
30.8 Congressional Medal of Honor recipients and may be offered as part of the social studies,
30.9 English language arts, or other curriculum, as a schoolwide character building and veteran
30.10 awareness initiative, or as an after-school program, among other possibilities.

30.11 Sec. 14. [120B.234] CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE PREVENTION EDUCATION.

30.12 Subdivision 1. **Purpose.** The purpose of this section, which may be cited as "Erin's
30.13 Law," is to encourage districts to integrate or offer instruction on child sexual abuse
30.14 prevention to students and training to all school personnel on recognizing and preventing
30.15 sexual abuse and sexual violence.

30.16 Subd. 2. **Curriculum.** School districts may consult with other federal, state, or local
30.17 agencies and community-based organizations, including the Child Information Gateway
30.18 Web site maintained by the United States Department of Health and Human Services, to
30.19 identify research-based tools, curricula, and programs to prevent child sexual abuse for use
30.20 under section 120B.021, subdivision 1, paragraph (d).

30.21 Subd. 3. **Other state programs.** The child sexual abuse prevention instruction provided
30.22 under this section is part of preventing sexual violence against children, which includes,
30.23 but is not limited to, the following activities:

30.24 (1) training on mandated reporting requirements provided on the Department of
30.25 Education's Web site;

30.26 (2) the Code of Ethics for Minnesota Teachers; and

30.27 (3) consultation by the commissioner of education with the commissioners of health,
30.28 human services, and public safety, and other state agencies to prevent violence against
30.29 children.

30.30 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.

31.1 Sec. 15. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 120B.30, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

31.2 Subdivision 1. **Statewide testing.** (a) The commissioner, with advice from experts with
31.3 appropriate technical qualifications and experience and stakeholders, consistent with
31.4 subdivision 1a, shall include in the comprehensive assessment system, for each grade level
31.5 to be tested, state-constructed tests developed as computer-adaptive reading and mathematics
31.6 assessments for students that are aligned with the state's required academic standards under
31.7 section 120B.021, include multiple choice questions, and are administered annually to all
31.8 students in grades 3 through 8. State-developed high school tests aligned with the state's
31.9 required academic standards under section 120B.021 and administered to all high school
31.10 students in a subject other than writing must include multiple choice questions. The
31.11 commissioner shall establish one or more months during which schools shall administer
31.12 the tests to students each school year.

31.13 (1) Students enrolled in grade 8 through the 2009-2010 school year are eligible to be
31.14 assessed under (i) the graduation-required assessment for diploma in reading, mathematics,
31.15 or writing under Minnesota Statutes 2012, section 120B.30, subdivision 1, paragraphs (c),
31.16 clauses (1) and (2), and (d), (ii) the WorkKeys job skills assessment, (iii) the Compass
31.17 college placement test, (iv) the ACT assessment for college admission, (v) a nationally
31.18 recognized armed services vocational aptitude test.

31.19 (2) Students enrolled in grade 8 in the 2010-2011 or 2011-2012 school year are eligible
31.20 to be assessed under (i) the graduation-required assessment for diploma in reading,
31.21 mathematics, or writing under Minnesota Statutes 2012, section 120B.30, subdivision 1,
31.22 paragraph (c), clauses (1) and (2), (ii) the WorkKeys job skills assessment, (iii) the Compass
31.23 college placement test, (iv) the ACT assessment for college admission, (v) a nationally
31.24 recognized armed services vocational aptitude test.

31.25 (3) For students under clause (1) or (2), a school district may substitute a score from an
31.26 alternative, equivalent assessment to satisfy the requirements of this paragraph.

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

31.29 (1) mathematics;

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

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

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

32.1 (3) language arts and reading; grades 3 through 8 and high school level beginning in the
32.2 2012-2013 school year.

32.3 (c) For students enrolled in grade 8 in the 2012-2013 school year and later, students'
32.4 state graduation requirements, based on a longitudinal, systematic approach to student
32.5 education and career planning, assessment, instructional support, and evaluation, include
32.6 the following:

32.7 (1) ~~an opportunity to participate on a nationally normed college entrance exam, in grade~~
32.8 ~~11 or grade 12;~~

32.9 (2) achievement and career and college readiness in mathematics, reading, and writing,
32.10 consistent with paragraph (k) and to the extent available, to monitor students' continuous
32.11 development of and growth in requisite knowledge and skills; analyze students' progress
32.12 and performance levels, identifying students' academic strengths and diagnosing areas where
32.13 students require curriculum or instructional adjustments, targeted interventions, or
32.14 remediation; and, based on analysis of students' progress and performance data, determine
32.15 students' learning and instructional needs and the instructional tools and best practices that
32.16 support academic rigor for the student; and

32.17 ~~(3)~~ (2) consistent with this paragraph and section 120B.125, age-appropriate exploration
32.18 and planning activities and career assessments to encourage students to identify personally
32.19 relevant career interests and aptitudes and help students and their families develop a regularly
32.20 reexamined transition plan for postsecondary education or employment without need for
32.21 postsecondary remediation.

32.22 Based on appropriate state guidelines, students with an individualized education program
32.23 may satisfy state graduation requirements by achieving an individual score on the
32.24 state-identified alternative assessments.

32.25 (d) Expectations of schools, districts, and the state for career or college readiness under
32.26 this subdivision must be comparable in rigor, clarity of purpose, and rates of student
32.27 completion.

32.28 A student under paragraph (c), clause ~~(2)~~ (1), must receive targeted, relevant, academically
32.29 rigorous, and resourced instruction, which may include a targeted instruction and intervention
32.30 plan focused on improving the student's knowledge and skills in core subjects so that the
32.31 student has a reasonable chance to succeed in a career or college without need for
32.32 postsecondary remediation. Consistent with sections 120B.13, 124D.09, 124D.091, 124D.49,
32.33 and related sections, an enrolling school or district must actively encourage a student in
32.34 grade 11 or 12 who is identified as academically ready for a career or college to participate

33.1 in courses and programs awarding college credit to high school students. Students are not
33.2 required to achieve a specified score or level of proficiency on an assessment under this
33.3 subdivision to graduate from high school.

33.4 (e) Though not a high school graduation requirement, students are encouraged to
33.5 participate in a nationally recognized college entrance exam. To the extent state funding
33.6 for college entrance exam fees is available, a district must pay the cost, one time, for an
33.7 interested student in grade 11 or 12 who is eligible for a free or reduced-price meal, to take
33.8 a nationally recognized college entrance exam before graduating. A student must be able
33.9 to take the exam under this paragraph at the student's high school during the school day and
33.10 at any one of the multiple exam administrations available to students in the district. A district
33.11 may administer the ACT or SAT or both the ACT and SAT to comply with this paragraph.
33.12 If the district administers only one of these two tests and a free or reduced-price meal eligible
33.13 student opts not to take that test and chooses instead to take the other of the two tests, the
33.14 student may take the other test at a different time or location and remains eligible for the
33.15 examination fee reimbursement. Notwithstanding sections 123B.34 to 123B.39, a school
33.16 district may require a student that is not eligible for a free or reduced-price meal to pay the
33.17 cost of taking a nationally recognized college entrance exam. The district must waive the
33.18 cost for a student unable to pay.

33.19 (f) The commissioner and the chancellor of the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities
33.20 must collaborate in aligning instruction and assessments for adult basic education students
33.21 and English learners to provide the students with diagnostic information about any targeted
33.22 interventions, accommodations, modifications, and supports they need so that assessments
33.23 and other performance measures are accessible to them and they may seek postsecondary
33.24 education or employment without need for postsecondary remediation. When administering
33.25 formative or summative assessments used to measure the academic progress, including the
33.26 oral academic development, of English learners and inform their instruction, schools must
33.27 ensure that the assessments are accessible to the students and students have the modifications
33.28 and supports they need to sufficiently understand the assessments.

33.29 (g) Districts and schools, on an annual basis, must use career exploration elements to
33.30 help students, beginning no later than grade 9, and their families explore and plan for
33.31 postsecondary education or careers based on the students' interests, aptitudes, and aspirations.
33.32 Districts and schools must use timely regional labor market information and partnerships,
33.33 among other resources, to help students and their families successfully develop, pursue,
33.34 review, and revise an individualized plan for postsecondary education or a career. This
33.35 process must help increase students' engagement in and connection to school, improve

34.1 students' knowledge and skills, and deepen students' understanding of career pathways as
34.2 a sequence of academic and career courses that lead to an industry-recognized credential,
34.3 an associate's degree, or a bachelor's degree and are available to all students, whatever their
34.4 interests and career goals.

34.5 (h) A student who demonstrates attainment of required state academic standards, which
34.6 include career and college readiness benchmarks, on high school assessments under
34.7 subdivision 1a is academically ready for a career or college and is encouraged to participate
34.8 in courses awarding college credit to high school students. Such courses and programs may
34.9 include sequential courses of study within broad career areas and technical skill assessments
34.10 that extend beyond course grades.

34.11 (i) As appropriate, students through grade 12 must continue to participate in targeted
34.12 instruction, intervention, or remediation and be encouraged to participate in courses awarding
34.13 college credit to high school students.

34.14 (j) In developing, supporting, and improving students' academic readiness for a career
34.15 or college, schools, districts, and the state must have a continuum of empirically derived,
34.16 clearly defined benchmarks focused on students' attainment of knowledge and skills so that
34.17 students, their parents, and teachers know how well students must perform to have a
34.18 reasonable chance to succeed in a career or college without need for postsecondary
34.19 remediation. The commissioner, in consultation with local school officials and educators,
34.20 and Minnesota's public postsecondary institutions must ensure that the foundational
34.21 knowledge and skills for students' successful performance in postsecondary employment
34.22 or education and an articulated series of possible targeted interventions are clearly identified
34.23 and satisfy Minnesota's postsecondary admissions requirements.

34.24 (k) For students in grade 8 in the 2012-2013 school year and later, a school, district, or
34.25 charter school must record on the high school transcript a student's progress toward career
34.26 and college readiness, and for other students as soon as practicable.

34.27 (l) The school board granting students their diplomas may formally decide to include a
34.28 notation of high achievement on the high school diplomas of those graduating seniors who,
34.29 according to established school board criteria, demonstrate exemplary academic achievement
34.30 during high school.

34.31 (m) The 3rd through 8th grade computer-adaptive assessment results and high school
34.32 test results shall be available to districts for diagnostic purposes affecting student learning
34.33 and district instruction and curriculum, and for establishing educational accountability. The
34.34 commissioner must establish empirically derived benchmarks on adaptive assessments in

35.1 grades 3 through 8. The commissioner, in consultation with the chancellor of the Minnesota
35.2 State Colleges and Universities, must establish empirically derived benchmarks on the high
35.3 school tests that reveal a trajectory toward career and college readiness consistent with
35.4 section 136F.302, subdivision 1a. The commissioner must disseminate to the public the
35.5 computer-adaptive assessments and high school test results upon receiving those results.

35.6 (n) The grades 3 through 8 computer-adaptive assessments and high school tests must
35.7 be aligned with state academic standards. The commissioner shall determine the testing
35.8 process and the order of administration. The statewide results shall be aggregated at the site
35.9 and district level, consistent with subdivision 1a.

35.10 (o) The commissioner shall include the following components in the statewide public
35.11 reporting system:

35.12 (1) uniform statewide computer-adaptive assessments of all students in grades 3 through
35.13 8 and testing at the high school levels that provides appropriate, technically sound
35.14 accommodations or alternate assessments;

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

35.18 (3) state results on the American College Test; and

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

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

35.29 (q) For purposes of statewide accountability, "cultural competence," "cultural
35.30 competency," or "culturally competent" means the ability ~~and will~~ of families and educators
35.31 to interact effectively with people of different cultures, native languages, and socioeconomic
35.32 backgrounds.

36.1 Sec. 16. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 120B.31, is amended by adding a subdivision
36.2 to read:

36.3 Subd. 3a. **Rollout sites; report.** The commissioner of education shall designate up to
36.4 six school districts or charter schools as rollout sites.

36.5 (a) The rollout sites should represent urban school districts, suburban school districts,
36.6 nonurban school districts, and charter schools. The commissioner shall designate rollout
36.7 sites and notify the schools by August 1, 2017, and the designated school districts or charter
36.8 schools shall have the right to opt in or out as rollout sites by September 1, 2017.

36.9 (b) The commissioner must consult stakeholders and review the American Community
36.10 Survey to develop recommendations for best practices for disaggregated data. Stakeholders
36.11 consulted under this paragraph include at least:

36.12 (1) the rollout sites;

36.13 (2) parent groups; and

36.14 (3) community representatives.

36.15 (c) The commissioner shall report to the legislative committees having jurisdiction over
36.16 kindergarten through grade 12 education policy and finance by February 1, 2018. The
36.17 commissioner may research best practices from other states that have disaggregated data
36.18 beyond the requirements of the most recent reauthorization of the Elementary and Secondary
36.19 Education Act. The commissioner must consult with the stakeholders on how to measure
36.20 a student's background as an immigrant or a refugee and provide a recommendation in the
36.21 report on how to include the data in the statewide rollout. The recommendations may address:

36.22 (1) the most meaningful use of disaggregated data, including but not limited to which
36.23 reports should include further disaggregated data;

36.24 (2) collection of additional student characteristics, including but not limited to ensuring
36.25 enhanced enrollment forms:

36.26 (i) provide context and the objective of additional data;

36.27 (ii) are designed to convey respect and acknowledgment of the sensitive nature of the
36.28 additional data; and

36.29 (iii) are designed to collect data consistent with user feedback;

36.30 (3) efficient data-reporting approaches when reporting additional information to the
36.31 department;

37.1 (4) the frequency by which districts and schools must update enrollment forms to meet
37.2 the needs of the state's changing racial and ethnic demographics; and

37.3 (5) the criteria for determining additional data. This recommendation should include a
37.4 recommendation for frequency of reviews and updates of the additional data and should
37.5 also identify the approach of updating any additional census data and data on new enrollees.
37.6 This recommendation must consider additional student groups that may face education
37.7 disparities and must take into account maintaining student privacy and providing
37.8 nonidentifiable student level data.

37.9 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective for the 2018-2019 school year and later.

37.10 Sec. 17. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 120B.31, subdivision 4, is amended to read:

37.11 Subd. 4. **Student performance data.** In developing policies and assessment processes
37.12 to hold schools and districts accountable for high levels of academic standards under section
37.13 120B.021, the commissioner shall aggregate and disaggregate student data over time to
37.14 report summary student performance and growth levels and, under section 120B.11,
37.15 subdivision 2, clause (2), student learning and outcome data measured at the school, school
37.16 district, and statewide level. The commissioner shall use the student categories identified
37.17 under the federal Elementary and Secondary Education Act, as most recently reauthorized,
37.18 and student categories of:

37.19 (1) homelessness;

37.20 (2) ethnicity; under section 120B.35, subdivision 3, paragraph (a), clause (2);

37.21 (3) race; under section 120B.35, subdivision 3, paragraph (a), clause (2);

37.22 (4) home language; ~~immigrant, refugee status;~~

37.23 (5) English learners under section 124D.59;

37.24 (6) free or reduced-price lunch; and

37.25 (7) other categories designated by federal law to organize and report the data so that
37.26 state and local policy makers can understand the educational implications of changes in
37.27 districts' demographic profiles over time as data are available.

37.28 Any report the commissioner disseminates containing summary data on student performance
37.29 must integrate student performance and the demographic factors that strongly correlate with
37.30 that performance.

37.31 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective for the 2019-2020 school year and later.

38.1 Sec. 18. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 120B.31, subdivision 4a, is amended to read:

38.2 Subd. 4a. **Student participation.** (a) The commissioner shall ~~shall~~ must create and publish
38.3 a form for parents and guardians to complete if they refuse to have their student participate
38.4 in state or locally required standardized testing. The form must state why there are state
38.5 academic standards, indicate which tests are aligned with state standards, and what
38.6 consequences, if any, the school or student may face if a student does not participate in state
38.7 or locally required standardized testing. This form must ask parents to indicate a reason for
38.8 their refusal that:

38.9 (1) explains the need for state academic standards;

38.10 (2) identifies the state assessments that are aligned with state standards;

38.11 (3) identifies the consequences, if any, the school or student may face if a student does
38.12 not participate in state or locally required standardized assessments;

38.13 (4) states that students who receive a college ready benchmark on the high school
38.14 Minnesota Comprehensive Assessment are not required to take a remedial, noncredit course
38.15 at a Minnesota state college or university in the corresponding subject area;

38.16 (5) summarizes the provisions in section 120B.301, paragraphs (a) and (c); and

38.17 (6) notifies a parent of the right to not have the parent's child participate in the state and
38.18 locally required academic assessments, and asks a parent that chooses to not have a child
38.19 participate in the assessments the basis for the decision.

38.20 (b) A school district must post the form created by the commissioner on the district Web
38.21 site and include it in the district's student handbook.

38.22 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective for the 2017-2018 school year and later.

38.23 Sec. 19. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 120B.35, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

38.24 Subd. 3. **State growth target; other state measures.** (a)(1) The state's educational
38.25 assessment system measuring individual students' educational growth is based on indicators
38.26 of achievement growth that show an individual student's prior achievement. Indicators of
38.27 achievement and prior achievement must be based on highly reliable statewide or districtwide
38.28 assessments.

38.29 (2) For purposes of paragraphs (b), (c), and (d), the commissioner must analyze and
38.30 report separate categories of information using the student categories identified under the
38.31 federal Elementary and Secondary Education Act, as most recently reauthorized, and, in
38.32 addition to "other" for each race and ethnicity, and the Karen community, other student

39.1 categories as determined by the total Minnesota population at or above the 1,000-person
39.2 threshold based on the most recent decennial census, including ethnicity; race; refugee status
39.3 seven of the most populous Asian and Pacific Islander groups, three of the most populous
39.4 Native groups, seven of the most populous Hispanic/Latino groups, and five of the most
39.5 populous Black and African Heritage groups as determined by the total Minnesota population
39.6 based on the most recent American Community Survey; English learners under section
39.7 124D.59; home language; free or reduced-price lunch; immigrant; and all students enrolled
39.8 in a Minnesota public school who are currently or were previously in foster care, except
39.9 that such disaggregation and cross tabulation is not required if the number of students in a
39.10 category is insufficient to yield statistically reliable information or the results would reveal
39.11 personally identifiable information about an individual student.

39.12 (b) The commissioner, in consultation with a stakeholder group that includes assessment
39.13 and evaluation directors, district staff, experts in culturally responsive teaching, and
39.14 researchers, must implement a model that uses a value-added growth indicator and includes
39.15 criteria for identifying schools and school districts that demonstrate medium and high growth
39.16 under section 120B.299, subdivisions 8 and 9, and may recommend other value-added
39.17 measures under section 120B.299, subdivision 3. The model may be used to advance
39.18 educators' professional development and replicate programs that succeed in meeting students'
39.19 diverse learning needs. Data on individual teachers generated under the model are personnel
39.20 data under section 13.43. The model must allow users to:

39.21 (1) report student growth consistent with this paragraph; and

39.22 (2) for all student categories, report and compare aggregated and disaggregated state
39.23 student growth and, under section 120B.11, subdivision 2, clause (2), student learning and
39.24 outcome data using the student categories identified under the federal Elementary and
39.25 Secondary Education Act, as most recently reauthorized, and other student categories under
39.26 paragraph (a), clause (2).

39.27 The commissioner must report measures of student growth and, under section 120B.11,
39.28 subdivision 2, clause (2), student learning and outcome data, consistent with this paragraph,
39.29 including the English language development, academic progress, and oral academic
39.30 development of English learners and their native language development if the native language
39.31 is used as a language of instruction, and include data on all pupils enrolled in a Minnesota
39.32 public school course or program who are currently or were previously counted as an English
39.33 learner under section 124D.59.

(c) When reporting student performance under section 120B.36, subdivision 1, the commissioner annually, beginning July 1, 2011, must report two core measures indicating the extent to which current high school graduates are being prepared for postsecondary academic and career opportunities:

(1) a preparation measure indicating the number and percentage of high school graduates in the most recent school year who completed course work important to preparing them for postsecondary academic and career opportunities, consistent with the core academic subjects required for admission to Minnesota's public colleges and universities as determined by the Office of Higher Education under chapter 136A; and

(2) a rigorous coursework measure indicating the number and percentage of high school graduates in the most recent school year who successfully completed one or more college-level advanced placement, international baccalaureate, postsecondary enrollment options including concurrent enrollment, other rigorous courses of study under section 120B.021, subdivision 1a, or industry certification courses or programs.

When reporting the core measures under clauses (1) and (2), the commissioner must also analyze and report separate categories of information using the student categories identified under the federal Elementary and Secondary Education Act, as most recently reauthorized, and other student categories under paragraph (a), clause (2).

(d) When reporting student performance under section 120B.36, subdivision 1, the commissioner annually, beginning July 1, 2014, must report summary data on school safety and students' engagement and connection at school, consistent with the student categories identified under paragraph (a), clause (2). The summary data under this paragraph are separate from and must not be used for any purpose related to measuring or evaluating the performance of classroom teachers. The commissioner, in consultation with qualified experts on student engagement and connection and classroom teachers, must identify highly reliable variables that generate summary data under this paragraph. The summary data may be used at school, district, and state levels only. Any data on individuals received, collected, or created that are used to generate the summary data under this paragraph are nonpublic data under section 13.02, subdivision 9.

(e) For purposes of statewide educational accountability, the commissioner must identify and report measures that demonstrate the success of learning year program providers under sections 123A.05 and 124D.68, among other such providers, in improving students' graduation outcomes. The commissioner, beginning July 1, 2015, must annually report summary data on:

41.1 (1) the four- and six-year graduation rates of students under this paragraph;
41.2 (2) the percent of students under this paragraph whose progress and performance levels
41.3 are meeting career and college readiness benchmarks under section 120B.30, subdivision
41.4 1; and

41.5 (3) the success that learning year program providers experience in:
41.6 (i) identifying at-risk and off-track student populations by grade;
41.7 (ii) providing successful prevention and intervention strategies for at-risk students;
41.8 (iii) providing successful recuperative and recovery or reenrollment strategies for off-track
41.9 students; and
41.10 (iv) improving the graduation outcomes of at-risk and off-track students.

41.11 The commissioner may include in the annual report summary data on other education
41.12 providers serving a majority of students eligible to participate in a learning year program.

41.13 (f) The commissioner, in consultation with recognized experts with knowledge and
41.14 experience in assessing the language proficiency and academic performance of all English
41.15 learners enrolled in a Minnesota public school course or program who are currently or were
41.16 previously counted as an English learner under section 124D.59, must identify and report
41.17 appropriate and effective measures to improve current categories of language difficulty and
41.18 assessments, and monitor and report data on students' English proficiency levels, program
41.19 placement, and academic language development, including oral academic language.

41.20 (g) When reporting four- and six-year graduation rates, the commissioner or school
41.21 district must disaggregate the data by student categories according to paragraph (a), clause
41.22 (2).

41.23 (h) A school district must inform parents and guardians that volunteering information
41.24 on student categories not required by the most recent reauthorization of the Elementary and
41.25 Secondary Education Act is optional and will not violate the privacy of students or their
41.26 families, parents, or guardians. The notice must state the purpose for collecting the student
41.27 data.

41.28 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective for the 2018-2019 school year and later
41.29 for rollout sites under Minnesota Statutes, section 120B.31, subdivision 3a. This section is
41.30 effective for the 2019-2020 school year and later for all other schools.

42.1 Sec. 20. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 120B.36, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

42.2 Subdivision 1. **School performance reports and public reporting.** (a) The commissioner
42.3 shall report student academic performance data under section 120B.35, subdivisions 2 and
42.4 3; the percentages of students showing low, medium, and high growth under section 120B.35,
42.5 subdivision 3, paragraph (b); school safety and student engagement and connection under
42.6 section 120B.35, subdivision 3, paragraph (d); rigorous coursework under section 120B.35,
42.7 subdivision 3, paragraph (c); the percentage of students under section 120B.35, subdivision
42.8 3, paragraph (b), clause (2), whose progress and performance levels are meeting career and
42.9 college readiness benchmarks under sections 120B.30, subdivision 1, and 120B.35,
42.10 subdivision 3, paragraph (e); longitudinal data on the progress of eligible districts in reducing
42.11 disparities in students' academic achievement and realizing racial and economic integration
42.12 under section 124D.861; the acquisition of English, and where practicable, native language
42.13 academic literacy, including oral academic language, and the academic progress of all
42.14 English learners enrolled in a Minnesota public school course or program who are currently
42.15 or were previously counted as English learners under section 124D.59; two separate
42.16 student-to-teacher ratios that clearly indicate the definition of teacher consistent with sections
42.17 122A.06 and 122A.15 for purposes of determining these ratios; staff characteristics excluding
42.18 salaries; student enrollment demographics; foster care status, including all students enrolled
42.19 in a Minnesota public school course or program who are currently or were previously in
42.20 foster care, student homelessness, and district mobility; and extracurricular activities. The
42.21 ~~report also must indicate a school's status under applicable federal law.~~

42.22 (b) The school performance report for a school site and a school district must include
42.23 school performance reporting information and calculate proficiency rates as required by the
42.24 most recently reauthorized Elementary and Secondary Education Act.

42.25 ~~(c)~~ The commissioner shall develop, annually update, and post on the department Web
42.26 site school performance reports consistent with paragraph (a) and section 120B.11.

42.27 (e) ~~(d)~~ The commissioner must make available performance reports by the beginning of
42.28 each school year.

42.29 ~~(d)~~ (e) A school or district may appeal its results in a form and manner determined by
42.30 the commissioner and consistent with federal law. The commissioner's decision to uphold
42.31 or deny an appeal is final.

42.32 ~~(e)~~ (f) School performance data are nonpublic data under section 13.02, subdivision 9,
42.33 until the commissioner publicly releases the data. The commissioner shall annually post
42.34 school performance reports to the department's public Web site no later than September 1,

43.1 except that in years when the reports reflect new performance standards, the commissioner
43.2 shall post the school performance reports no later than October 1.

43.3 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective for the 2017-2018 school year and later.

43.4 Sec. 21. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 122A.40, subdivision 10, is amended to read:

43.5 Subd. 10. **Negotiated unrequested leave of absence.** The school board and the exclusive
43.6 bargaining representative of the teachers ~~may~~ must negotiate a plan providing for unrequested
43.7 leave of absence without pay or fringe benefits for as many teachers as may be necessary
43.8 because of discontinuance of position, lack of pupils, financial limitations, or merger of
43.9 classes caused by consolidation of districts. ~~Failing to successfully negotiate such a plan,~~
43.10 ~~the provisions of subdivision 11 shall apply. The negotiated plan must not include provisions~~
43.11 ~~which would result in the exercise of seniority by a teacher holding a provisional license,~~
43.12 ~~other than a vocational education license, contrary to the provisions of subdivision 11,~~
43.13 ~~paragraph (e), or the reinstatement of a teacher holding a provisional license, other than a~~
43.14 ~~vocational education license, contrary to the provisions of subdivision 11, paragraph (e).~~
43.15 The provisions of section 179A.16 do not apply for the purposes of this subdivision.

43.16 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective for collective bargaining agreements
43.17 effective July 1, 2019, and thereafter.

43.18 Sec. 22. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 122A.41, is amended by adding a subdivision
43.19 to read:

43.20 Subd. 14a. **Negotiated unrequested leave of absence.** The school board and the exclusive
43.21 bargaining representative of the teachers must negotiate a plan providing for unrequested
43.22 leave of absence without pay or fringe benefits for as many teachers as may be necessary
43.23 because of discontinuance of position, lack of pupils, financial limitations, or merger of
43.24 classes caused by consolidation of districts.

43.25 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective for collective bargaining agreements
43.26 effective July 1, 2019, and thereafter.

43.27 Sec. 23. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 122A.414, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

43.28 Subd. 2. **Alternative teacher professional pay system.** (a) To participate in this program,
43.29 a school district, an intermediate school district consistent with paragraph (d), a school site,
43.30 or a charter school must have a world's best workforce plan under section 120B.11 and an
43.31 alternative teacher professional pay system agreement under paragraph (b). A charter school
43.32 participant also must comply with subdivision 2a.

- 44.1 (b) The alternative teacher professional pay system agreement must:
- 44.2 (1) describe how teachers can achieve career advancement and additional compensation;
- 44.3 (2) describe how the school district, intermediate school district, school site, or charter
- 44.4 school will provide teachers with career advancement options that allow teachers to retain
- 44.5 primary roles in student instruction and facilitate site-focused professional development
- 44.6 that helps other teachers improve their skills;
- 44.7 (3) reform the "steps and lanes" salary schedule, prevent any teacher's compensation
- 44.8 paid before implementing the pay system from being reduced as a result of participating in
- 44.9 this system, base at least 60 percent of any compensation increase on teacher performance
- 44.10 using:
- 44.11 (i) schoolwide student achievement gains under section 120B.35 or locally selected
- 44.12 standardized assessment outcomes, or both;
- 44.13 (ii) measures of student growth and literacy that may include value-added models or
- 44.14 student learning goals, consistent with section 122A.40, subdivision 8, paragraph (b), clause
- 44.15 (9), or 122A.41, subdivision 5, paragraph (b), clause (9), and other measures that include
- 44.16 the academic literacy, oral academic language, and achievement of English learners under
- 44.17 section 122A.40, subdivision 8, paragraph (b), clause (10), or 122A.41, subdivision 5,
- 44.18 paragraph (b), clause (10); and
- 44.19 (iii) an objective evaluation program under section 122A.40, subdivision 8, paragraph
- 44.20 (b), clause (2), or 122A.41, subdivision 5, paragraph (b), clause (2);
- 44.21 (4) provide for participation in job-embedded learning opportunities such as professional
- 44.22 learning communities to improve instructional skills and learning that are aligned with
- 44.23 student needs under section 120B.11, consistent with the staff development plan under
- 44.24 section 122A.60 and led during the school day by trained teacher leaders such as master or
- 44.25 mentor teachers;
- 44.26 (5) allow any teacher in a participating school district, intermediate school district, school
- 44.27 site, or charter school that implements an alternative pay system to participate in that system
- 44.28 without any quota or other limit; and
- 44.29 (6) encourage collaboration rather than competition among teachers.
- 44.30 (c) The alternative teacher professional pay system may:

45.1 (1) include a hiring bonus or other added compensation for to provide students with
45.2 equitable access to teachers who, consistent with section 120B.11, subdivision 2, clause
45.3 (3):

45.4 (i) are identified as effective or highly effective under the local teacher professional
45.5 review cycle and or, when being considered for hire as first-year teachers, have demonstrated
45.6 skills during student teaching for being highly effective at closing achievement gaps;

45.7 (ii) work in a high-need or hard-to-fill position; or

45.8 (iii) are hired to work in a hard-to-staff school such as a school with a majority of students
45.9 whose families meet federal poverty guidelines, a geographically isolated school, or a school
45.10 identified by the state as eligible for targeted programs or services for its students; and

45.11 (2) include incentives for teachers to obtain a master's degree or other advanced
45.12 certification with at least 18 credits in their content field of licensure required for teaching
45.13 concurrent enrollment or college in the schools courses, or to pursue the training or education
45.14 necessary to obtain an additional licensure in shortage areas identified by the district or
45.15 charter school; or

45.16 (3) help fund a "~~grow your own~~" Grow Your Own new teacher initiative involving
45.17 nonlicensed educational professionals, including paraprofessionals and cultural liaisons.

45.18 (d) An intermediate school district under this subdivision must demonstrate in a form
45.19 and manner determined by the commissioner that it uses the aid it receives under this section
45.20 for activities identified in the alternative teacher professional pay system agreement.

45.21 Sec. 24. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 122A.415, subdivision 4, is amended to read:

45.22 Subd. 4. **Basic alternative teacher compensation aid.** (a) The basic alternative teacher
45.23 compensation aid for a school with a plan approved under section 122A.414, subdivision
45.24 2b, equals 65 percent of the alternative teacher compensation revenue under subdivision 1.
45.25 The basic alternative teacher compensation aid for a charter school with a plan approved
45.26 under section 122A.414, subdivisions 2a and 2b, equals \$260 times the number of pupils
45.27 enrolled in the school on October 1 of the previous year, or on October 1 of the current year
45.28 for a charter school in the first year of operation, times the ratio of the sum of the alternative
45.29 teacher compensation aid and alternative teacher compensation levy for all participating
45.30 school districts to the maximum alternative teacher compensation revenue for those districts
45.31 under subdivision 1.

45.32 (b) Notwithstanding paragraph (a) and subdivision 1, the state total basic alternative
45.33 teacher compensation aid entitlement must not exceed \$75,840,000 for fiscal year 2016 and

46.1 \$88,118,000 for fiscal year 2017 and later. The commissioner must limit the amount of
46.2 alternative teacher compensation aid approved under this section so as not to exceed these
46.3 limits by not approving new participants or by prorating the aid among participating districts,
46.4 intermediate school districts, school sites, and charter schools. The commissioner may also
46.5 reallocate a portion of the allowable aid for the biennium from the second year to the first
46.6 year to meet the needs of approved participants.

46.7 (c) Basic alternative teacher compensation aid for an intermediate district or other
46.8 cooperative unit equals \$3,000 times the number of licensed teachers employed by the
46.9 intermediate district or cooperative unit on October 1 of the previous school year.

46.10 Sec. 25. [122A.417] ALTERNATIVE TEACHER COMPENSATION REVENUE
46.11 FOR ST. CROIX RIVER EDUCATION DISTRICT.

46.12 Notwithstanding section 122A.415, subdivision 4, paragraph (c), the St. Croix River
46.13 Education District, No. 6009-61, is eligible to receive alternative teacher compensation
46.14 revenue based on its staffing as of October 1 of the previous fiscal year as reported to the
46.15 department in a manner determined by the commissioner. To qualify for alternative teacher
46.16 compensation revenue, the St. Croix River Education District must meet all the requirements
46.17 of sections 122A.414 and 122A.415 that apply to cooperative units, must report its staffing
46.18 as of October 1 of each year to the department in a manner determined by the commissioner,
46.19 and must annually report to the department by November 30 its expenditures for the
46.20 alternative teacher professional pay system consistent with the uniform financial accounting
46.21 and reporting standards.

46.22 Sec. 26. [122A.627] POSITIVE BEHAVIORAL INTERVENTIONS AND SUPPORTS.

46.23 "Positive behavioral interventions and supports" or "PBIS" means an evidence-based
46.24 framework for preventing problem behavior, providing instruction and support for positive
46.25 and prosocial behaviors, and supporting social, emotional, and behavioral needs for all
46.26 students. Schoolwide implementation of PBIS requires training, coaching, and evaluation
46.27 for school staff to consistently implement the key components that make PBIS effective for
46.28 all students, including:

46.29 (1) establishing, defining, teaching, and practicing three to five positively stated
46.30 schoolwide behavioral expectations that are representative of the local community and
46.31 cultures;

46.32 (2) developing and implementing a consistent system used by all staff to provide positive
46.33 feedback and acknowledgment for students who display schoolwide behavioral expectations;

- 47.1 (3) developing and implementing a consistent and specialized support system for students
47.2 who do not display behaviors representative of schoolwide positive expectations;
- 47.3 (4) developing a system to support decisions based on data related to student progress,
47.4 effective implementation of behavioral practices, and screening for students requiring
47.5 additional behavior supports;
- 47.6 (5) using a continuum of evidence-based interventions that is integrated and aligned to
47.7 support academic and behavioral success for all students; and
- 47.8 (6) using a team-based approach to support effective implementation, monitor progress,
47.9 and evaluate outcomes.

47.10 Consistent with section 120B.232, subdivision 1, character education curriculum and
47.11 programs may be used to support implementation of the key components of PBIS.

47.12 Sec. 27. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 124D.03, subdivision 5a, is amended to read:

47.13 Subd. 5a. **Lotteries.** If a school district has more applications than available seats at a
47.14 specific grade level, it must hold an impartial lottery following the January 15 deadline to
47.15 determine which students will receive seats. The district must give priority to enrolling
47.16 siblings of currently enrolled students, students whose applications are related to an approved
47.17 integration and achievement plan, and children of the school district's staff must receive
47.18 priority in the lottery, and students residing in that part of a municipality, defined under
47.19 section 469.1812, subdivision 3, where:

- 47.20 (1) the student's resident district does not operate a school building;
- 47.21 (2) the municipality is located partially or fully within the boundaries of at least five
47.22 school districts;
- 47.23 (3) the nonresident district in which the student seeks to enroll operates one or more
47.24 school buildings within the municipality; and
- 47.25 (4) no other nonresident, independent, special, or common school district operates a
47.26 school building within the municipality.

47.27 The process for the school district lottery must be established in school district policy,
47.28 approved by the school board, and posted on the school district's Web site.

47.29 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective for lotteries conducted beginning July
47.30 1, 2017.

48.1 Sec. 28. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 124D.09, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

48.2 Subd. 3. **Definitions.** For purposes of this section, the following terms have the meanings
48.3 given to them.

48.4 (a) "Eligible institution" means a Minnesota public postsecondary institution, a private,
48.5 nonprofit two-year trade and technical school granting associate degrees, an opportunities
48.6 industrialization center accredited by the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools,
48.7 or a private, residential, two-year or four-year, liberal arts, degree-granting college or
48.8 university located in Minnesota.

48.9 (b) "Course" means a course or program.

48.10 (c) "Concurrent enrollment" means nonsectarian courses in which an eligible pupil under
48.11 subdivision 5 or 5b enrolls to earn both secondary and postsecondary credits, are taught by
48.12 a secondary teacher or a postsecondary faculty member, and are offered at a high school
48.13 for which the district is eligible to receive concurrent enrollment program aid under section
48.14 124D.091.

48.15 Sec. 29. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 124D.09, subdivision 5, is amended to read:

48.16 Subd. 5. **Authorization; notification.** Notwithstanding any other law to the contrary,
48.17 an 11th or 12th grade pupil enrolled in a school or an American Indian-controlled tribal
48.18 contract or grant school eligible for aid under section 124D.83, except a foreign exchange
48.19 pupil enrolled in a district under a cultural exchange program, may apply to an eligible
48.20 institution, as defined in subdivision 3, to enroll in nonsectarian courses offered by that
48.21 postsecondary institution. ~~Notwithstanding any other law to the contrary, a 9th or 10th grade~~
48.22 ~~pupil enrolled in a district or an American Indian-controlled tribal contract or grant school~~
48.23 ~~eligible for aid under section 124D.83, except a foreign exchange pupil enrolled in a district~~
48.24 ~~under a cultural exchange program, may apply to enroll in nonsectarian courses offered~~
48.25 ~~under subdivision 10, if (1) the school district and the eligible postsecondary institution~~
48.26 ~~providing the course agree to the student's enrollment or (2) the course is a world language~~
48.27 ~~course currently available to 11th and 12th grade students, and consistent with section~~
48.28 ~~120B.022 governing world language standards, certificates, and seals.~~ If an institution
48.29 accepts a secondary pupil for enrollment under this section, the institution shall send written
48.30 notice to the pupil, the pupil's school or school district, and the commissioner ~~within ten~~
48.31 ~~days of acceptance.~~ The notice must indicate the course and hours of enrollment of that
48.32 pupil. If the pupil enrolls in a course for postsecondary credit, the institution must notify
48.33 the pupil about payment in the customary manner used by the institution.

49.1 Sec. 30. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 124D.09, is amended by adding a subdivision
49.2 to read:

49.3 Subd. 5b. Authorization; 9th or 10th grade pupil. Notwithstanding any other law to
49.4 the contrary, a 9th or 10th grade pupil enrolled in a district or an American Indian-controlled
49.5 tribal contract or grant school eligible for aid under section 124D.83, except a foreign
49.6 exchange pupil enrolled in a district under a cultural exchange program, may apply to enroll
49.7 in nonsectarian courses offered under subdivision 10, if:

49.8 (1) the school district and the eligible postsecondary institution providing the course
49.9 agree to the student's enrollment; or

49.10 (2) the course is a world language course currently available to 11th and 12th grade
49.11 students, and consistent with section 120B.022 governing world language standards,
49.12 certificates, and seals.

49.13 Sec. 31. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 124D.09, subdivision 10, is amended to read:

49.14 Subd. 10. **Courses according to agreements.** (a) An eligible pupil, according to
49.15 subdivision 5, may enroll in a nonsectarian course taught by a secondary teacher or a
49.16 postsecondary faculty member and offered at a secondary school, or another location,
49.17 according to an agreement between a public school board and the governing body of an
49.18 eligible public postsecondary system or an eligible private postsecondary institution, as
49.19 defined in subdivision 3. All provisions of this section shall apply to a pupil, public school
49.20 board, district, and the governing body of a postsecondary institution, except as otherwise
49.21 provided.

49.22 (b) To encourage students, especially American Indian students and students of color,
49.23 to consider teaching as a profession, participating schools, school districts, and postsecondary
49.24 institutions are encouraged to develop and offer an "Introduction to Teaching" or
49.25 "Introduction to Education" course under this subdivision. An institution that receives a
49.26 grant to develop a course under this paragraph must annually report to the commissioner
49.27 in a form and manner determined by the commissioner on the participation rates of students
49.28 in courses under this paragraph, including the number of students who apply for admission
49.29 to colleges or universities with teacher preparation programs.

50.1 Sec. 32. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 124D.09, is amended by adding a subdivision
50.2 to read:

50.3 Subd. 11a. Access to building and technology. (a) A school district must allow a student
50.4 enrolled in a course under this section to remain at the school site during regular school
50.5 hours.

50.6 (b) A school district must adopt a policy that provides a student enrolled in a course
50.7 under this section with reasonable access during regular school hours to a computer and
50.8 other technology resources that the student needs to complete coursework for a postsecondary
50.9 enrollment course.

50.10 Sec. 33. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 124D.09, subdivision 12, is amended to read:

50.11 Subd. 12. Credits; grade point average weighting policy. (a) A pupil must not audit
50.12 a course under this section.

50.13 (b) A district shall grant academic credit to a pupil enrolled in a course for secondary
50.14 credit if the pupil successfully completes the course. Seven quarter or four semester college
50.15 credits equal at least one full year of high school credit. Fewer college credits may be
50.16 prorated. A district must also grant academic credit to a pupil enrolled in a course for
50.17 postsecondary credit if secondary credit is requested by a pupil. If no comparable course is
50.18 offered by the district, the district must, as soon as possible, notify the commissioner, who
50.19 shall determine the number of credits that shall be granted to a pupil who successfully
50.20 completes a course. If a comparable course is offered by the district, the school board shall
50.21 grant a comparable number of credits to the pupil. If there is a dispute between the district
50.22 and the pupil regarding the number of credits granted for a particular course, the pupil may
50.23 appeal the board's decision to the commissioner. The commissioner's decision regarding
50.24 the number of credits shall be final.

50.25 (c) A school board must adopt a policy regarding weighted grade point averages for any
50.26 high school or dual enrollment course. The policy must state whether the district offers
50.27 weighted grades. A school board must annually publish on its Web site a list of courses for
50.28 which a student may earn a weighted grade.

50.29 (d) The secondary credits granted to a pupil must be counted toward the graduation
50.30 requirements and subject area requirements of the district. Evidence of successful completion
50.31 of each course and secondary credits granted must be included in the pupil's secondary
50.32 school record. A pupil shall provide the school with a copy of the pupil's grade in each
50.33 course taken for secondary credit under this section. Upon the request of a pupil, the pupil's

51.1 secondary school record must also include evidence of successful completion and credits
51.2 granted for a course taken for postsecondary credit. In either case, the record must indicate
51.3 that the credits were earned at a postsecondary institution.

51.4 (e) If a pupil enrolls in a postsecondary institution after leaving secondary school, the
51.5 postsecondary institution must award postsecondary credit for any course successfully
51.6 completed for secondary credit at that institution. Other postsecondary institutions may
51.7 award, after a pupil leaves secondary school, postsecondary credit for any courses
51.8 successfully completed under this section. An institution may not charge a pupil for the
51.9 award of credit.

51.10 (f) The Board of Trustees of the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities and the
51.11 Board of Regents of the University of Minnesota must, and private nonprofit and proprietary
51.12 postsecondary institutions should, award postsecondary credit for any successfully completed
51.13 courses in a program certified by the National Alliance of Concurrent Enrollment Partnerships
51.14 offered according to an agreement under subdivision 10. Consistent with section 135A.101,
51.15 subdivision 3, all MnSCU institutions must give full credit to a secondary pupil who
51.16 completes for postsecondary credit a postsecondary course or program that is part or all of
51.17 a goal area or a transfer curriculum at a MnSCU institution when the pupil enrolls in a
51.18 MnSCU institution after leaving secondary school. Once one MnSCU institution certifies
51.19 as completed a secondary student's postsecondary course or program that is part or all of a
51.20 goal area or a transfer curriculum, every MnSCU institution must consider the student's
51.21 course or program for that goal area or the transfer curriculum as completed.

51.22 Sec. 34. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 124D.09, subdivision 13, is amended to read:

51.23 Subd. 13. **Financial arrangements.** For a pupil enrolled in a course under this section,
51.24 the department must make payments according to this subdivision for courses that were
51.25 taken for secondary credit.

51.26 The department must not make payments to a school district or postsecondary institution
51.27 for a course taken for postsecondary credit only. The department must not make payments
51.28 to a postsecondary institution for a course from which a student officially withdraws during
51.29 the first 14 days of the quarter or semester or who has been absent from the postsecondary
51.30 institution for the first 15 consecutive school days of the quarter or semester and is not
51.31 receiving instruction in the home or hospital.

51.32 A postsecondary institution shall receive the following:

52.1 (1) for an institution granting quarter credit, the reimbursement per credit hour shall be
52.2 an amount equal to 88 percent of the product of the formula allowance minus \$425, multiplied
52.3 by 1.2, and divided by 45; or

52.4 (2) for an institution granting semester credit, the reimbursement per credit hour shall
52.5 be an amount equal to 88 percent of the product of the general revenue formula allowance
52.6 minus \$425, multiplied by 1.2, and divided by 30.

52.7 The department must pay to each postsecondary institution 100 percent of the amount
52.8 in clause (1) or (2) within ~~30~~ 45 days of receiving initial enrollment information each quarter
52.9 or semester. If changes in enrollment occur during a quarter or semester, the change shall
52.10 be reported by the postsecondary institution at the time the enrollment information for the
52.11 succeeding quarter or semester is submitted. At any time the department notifies a
52.12 postsecondary institution that an overpayment has been made, the institution shall promptly
52.13 remit the amount due.

52.14 Sec. 35. [124D.4535] INNOVATIVE DELIVERY OF CAREER AND TECHNICAL
52.15 EDUCATION PROGRAMS; SHARING OF DISTRICT RESOURCES.

52.16 Subdivision 1. Establishment; requirements for participation. (a) A program is
52.17 established to improve student, career and college readiness, and school outcomes by
52.18 allowing groups of school districts to work together in partnership with local and regional
52.19 postsecondary institutions and programs, community institutions, and other private, public,
52.20 for-profit, and nonprofit workplace partners, to:

52.21 (1) provide innovative education programs and activities that integrate core academic
52.22 and career and technical subjects in students' programs of study through coordinated
52.23 secondary and postsecondary career and technical programs leading to an industry
52.24 certification or other credential;

52.25 (2) provide embedded professional development for program participants;

52.26 (3) use performance assessments in authentic settings to measure students' technical
52.27 skills and progress toward attaining an industry certification or other credential; and

52.28 (4) efficiently share district, institution, and workplace resources.

52.29 (b) To participate in this program to improve student, career and college readiness, and
52.30 school outcomes, a group of two or more school districts must collaborate with school staff
52.31 and project partners and receive formal school board approval to form a partnership. The
52.32 partnership must develop a plan to provide challenging programmatic options for students
52.33 under paragraph (a); create professional development opportunities for educators and other

53.1 program participants; increase student engagement and connection and challenging learning
53.2 opportunities for diverse populations of students that are focused on employability skills
53.3 and technical, job-specific skills related to a specific career pathway; or demonstrate
53.4 efficiencies in delivering financial and other services needed to realize plan goals and
53.5 objectives. The plan must include:

53.6 (1) collaborative education goals and objectives;

53.7 (2) strategies and processes to implement those goals and objectives, including a budget
53.8 process with periodic expenditure reviews;

53.9 (3) valid and reliable measures including performance assessments in authentic settings
53.10 and progress toward attaining an industry certification or other credential, among other
53.11 measures, to evaluate progress in realizing plan goals and objectives;

53.12 (4) an implementation timeline; and

53.13 (5) other applicable conditions, regulations, responsibilities, duties, provisions, fee
53.14 schedules, and legal considerations needed to fully implement the plan.

53.15 A partnership may invite additional districts or other participants under paragraph (a) to
53.16 join the partnership after notifying the commissioner.

53.17 (c) A partnership of interested districts must submit an application to the commissioner
53.18 of education in the form and manner the commissioner determines, consistent with the
53.19 requirements of this section. The application must contain the formal approval adopted by
53.20 the school board in each district to participate in the plan.

53.21 (d) Notwithstanding any other law to the contrary, a participating school district under
53.22 this section continues to: receive revenue and maintain its taxation authority; be organized
53.23 and governed by an elected school board with general powers under section 123B.02; and
53.24 be subject to employment agreements under chapter 122A and section 179A.20; and district
53.25 employees continue to remain employees of the employing school district.

53.26 (e) Participating districts must submit a biennial report by February 1 in each
53.27 odd-numbered year to the education committees of the legislature and the commissioner of
53.28 education that includes performance assessment, high school graduation, and career and
53.29 technical certification data to show the success of the partnership in preparing diverse
53.30 populations of students for careers and jobs.

53.31 Subd. 2. **Commissioner's role.** The commissioner of education must convene an advisory
53.32 panel to advise the commissioner on applicants' qualifications to participate in this program.
53.33 The commissioner must ensure an equitable geographical distribution of program participants

54.1 to the extent practicable. The commissioner must select only those applicants that fully
54.2 comply with subdivision 1. The commissioner may terminate a program participant that
54.3 fails to effectively implement the goals and objectives contained in its application and
54.4 according to its stated timeline.

54.5 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** (a) This section is effective the day following final enactment
54.6 and applies to those applications submitted after that date.

54.7 (b) Districts already approved for an innovation zone pilot project under Laws 2012,
54.8 chapter 263, section 1, as amended by Laws 2014, chapter 312, article 15, section 24, may
54.9 continue to operate.

54.10 Sec. 36. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 124D.68, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

54.11 Subd. 2. **Eligible pupils.** (a) A pupil under the age of 21 or who meets the requirements
54.12 of section 120A.20, subdivision 1, paragraph (c), is eligible to participate in the graduation
54.13 incentives program, if the pupil:

54.14 (1) performs substantially below the performance level for pupils of the same age in a
54.15 locally determined achievement test;

54.16 (2) is behind in satisfactorily completing coursework or obtaining credits for graduation;

54.17 (3) is pregnant or is a parent;

54.18 (4) has been assessed as chemically dependent;

54.19 (5) has been excluded or expelled according to sections 121A.40 to 121A.56;

54.20 (6) has been referred by a school district for enrollment in an eligible program or a
54.21 program pursuant to section 124D.69;

54.22 (7) is a victim of physical or sexual abuse;

54.23 (8) has experienced mental health problems;

54.24 (9) has experienced homelessness sometime within six months before requesting a
54.25 transfer to an eligible program;

54.26 (10) speaks English as a second language or is an English learner; or

54.27 (11) has withdrawn from school or has been chronically truant; or

54.28 (12) is being treated in a hospital in the seven-county metropolitan area for cancer or
54.29 other life threatening illness or is the sibling of an eligible pupil who is being currently

55.1 treated, and resides with the pupil's family at least 60 miles beyond the outside boundary
55.2 of the seven-county metropolitan area.

55.3 (b) For the 2016-2017 school year fiscal years 2017 and 2018 only, a pupil otherwise
55.4 qualifying under paragraph (a) who is at least 21 years of age and not yet 22 years of age,
55.5 is an English learner with an interrupted formal education according to section 124D.59,
55.6 subdivision 2a, and was in an early middle college program during the previous school year
55.7 is eligible to participate in the graduation incentives program under section 124D.68 and
55.8 in concurrent enrollment courses offered under section 124D.09, subdivision 10, and is
55.9 funded in the same manner as other pupils under this section.

55.10 Sec. 37. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 124D.695, is amended to read:

55.11 **124D.695 APPROVED RECOVERY PROGRAM FUNDING.**

55.12 Subdivision 1. **Approved recovery program.** "Approved recovery program" means a
55.13 course of instruction offered by a recovery school that provides academic services, assistance
55.14 with recovery, and continuing care to students recovering from substance abuse or
55.15 dependency. A recovery program may be offered in a transitional academic setting designed
55.16 to meet graduation requirements. A recovery program must be approved by the commissioner
55.17 of education. The commissioner may specify the manner and form of the application for
55.18 the approval of a recovery school or recovery program. The commissioner must also approve
55.19 any unreimbursed pupil transportation costs incurred by students participating in an approved
55.20 recovery program.

55.21 Subd. 2. **Eligibility.** (a) An approved recovery program is eligible for an annual recovery
55.22 program grant of up to \$125,000 to pay for a portion of the costs ~~of~~ under this section for
55.23 recovery program support staff under this section and approved pupil transportation expenses.

55.24 (b) "Recovery program support staff" means licensed alcohol and chemical dependency
55.25 counselors, licensed school counselors, licensed school psychologists, licensed school
55.26 nurses, and licensed school social workers.

55.27 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.

55.28 Sec. 38. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 124D.83, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

55.29 Subd. 2. **Revenue amount.** An American Indian-controlled tribal contract or grant school
55.30 that is located on a reservation within the state and that complies with the requirements in
55.31 subdivision 1 is eligible to receive tribal contract or grant school aid. The amount of aid is
55.32 derived by:

56.1 (1) multiplying the formula allowance under section 126C.10, subdivision 2, less \$170,
56.2 times the difference between (i) the resident pupil units as defined in section 126C.05,
56.3 subdivision 6, in average daily membership, excluding section 126C.05, subdivision 13,
56.4 and (ii) the number of pupils for the current school year, weighted according to section
56.5 126C.05, subdivision 1, receiving benefits under section 123B.42 or 123B.44 or for which
56.6 the school is receiving reimbursement under section 124D.69;

56.7 (2) adding to the result in clause (1) an amount equal to the product of the formula
56.8 allowance under section 126C.10, subdivision 2, less \$300 times the tribal contract
56.9 compensation revenue pupil units;

56.10 (3) subtracting from the result in clause (2) the amount of money allotted to the school
56.11 by the federal government through Indian School Equalization Program of the Bureau of
56.12 Indian Affairs, according to Code of Federal Regulations, title 25, part 39, subparts A to E,
56.13 for the basic program as defined by section 39.11, paragraph (b), for the base rate as applied
56.14 to kindergarten through twelfth grade, excluding small school adjustments and additional
56.15 weighting, but not money allotted through subparts F to L for contingency funds, school
56.16 board training, student training, interim maintenance and minor repair, interim administration
56.17 cost, prekindergarten, and operation and maintenance, and the amount of money that is
56.18 received according to section 124D.69;

56.19 (4) dividing the result in clause (3) by the sum of the resident pupil units in average daily
56.20 membership, excluding section 126C.05, subdivision 13, plus the tribal contract compensation
56.21 revenue pupil units; and

56.22 (5) multiplying the sum of the resident pupil units, including section 126C.05, subdivision
56.23 13, in average daily membership plus the tribal contract compensation revenue pupil units
56.24 by the lesser of \$3,230 for fiscal years 2016 ~~and 2017~~ or to 2019 and \$1,500 for fiscal year
56.25 ~~2018~~ 2020 and later or the result in clause (4).

56.26 Sec. 39. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 124E.03, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

56.27 Subd. 2. **Certain federal, state, and local requirements.** (a) A charter school shall
56.28 meet all federal, state, and local health and safety requirements applicable to school districts.

56.29 (b) A school must comply with statewide accountability requirements governing standards
56.30 and assessments in chapter 120B.

56.31 (c) A charter school must comply with the Minnesota Public School Fee Law, sections
56.32 123B.34 to 123B.39.

56.33 (d) A charter school is a district for the purposes of tort liability under chapter 466.

57.1 (e) A charter school must comply with the Pledge of Allegiance requirement under
57.2 section 121A.11, subdivision 3.

57.3 (f) A charter school and charter school board of directors must comply with chapter 181
57.4 governing requirements for employment.

57.5 (g) A charter school must comply with continuing truant notification under section
57.6 260A.03.

57.7 (h) A charter school must develop and implement a teacher evaluation and peer review
57.8 process under section 122A.40, subdivision 8, paragraph (b), clauses (2) to (13), and place
57.9 students in classrooms in accordance with section 122A.40, subdivision 8, paragraph (d).
57.10 The teacher evaluation process in this paragraph does not create any additional employment
57.11 rights for teachers.

57.12 (i) A charter school must adopt a policy, plan, budget, and process, consistent with
57.13 section 120B.11, to review curriculum, instruction, and student achievement and strive for
57.14 the world's best workforce.

57.15 (j) A charter school is subject to and must comply with the Pupil Fair Dismissal Act,
57.16 sections 121A.40 to 121A.56.

57.17 Sec. 40. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 124E.05, subdivision 7, is amended to read:

57.18 Subd. 7. **Withdrawal.** If the governing board of an approved authorizer votes to withdraw
57.19 as an approved authorizer for a reason unrelated to any cause under section 124E.10,
57.20 subdivision 4, the authorizer must notify all its chartered schools and the commissioner in
57.21 writing by March 1 of its intent to withdraw as an authorizer on June 30 in the next calendar
57.22 year, regardless of when the authorizer's five-year term of approval ends. Upon notification
57.23 of the schools and commissioner, the authorizer must provide a letter to the school for
57.24 distribution to families of students enrolled in the school that explains the decision to
57.25 withdraw as an authorizer. The commissioner may approve the transfer of a charter school
57.26 to a new authorizer under section 124E.10, subdivision 5.

57.27 Sec. 41. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 124E.11, is amended to read:

57.28 **124E.11 ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS AND ENROLLMENT.**

57.29 (a) A charter school, including its preschool or prekindergarten program established
57.30 under section 124E.06, subdivision 3, paragraph (b), may limit admission to:

57.31 (1) pupils within an age group or grade level;

58.1 (2) pupils who are eligible to participate in the graduation incentives program under
58.2 section 124D.68; or

58.3 (3) residents of a specific geographic area in which the school is located when the
58.4 majority of students served by the school are members of underserved populations.

58.5 (b) A charter school, including its preschool or prekindergarten program established
58.6 under section 124E.06, subdivision 3, paragraph (b), shall enroll an eligible pupil who
58.7 submits a timely application, unless the number of applications exceeds the capacity of a
58.8 program, class, grade level, or building. In this case, pupils must be accepted by lot. The
58.9 charter school must develop and publish, including on its Web site, a lottery policy and
58.10 process that it must use when accepting pupils by lot.

58.11 (c) A charter school shall give enrollment preference to a sibling of an enrolled pupil
58.12 and to a foster child of that pupil's parents and may give preference for enrolling children
58.13 of the school's staff before accepting other pupils by lot. A charter school that is located in
58.14 Duluth township in St. Louis County and admits students in kindergarten through grade 6
58.15 must give enrollment preference to students residing within a five-mile radius of the school
58.16 and to the siblings of enrolled children. A charter school may give enrollment preference
58.17 to children currently enrolled in the school's free preschool or prekindergarten program
58.18 under section 124E.06, subdivision 3, paragraph (a), who are eligible to enroll in kindergarten
58.19 in the next school year.

58.20 (d) A person shall not be admitted to a charter school (1) as a kindergarten pupil, unless
58.21 the pupil is at least five years of age on September 1 of the calendar year in which the school
58.22 year for which the pupil seeks admission commences; or (2) as a first grade student, unless
58.23 the pupil is at least six years of age on September 1 of the calendar year in which the school
58.24 year for which the pupil seeks admission commences or has completed kindergarten; except
58.25 that a charter school may establish and publish on its Web site a policy for admission of
58.26 selected pupils at an earlier age, consistent with the enrollment process in paragraphs (b)
58.27 and (c).

58.28 (e) Except as permitted in paragraph (d), a charter school, including its preschool or
58.29 prekindergarten program established under section 124E.06, subdivision 3, paragraph (b),
58.30 may not limit admission to pupils on the basis of intellectual ability, measures of achievement
58.31 or aptitude, or athletic ability and may not establish any criteria or requirements for admission
58.32 that are inconsistent with this section.

59.1 (f) The charter school shall not distribute any services or goods of value to students,
59.2 parents, or guardians as an inducement, term, or condition of enrolling a student in a charter
59.3 school.

59.4 (g) Once a student is enrolled in the school, the student is considered enrolled in the
59.5 school until the student formally withdraws or is expelled under the Pupil Fair Dismissal
59.6 Act in sections 121A.40 to 121A.56. ~~A charter school is subject to and must comply with~~
59.7 ~~the Pupil Fair Dismissal Act, sections 121A.40 to 121A.56.~~

59.8 (h) A charter school with at least 90 percent of enrolled students who are eligible for
59.9 special education services and have a primary disability of deaf or hard-of-hearing may
59.10 enroll prekindergarten pupils with a disability under section 126C.05, subdivision 1,
59.11 paragraph (a), and must comply with the federal Individuals with Disabilities Education
59.12 Act under Code of Federal Regulations, title 34, section 300.324, subsection (2), clause
59.13 (iv).

59.14 Sec. 42. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 124E.22, is amended to read:

59.15 **124E.22 BUILDING LEASE AID.**

59.16 (a) When a charter school finds it economically advantageous to rent or lease a building
59.17 or land for any instructional purpose and it determines that the total operating capital revenue
59.18 under section 126C.10, subdivision 13, is insufficient for this purpose, it may apply to the
59.19 commissioner for building lease aid. The commissioner must review and either approve or
59.20 deny a lease aid application using the following criteria:

59.21 (1) the reasonableness of the price based on current market values;

59.22 (2) the extent to which the lease conforms to applicable state laws and rules; and

59.23 (3) the appropriateness of the proposed lease in the context of the space needs and
59.24 financial circumstances of the charter school. The commissioner must approve aid only for
59.25 a facility lease that has (i) a sum certain annual cost and (ii) a closure clause to relieve the
59.26 charter school of its lease obligations at the time the charter contract is terminated or not
59.27 renewed. The closure clause under item (ii) must not be constructed or construed to relieve
59.28 the charter school of its lease obligations in effect before the charter contract is terminated
59.29 or not renewed.

59.30 (b) A charter school must not use the building lease aid it receives for custodial,
59.31 maintenance service, utility, or other operating costs.

60.1 (c) The amount of annual building lease aid for a charter school shall not exceed the
60.2 lesser of (1) 90 percent of the approved cost or (2) the product of the charter school building
60.3 lease aid pupil units served for the current school year times \$1,314.

60.4 (d) A charter school's building lease aid pupil units equals the sum of the charter school
60.5 pupil units under section 126C.05 and the pupil units for the portion of the day that the
60.6 charter school's enrolled students are participating in the Postsecondary Enrollment Options
60.7 Act under section 124D.09 and not otherwise included in the pupil count under section
60.8 126C.05.

60.9 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective for fiscal year 2018 and later.

60.10 Sec. 43. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 125A.56, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

60.11 Subdivision 1. **Requirement.** (a) Before a pupil is referred for a special education
60.12 evaluation, the district must conduct and document at least two instructional strategies,
60.13 alternatives, or interventions using a system of scientific, research-based instruction and
60.14 intervention in academics or behavior, based on the pupil's needs, while the pupil is in the
60.15 regular classroom. The pupil's teacher must document the results. A special education
60.16 evaluation team may waive this requirement when it determines the pupil's need for the
60.17 evaluation is urgent. This section may not be used to deny a pupil's right to a special
60.18 education evaluation.

60.19 (b) A school district shall use alternative intervention services, including the assurance
60.20 of mastery program under section 124D.66, or an early intervening services program under
60.21 subdivision 2 to serve at-risk pupils who demonstrate a need for alternative instructional
60.22 strategies or interventions.

60.23 (c) A student identified as being unable to read at grade level under section 120B.12,
60.24 subdivision 2, paragraph (a), must be provided with alternate instruction under this
60.25 subdivision that is multisensory, systematic, sequential, cumulative, and explicit.

60.26 Sec. 44. **[136A.1276] ALTERNATIVE TEACHER PREPARATION GRANT**
60.27 **PROGRAM.**

60.28 Subdivision 1. **Definitions.** (a) For purposes of this section, the following terms have
60.29 the meanings given them.

60.30 (b) "Alternative teacher preparation program" means an alternative teacher preparation
60.31 program under section 122A.245, subdivision 2, or an experimental teacher preparation
60.32 program under section 122A.09, subdivision 10.

- 61.1 (c) "Commissioner" means the commissioner of the Office of Higher Education.
- 61.2 (d) "Program" means a teacher preparation curriculum leading to specific licensure areas.
- 61.3 (e) "Shortage area" means:
- 61.4 (1) licensure fields and economic development regions reported by the commissioner
- 61.5 of education as experiencing a teacher shortage; and
- 61.6 (2) economic development regions where there is a shortage of licensed teachers who
- 61.7 reflect the racial or ethnic diversity of students in the region.
- 61.8 (f) "Unit" means an institution or defined subdivision of the institution that has primary
- 61.9 responsibility for overseeing and delivering teacher preparation programs.
- 61.10 Subd. 2. **Establishment; eligibility.** (a) The commissioner, in consultation with the
- 61.11 Board of Teaching, must establish and administer a program annually awarding grants to
- 61.12 eligible alternative teacher preparation programs consistent with this section.
- 61.13 (b) To be eligible to receive a grant, an alternative teacher preparation program must
- 61.14 certify that it:
- 61.15 (1) is working to fill Minnesota's teacher shortage areas; and
- 61.16 (2) is a school district, charter school, or nonprofit corporation organized under chapter
- 61.17 317A or under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 for an
- 61.18 education-related purpose that has been operating continuously for at least three years in
- 61.19 Minnesota or any other state.
- 61.20 (c) The commissioner must give priority to applicants based in Minnesota when awarding
- 61.21 grants under this section.
- 61.22 Subd. 3. **Use of grants.** (a) An alternative teacher preparation program receiving a grant
- 61.23 under this section must use the grant to:
- 61.24 (1) establish initial unit approval to become an alternative teacher preparation program;
- 61.25 (2) expand alternative teacher preparation programs by expanding program approval to
- 61.26 other licensure areas identified as shortage areas by the commissioner of education;
- 61.27 (3) recruit, select, and train teachers who reflect the racial or ethnic diversity of students
- 61.28 in Minnesota; or
- 61.29 (4) establish professional development programs for teachers who have obtained teaching
- 61.30 licenses through alternative teacher preparation programs.

62.1 An alternative teacher preparation program may expend grant funds on regional management
62.2 and operations, development, and central support services, including financial support and
62.3 support for technology and human services.

62.4 (b) An alternative teacher preparation program may use grant funds awarded under this
62.5 section as a match for nonstate funds, subject to paragraph (a).

62.6 (c) Appropriations made to this program do not cancel and are available until expended.

62.7 Subd. 4. **Report.** An alternative teacher preparation program receiving a grant under
62.8 this section must submit a report to the commissioner and the Board of Teaching on the
62.9 grantee's ability to fill teacher shortage areas and positively impact student achievement
62.10 where data are available and do not identify individual teachers. A grant recipient must
62.11 submit the report required under this subdivision by January 31, 2018, and each
62.12 even-numbered year thereafter. The report must include disaggregated data regarding:

62.13 (1) the racial and ethnic diversity of teachers and teacher candidates licensed through
62.14 the program; and

62.15 (2) program participant placement.

62.16 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective for revenue in fiscal year 2018 and later.

62.17 Sec. 45. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 136A.1791, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

62.18 Subdivision 1. **Definitions.** (a) The terms used in this section have the meanings given
62.19 them in this subdivision.

62.20 (b) "Qualified educational loan" means a government, commercial, or foundation loan
62.21 for actual costs paid for tuition and reasonable educational and living expenses related to a
62.22 teacher's preparation or further education.

62.23 (c) "School district" means an independent school district, special school district,
62.24 intermediate district, education district, special education cooperative, service cooperative,
62.25 a cooperative center for vocational education, or a charter school located in Minnesota.

62.26 (d) "Teacher" means an individual holding a teaching license issued by the licensing
62.27 division in the Department of Education on behalf of the Board of Teaching who is employed
62.28 by a school district to provide classroom instruction ~~in a teacher shortage area.~~

62.29 (e) "Teacher shortage area" means:

62.30 (1) the licensure fields and economic development regions reported by the commissioner
62.31 of education as experiencing a teacher shortage; and

63.1 (2) economic development regions where there is a shortage of licensed teachers who
63.2 reflect the racial or ethnic diversity of students in the region as reported by the commissioner
63.3 of education.

63.4 (f) "Commissioner" means the commissioner of the Office of Higher Education unless
63.5 indicated otherwise.

63.6 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective August 1, 2017.

63.7 Sec. 46. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 136A.1791, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

63.8 Subd. 2. **Program established; administration.** The commissioner shall establish and
63.9 administer a teacher shortage loan forgiveness program. A teacher is eligible for the program
63.10 if the teacher is teaching in a ~~licensure field and in an economic development region with~~
63.11 an identified teacher shortage area under subdivision 3 and complies with the requirements
63.12 of this section.

63.13 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective August 1, 2017.

63.14 Sec. 47. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 136A.1791, subdivision 9, is amended to read:

63.15 Subd. 9. **Annual reporting.** By February 1 of each year, the commissioner must report
63.16 to the chairs of the ~~K-12~~ kindergarten through grade 12 and higher education committees
63.17 of the legislature on the number of individuals who received loan forgiveness under this
63.18 section, the race or ethnicity of the teachers participating in the program, the licensure areas
63.19 and economic development regions in which the teachers taught, the average amount paid
63.20 to a teacher participating in the program, and other summary data identified by the
63.21 commissioner as outcome indicators.

63.22 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective August 1, 2017.

63.23 Sec. 48. Laws 2016, chapter 189, article 25, section 58, is amended to read:

63.24 Sec. 58. **NORTHWEST REGIONAL PARTNERSHIP STATEWIDE**
63.25 **CONCURRENT ENROLLMENT TEACHER TRAINING PROGRAM.**

63.26 Subdivision 1. **Definition.** (a) For purposes of this section, the following terms have the
63.27 meanings given them.

63.28 (b) "Northwest Regional Partnership" means a voluntary association of the Lakes Country
63.29 Service Cooperative, the Northwest Service Cooperative, and Minnesota State
63.30 University-Moorhead that works together to provide coordinated higher learning opportunities
63.31 for teachers.

64.1 (c) "State Partnership" means a voluntary association of the Northwest Regional
64.2 Partnership and the Metropolitan Educational Cooperative Service Unit.

64.3 (d) "Eligible postsecondary institution" means a public or private postsecondary institution
64.4 that awards graduate credits.

64.5 (e) "Eligible teacher" means a licensed teacher of secondary school courses for
64.6 postsecondary credit.

64.7 Subd. 2. **Establishment.** (a) Lakes Country Service Cooperative, in consultation with
64.8 the Northwest Service Cooperative, may develop a continuing education program to allow
64.9 eligible teachers to attain the requisite graduate credits necessary to be qualified to teach
64.10 secondary school courses for postsecondary credit.

64.11 (b) If established, the State Partnership must contract with one or more eligible
64.12 postsecondary institutions to establish a continuing education credit program to allow eligible
64.13 teachers to attain sufficient graduate credits to qualify to teach secondary school courses
64.14 for postsecondary credit. Members of the State Partnership must work to eliminate duplication
64.15 of service and develop the continuing education credit program efficiently and
64.16 cost-effectively.

64.17 Subd. 3. **Curriculum development.** ~~Minnesota State University Moorhead may develop~~
64.18 The continuing education program must use flexible delivery models, such as an online
64.19 education curriculum to, that allow eligible secondary school teachers to attain graduate
64.20 credit at a reduced credit rate. Information about the curriculum, including course length
64.21 and course requirements, must be posted on the Web site of the eligible institution offering
64.22 the course at least two weeks before eligible teachers are required to register for courses in
64.23 the continuing education program.

64.24 Subd. 4. **Funding for course development; scholarships; stipends.** (a) Lakes Country
64.25 Service Cooperative, in consultation with the other members of the Northwest Regional
64.26 Partnership, shall:

64.27 (1) provide funding for course development for up to 18 credits in applicable
64.28 postsecondary subject areas;

64.29 (2) provide scholarships for eligible teachers to enroll in the continuing education
64.30 program; and

64.31 (3) develop criteria for awarding educator stipends on a per-credit basis to incentivize
64.32 participation in the continuing education program.

64.33 (b) If established, the State Partnership must:

65.1 (1) provide funding for course development for up to 18 credits in applicable
65.2 postsecondary subject areas;

65.3 (2) provide scholarships for eligible teachers to enroll in the continuing education
65.4 program; and

65.5 (3) develop criteria for awarding educator stipends on a per-credit basis to incentivize
65.6 participation in the continuing education program.

65.7 ~~Subd. 5. **Participant eligibility.** Participation in the continuing education program is~~
65.8 ~~reserved for teachers of secondary school courses for postsecondary credit. Priority must~~
65.9 ~~be given to teachers employed by a school district that is a member of the Lakes Country~~
65.10 ~~Service Cooperative or Northwest Service Cooperative. Teachers employed by a school~~
65.11 ~~district that is not a member of the Lakes Country Service Cooperative or Northwest Service~~
65.12 ~~Cooperative may participate in the continuing education program as space allows. A teacher~~
65.13 ~~participating in this program is ineligible to participate in other concurrent enrollment teacher~~
65.14 ~~training grant programs.~~

65.15 Subd. 6. **Private funding.** The ~~partnership~~ partnerships may receive private resources
65.16 to supplement the available public money. All money received in fiscal year 2017 shall be
65.17 administered by the Lakes Country Service Cooperative. All money received in fiscal year
65.18 2018 and later shall be administered by the State Partnership.

65.19 Subd. 7. **Report required.** (a) The Northwest Regional Partnership must submit an
65.20 annual a report by January 15 of each year, 2018, on the progress of its activities to the
65.21 legislature, commissioner of education, and Board of Trustees of the Minnesota State
65.22 Colleges and Universities. The ~~annual~~ report shall contain a financial report for the preceding
65.23 year. ~~The first report is due no later than January 15, 2018.~~

65.24 (b) If established, the State Partnership must submit an annual joint report to the
65.25 legislature and the Office of Higher Education by January 15 of each year on the progress
65.26 of its activities. The report must include the number of teachers participating in the program,
65.27 the geographic location of the teachers, the number of credits earned, and the subject areas
65.28 of the courses in which participants earned credit. The report must include a financial report
65.29 for the preceding year.

65.30 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.

65.31 Sec. 49. Laws 2016, chapter 189, article 25, section 62, subdivision 7, is amended to read:

65.32 Subd. 7. **Education Innovation Partners Cooperative Center.** (a) For a matching
65.33 grant to Education Innovation Partners Cooperative Center, No. 6091-50, to provide

66.1 research-based professional development services, on-site training, and leadership coaching
66.2 to teachers and other school staff:

66.3		500,000		
66.4	\$	<u>90,000</u>	.....	2017
66.5	\$	<u>410,000</u>	.....	2018

66.6 (b) \$410,000 of the \$500,000 appropriation in Laws 2016, chapter 189, article 25, section
66.7 62, subdivision 7, is canceled to the state general fund on June 30, 2017.

66.8 (c) A grant under this subdivision must be matched with money or in-kind contributions
66.9 from nonstate sources. This is a onetime appropriation. This appropriation is available until
66.10 June 30, 2019.

66.11 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.

66.12 Sec. 50. Laws 2016, chapter 189, article 25, section 62, subdivision 11, is amended to
66.13 read:

66.14 Subd. 11. **Student teachers in shortage areas.** For transfer to the commissioner of the
66.15 Office of Higher Education for the purpose of providing grants to student teachers in shortage
66.16 areas under Minnesota Statutes, section 136A.1275:

66.17	\$	2,800,000	2017
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66.18 Of this amount, up to two percent is for administration of the student teacher grant
66.19 program in expectation that the Office of Higher Education will begin to disburse grants
66.20 no later than September 1, 2017. This is a onetime appropriation. This appropriation is
66.21 available until June 30, 2019.

66.22 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.

66.23 Sec. 51. **AGRICULTURAL EDUCATOR GRANTS.**

66.24 Subdivision 1. **Grant program established.** A grant program is established to support
66.25 school districts in paying agricultural education teachers for work over the summer with
66.26 high school students in extended programs.

66.27 Subd. 2. **Application.** The commissioner of education shall develop the form and method
66.28 for applying for the grants. The commissioner shall develop criteria for determining the
66.29 allocation of the grants, including appropriate goals for the use of the grants.

66.30 Subd. 3. **Grant awards.** Grant funding under this section must be matched by funding
66.31 from the school district for the agricultural education teacher's summer employment. Grant
66.32 funding for each teacher is limited to the one-half share of 40 working days.

67.1 Subd. 4. **Reports.** School districts that receive grant funds shall report to the
67.2 commissioner of education no later than December 31 of each year regarding the number
67.3 of teachers funded by the grant program and the outcomes compared to the goals established
67.4 in the grant application. The Department of Education shall develop the criteria necessary
67.5 for the reports.

67.6 Sec. 52. **INNOVATION RESEARCH ZONES PILOT PROGRAM.**

67.7 Subdivision 1. **Establishment; requirements for participation; research zone plans.**

67.8 (a) The innovation research zone pilot program is established to improve student and school
67.9 outcomes consistent with the world's best workforce requirements under Minnesota Statutes,
67.10 section 120B.11. Innovation zone partnerships allow school districts and charter schools to
67.11 research and implement innovative education programming models designed to better
67.12 prepare students for the world of the 21st century.

67.13 (b) One or more school districts or charter schools may join together to form an innovation
67.14 zone partnership. The partnership may include other nonschool partners, including
67.15 postsecondary institutions, other units of local government, nonprofit organizations, and
67.16 for-profit organizations. An innovation zone plan must be collaboratively developed in
67.17 concert with the school's instructional staff.

67.18 (c) An innovation research zone partnership must research and implement innovative
67.19 education programs and models that are based on proposed hypotheses. An innovation zone
67.20 plan may include an emerging practice not yet supported by peer-reviewed research.
67.21 Examples of innovation zone research may include, but are not limited to:

67.22 (1) personalized learning, allowing students to excel at their own pace and according to
67.23 their interests, aspirations, and unique needs;

67.24 (2) the use of competency outcomes rather than seat time and course completion to fulfill
67.25 standards, credits, and other graduation requirements;

67.26 (3) multidisciplinary, real-world, inquiry-based, and student-directed models designed
67.27 to make learning more engaging and relevant, including documenting and validating learning
67.28 that takes place beyond the school day and school walls;

67.29 (4) models of instruction designed to close the achievement gap, including new models
67.30 for age three to grade 3 models, English as a second language models, early identification
67.31 and prevention of mental health issues, and others;

68.1 (5) new partnerships between secondary schools and postsecondary institutions,
68.2 employers, or career training institutions enabling students to complete industry certifications,
68.3 postsecondary education credits, and other credentials;

68.4 (6) new methods of collaborative leadership including the expansion of schools where
68.5 teachers have larger professional roles;

68.6 (7) new ways to enhance parental and community involvement in learning;

68.7 (8) new models of professional development for educators, including embedded
68.8 professional development; or

68.9 (9) new models in other areas such as whole child instruction, social-emotional skill
68.10 development, technology-based or blended learning, parent and community involvement,
68.11 professional development and mentoring, and models that increase the return on investment.

68.12 (d) An innovation zone plan submitted to the commissioner must describe:

68.13 (1) how the plan will improve student and school outcomes consistent with the world's
68.14 best workforce requirements under Minnesota Statutes, section 120B.11;

68.15 (2) the role of each partner in the zone;

68.16 (3) the research methodology used for each proposed action in the plan;

68.17 (4) the exemptions from statutes and rules in subdivision 2 that the research zone
68.18 partnership will use;

68.19 (5) a description of how teachers and other educational staff from the affected school
68.20 sites will be included in the planning and implementation process;

68.21 (6) a detailed description of expected outcomes and graduation standards;

68.22 (7) a timeline for implementing the plan and assessing the outcomes; and

68.23 (8) how results of the plan will be disseminated.

68.24 The governing board for each partner must approve the innovation zone plan.

68.25 (e) Upon unanimous approval of the initial innovation zone partners and approval of the
68.26 commissioner of education, the innovation zone partnership may extend membership to
68.27 other partners. A new partner's membership is effective 30 days after the innovation zone
68.28 partnership notifies the commissioner of the proposed change in membership unless the
68.29 commissioner disapproves the new partner's membership.

68.30 (f) Notwithstanding any other law to the contrary, a school district or charter school
68.31 participating in an innovation zone partnership under this section continues to receive all

69.1 revenue and maintains its taxation authority in the same manner as before its participation
69.2 in the innovation zone partnership. The innovation zone school district and charter school
69.3 partners remain organized and governed by their respective school boards with general
69.4 powers under Minnesota Statutes, chapter 123B or 124E, and remain subject to any
69.5 employment agreements under Minnesota Statutes, chapters 122A and 179A. School district
69.6 and charter school employees participating in an innovation zone partnership remain
69.7 employees of their respective school district or charter school.

69.8 (g) An innovation zone partnership may submit its plan at any time to the commissioner
69.9 in the form and manner specified by the commissioner. The commissioner must approve
69.10 or reject the plan after reviewing the recommendation of the Innovation Research Zone
69.11 Advisory Panel. An initial innovation zone plan that has been rejected by the commissioner
69.12 may be resubmitted to the commissioner after the innovation zone partnership has modified
69.13 the plan to meet each individually identified objection.

69.14 Subd. 2. **Exemptions from laws and rules.** (a) Notwithstanding any other law to the
69.15 contrary, an innovation zone partner with an approved plan is exempt from each of the
69.16 following state education laws and rules specifically identified in its plan:

69.17 (1) any law or rule from which a district-created, site-governed school under Minnesota
69.18 Statutes, section 123B.045, is exempt;

69.19 (2) any statute or rule from which the commissioner has exempted another district or
69.20 charter school, as identified in the list published on the Department of Education's Web site
69.21 under subdivision 4, paragraph (b);

69.22 (3) online learning program approval under Minnesota Statutes, section 124D.095,
69.23 subdivision 7, if the school district or charter school offers a course or program online
69.24 combined with direct access to a teacher for a portion of that course or program;

69.25 (4) restrictions on extended time revenue under Minnesota Statutes, section 126C.10,
69.26 subdivision 2a, for a student who meets the criteria of Minnesota Statutes, section 124D.68,
69.27 subdivision 2; and

69.28 (5) any required hours of instruction in any class or subject area for a student who is
69.29 meeting all competencies consistent with the graduation standards described in the innovation
69.30 zone plan.

69.31 (b) The exemptions under this subdivision must not be construed as exempting an
69.32 innovation zone partner from the Minnesota Comprehensive Assessments.

70.1 Subd. 3. **Innovation Research Zone Advisory Panel.** (a) The commissioner must
70.2 establish and convene an Innovation Research Zone Advisory Panel to review all innovation
70.3 zone plans submitted for approval.

70.4 (b) The panel must be composed of nine members. One member must be appointed by
70.5 each of the following organizations: Educators for Excellence, Education Minnesota,
70.6 Minnesota Association of Secondary School Principals, Minnesota Elementary School
70.7 Principals' Association, Minnesota Association of School Administrators, Minnesota School
70.8 Boards Association, Minnesota Association of Charter Schools, and the Office of Higher
70.9 Education. The commissioner must appoint one member with expertise in evaluation and
70.10 research.

70.11 Subd. 4. **Commissioner approval.** (a) Upon recommendation of the Innovation Research
70.12 Zone Advisory Panel, the commissioner may approve up to three innovation zone plans in
70.13 the seven-county metropolitan area and up to three in greater Minnesota. If an innovation
70.14 zone partnership fails to implement its innovation zone plan as described in its application
70.15 and according to the stated timeline, upon recommendation of the Innovation Research
70.16 Zone Advisory Panel, the commissioner must alert the partnership members and provide
70.17 the opportunity to remediate. If implementation continues to fail, the commissioner must
70.18 suspend or terminate the innovation zone plan.

70.19 (b) The commissioner must publish a list of the exemptions the commissioner has granted
70.20 to a district or charter school on the Department of Education's Web site by July 1, 2017.
70.21 The list must be updated annually.

70.22 Subd. 5. **Project evaluation, dissemination, and report to legislature.** Each research
70.23 zone partnership must submit project data to the commissioner in the form and manner
70.24 provided for in the approved application. At least once every two years, the commissioner
70.25 must analyze each innovation zone's progress in realizing the objectives of the innovation
70.26 zone partnership's plan. The commissioner must summarize and categorize innovation zone
70.27 plans and submit a report to the legislative committees having jurisdiction over education
70.28 by February 1 of each odd-numbered year in accordance with Minnesota Statutes, section
70.29 3.195.

70.30 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.

71.1 Sec. 53. COMMISSIONER OF EDUCATION MUST SUBMIT ESSA PLAN TO
71.2 LEGISLATURE.

71.3 Subdivision 1. ESSA plan. The commissioner of education must submit the state plan
71.4 developed pursuant to the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965, as amended
71.5 by the Every Student Succeeds Act, United States Code, title 20, section 6311, to the
71.6 education policy and finance committees of the legislature at least 30 days before submitting
71.7 the plan to the United States Department of Education.

71.8 Subd. 2. Alignment with World's Best Workforce measures. The state plan must be
71.9 consistent and aligned, to the extent practicable, with the performance accountability
71.10 measures required under Minnesota Statutes, section 120B.11, subdivision 1a, to create a
71.11 single accountability system for all public schools.

71.12 EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective the day following final enactment.

71.13 Sec. 54. EDUCATIONAL STABILITY FOR STUDENTS IN FOSTER CARE.

71.14 Subdivision 1. Establishment. A pilot project is established to provide incentives for
71.15 school districts and county governments to develop partnership agreements and implement
71.16 transportation plans to help keep foster care students enrolled in their school of origin when
71.17 a student is placed in a foster care setting outside the school of origin's boundaries.

71.18 Subd. 2. Qualifying plans. A school district must submit an application in the form and
71.19 manner prescribed by the commissioner of education to participate in the program. To
71.20 qualify for participation, one or more school districts and the local child welfare agency
71.21 must have a written interagency agreement that describes the local plan for ensuring
71.22 educational stability for foster care students. The parties to the agreement must seek Title
71.23 IV-E reimbursement for eligible students and eligible transportation costs. The plan must
71.24 describe:

71.25 (1) how transportation services will be arranged and provided; and

71.26 (2) how local transportation costs will be paid for if pilot project funds are insufficient
71.27 to cover all costs.

71.28 Subd. 3. Pilot project; funding. The commissioner must reimburse partnerships with
71.29 qualifying plans under subdivision 2 at the end of the school year based on allowable
71.30 expenditures and reimbursements and compliance with other reporting requirements. If the
71.31 available appropriation is insufficient to fully fund all qualifying plans, the commissioner
71.32 may prorate the available funds statewide among all school districts with qualifying plans.

72.1 Subd. 4. **Report.** By February 1, 2018, the commissioner of education shall report on
72.2 the pilot project to the legislative committees with jurisdiction over early childhood through
72.3 grade 12 education. The report must include, at a minimum, the number of local agreements
72.4 entered into for this project along with the number of school districts and counties
72.5 participating in the agreements, baseline data showing the number of foster care students
72.6 who were able to remain in their school of origin and the changes in the ratio over the time
72.7 of the pilot project, data on expenditures for school stability transportation and federal
72.8 reimbursements received for the pilot project with a midyear projection of end-of-year costs
72.9 and revenues, and projected costs for statewide implementation of the program.

72.10 Sec. 55. **RURAL CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION CONSORTIUM**
72.11 **GRANTS.**

72.12 Subdivision 1. **Definition.** "Rural career and technical education (CTE) consortium"
72.13 means a voluntary collaboration of a service cooperative and other regional public and
72.14 private partners, including school districts and higher education institutions, that work
72.15 together to provide career and technical education opportunities within the service
72.16 cooperative's multicounty service area.

72.17 Subd. 2. **Establishment.** (a) A rural CTE consortium shall:

72.18 (1) focus on the development of courses and programs that encourage collaboration
72.19 between two or more school districts;

72.20 (2) develop new career and technical programs that focus on the industry sectors that
72.21 fuel the rural regional economy;

72.22 (3) facilitate the development of highly trained and knowledgeable students who are
72.23 equipped with technical and workplace skills needed by regional employers;

72.24 (4) improve access to career and technical education programs for students who attend
72.25 sparsely populated rural school districts by developing public and private partnerships with
72.26 business and industry leaders and by increasing coordination of high school and
72.27 postsecondary program options;

72.28 (5) increase family and student awareness of the availability and benefit of career and
72.29 technical education courses and training opportunities; and

72.30 (6) provide capital start-up costs for items including but not limited to a mobile welding
72.31 lab, medical equipment and lab, and industrial kitchen equipment.

72.32 (b) In addition to the requirements in paragraph (a), a rural CTE consortium may:

73.1 (1) address the teacher shortage crisis in career and technical education through incentive
73.2 funding and training programs; and

73.3 (2) provide transportation reimbursement grants to provide equitable opportunities
73.4 throughout the region for students to participate in career and technical education.

73.5 Subd. 3. **Rural career and technical education advisory committee.** In order to be
73.6 eligible for a grant under this section, a service cooperative must establish a rural career
73.7 and technical education advisory committee to advise the cooperative on the administration
73.8 of the rural CTE consortium.

73.9 Subd. 4. **Private funding.** A rural CTE consortium may receive other sources of funds
73.10 to supplement state funding. All funds received shall be administered by the service
73.11 cooperative that is a member of the consortium.

73.12 Subd. 5. **Reporting requirements.** A rural CTE consortium must submit an annual
73.13 report on the progress of its activities to the commissioner of education and the legislative
73.14 committees with jurisdiction over secondary and postsecondary education. The annual report
73.15 must contain a financial report for the preceding fiscal year. The first report is due no later
73.16 than January 15, 2019.

73.17 Subd. 6. **Grant recipients.** For fiscal years 2018 and 2019, the commissioner shall
73.18 award a two-year grant to the consortium that is a collaboration of the Southwest/West
73.19 Central Service Cooperative (SWWC), Southwest Minnesota State University, Minnesota
73.20 West Community and Technical College, Ridgewater College, and other regional public
73.21 and private partners. For fiscal years 2020 and 2021, the commissioner shall award a two-year
73.22 grant to an applicant consortium that includes the South Central Service Cooperative or
73.23 Southeast Service Cooperative and a two-year grant to an applicant consortium that includes
73.24 the Northwest Service Cooperative or Northeast Service Cooperative.

73.25 Sec. 56. **INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL DISTRICT MENTAL HEALTH INNOVATION**
73.26 **GRANT PROGRAM; APPROPRIATION.**

73.27 (a) \$2,450,000 in fiscal year 2018 and \$2,450,000 in fiscal year 2019 are appropriated
73.28 from the general fund to the commissioner of human services for a grant program to fund
73.29 innovative projects to improve mental health outcomes for youth attending a qualifying
73.30 school unit.

73.31 (b) A "qualifying school unit" means an intermediate district organized under Minnesota
73.32 Statutes, section 136D.01, or a service cooperative organized under Minnesota Statutes,
73.33 section 123A.21, subdivision 1, paragraph (a), clause (2), that provides instruction to students

74.1 in a setting of federal instructional level 4 or higher. Grants under paragraph (a) must be
74.2 awarded to eligible applicants such that the services are proportionately provided among
74.3 qualifying school units. The commissioner shall calculate the share of the appropriation to
74.4 be used in each qualifying school unit by dividing the qualifying school unit's average daily
74.5 membership in a setting of federal instructional level 4 or higher for fiscal year 2016 by the
74.6 total average daily membership in a setting of federal instructional level 4 or higher for the
74.7 same year for all qualifying school units.

74.8 (c) An eligible applicant is an entity that has demonstrated capacity to serve the youth
74.9 identified in paragraph (a) and that is:

74.10 (1) certified under Minnesota Rules, parts 9520.0750 to 9520.0870;

74.11 (2) a community mental health center under Minnesota Statutes, section 256B.0625,
74.12 subdivision 5;

74.13 (3) an Indian health service facility or facility owned and operated by a tribe or tribal
74.14 organization operating under United States Code, title 25, section 5321; or

74.15 (4) a provider of children's therapeutic services and supports as defined in Minnesota
74.16 Statutes, section 256B.0943.

74.17 (d) An eligible applicant must employ or contract with at least two licensed mental health
74.18 professionals as defined in Minnesota Statutes, section 245.4871, subdivision 27, clauses
74.19 (1) to (6), who have formal training in evidence-based practices.

74.20 (e) A qualifying school unit must submit an application to the commissioner in the form
74.21 and manner specified by the commissioner. The commissioner may approve an application
74.22 that describes models for innovative projects to serve the needs of the schools and students.
74.23 The commissioner may provide technical assistance to the qualifying school unit. The
74.24 commissioner shall then solicit grant project proposals and award grant funding to the
74.25 eligible applicants whose project proposals best meet the requirements of this section and
74.26 most closely adhere to the models created by the intermediate districts and service
74.27 cooperatives.

74.28 (f) To receive grant funding, an eligible applicant must obtain a letter of support for the
74.29 applicant's grant project proposal from each qualifying school unit the eligible applicant is
74.30 proposing to serve. An eligible applicant must also demonstrate the following:

74.31 (1) the ability to seek third-party reimbursement for services;

74.32 (2) the ability to report data and outcomes as required by the commissioner; and

75.1 (3) the existence of partnerships with counties, tribes, substance use disorder providers,
75.2 and mental health service providers, including providers of mobile crisis services.

75.3 (g) Grantees shall obtain all available third-party reimbursement sources as a condition
75.4 of receiving grant funds. For purposes of this grant program, a third-party reimbursement
75.5 source does not include a public school as defined in Minnesota Statutes, section 120A.20,
75.6 subdivision 1.

75.7 (h) The base budget for this program is \$0. This appropriation is available until June 30,
75.8 2020.

75.9 **Sec. 57. APPROPRIATIONS.**

75.10 Subdivision 1. **Department of Education.** The sums indicated in this section are
75.11 appropriated from the general fund to the Department of Education for the fiscal years
75.12 designated.

75.13 Subd. 2. **Achievement and integration aid.** For achievement and integration aid under
75.14 Minnesota Statutes, section 124D.862:

75.15 \$ 71,249,000 2018

75.16 \$ 73,267,000 2019

75.17 The 2018 appropriation includes \$6,725,000 for 2017 and \$64,524,000 for 2018.

75.18 The 2019 appropriation includes \$7,169,000 for 2018 and \$66,098,000 for 2019.

75.19 Subd. 3. **Literacy incentive aid.** For literacy incentive aid under Minnesota Statutes,
75.20 section 124D.98:

75.21 \$ 47,264,000 2018

75.22 \$ 47,763,000 2019

75.23 The 2018 appropriation includes \$4,597,000 for 2017 and \$42,667,000 for 2018.

75.24 The 2019 appropriation includes \$4,740,000 for 2018 and \$43,023,000 for 2019.

75.25 Subd. 4. **Interdistrict desegregation or integration transportation grants.** For
75.26 interdistrict desegregation or integration transportation grants under Minnesota Statutes,
75.27 section 124D.87:

75.28 \$ 13,337,000 2018

75.29 \$ 14,075,000 2019

75.30 Subd. 5. **Tribal contract schools.** For tribal contract school aid under Minnesota Statutes,
75.31 section 124D.83:

76.1 \$ 3,623,000 2018

76.2 \$ 4,018,000 2019

76.3 The 2018 appropriation includes \$323,000 for 2017 and \$3,300,000 for 2018.

76.4 The 2019 appropriation includes \$366,000 for 2018 and \$3,652,000 for 2019.

76.5 Subd. 6. **American Indian education aid.** For American Indian education aid under

76.6 Minnesota Statutes, section 124D.81, subdivision 2a:

76.7 \$ 9,244,000 2018

76.8 \$ 9,464,000 2019

76.9 The 2018 appropriation includes \$886,000 for 2017 and \$8,358,000 for 2018.

76.10 The 2019 appropriation includes \$928,000 for 2018 and \$8,536,000 for 2019.

76.11 Subd. 7. **Early childhood literacy programs.** (a) For early childhood literacy programs

76.12 under Minnesota Statutes, section 119A.50, subdivision 3:

76.13 \$ 6,950,000 2018

76.14 \$ 6,950,000 2019

76.15 (b) Up to \$6,950,000 each year is for leveraging federal and private funding to support

76.16 AmeriCorps members serving in the Minnesota reading corps program established by

76.17 ServeMinnesota, including costs associated with training and teaching early literacy skills

76.18 to children ages three to grade 3 and evaluating the impact of the program under Minnesota

76.19 Statutes, sections 124D.38, subdivision 2, and 124D.42, subdivision 6.

76.20 (c) Any balance in the first year does not cancel but is available in the second year.

76.21 (d) The base for fiscal year 2020 is \$7,950,000.

76.22 Subd. 8. **Concurrent enrollment program.** For concurrent enrollment programs under

76.23 Minnesota Statutes, section 124D.091:

76.24 \$ 4,000,000 2018

76.25 \$ 4,000,000 2019

76.26 If the appropriation is insufficient, the commissioner must proportionately reduce the

76.27 aid payment to each district.

76.28 Any balance in the first year does not cancel but is available in the second year.

76.29 Subd. 9. **Expanded concurrent enrollment grants.** For grants to institutions offering

76.30 "Introduction to Teaching" or "Introduction to Education" college in the schools courses

76.31 under Minnesota Statutes, section 124D.09, subdivision 10, paragraph (b):

77.1 \$ 375,000 2018

77.2 \$ 375,000 2019

77.3 The department may retain up to five percent of the appropriation amount to monitor
77.4 and administer the grant program.

77.5 Subd. 10. **ServeMinnesota program.** For funding ServeMinnesota programs under
77.6 Minnesota Statutes, sections 124D.37 to 124D.45:

77.7 \$ 900,000 2018

77.8 \$ 900,000 2019

77.9 A grantee organization may provide health and child care coverage to the dependents
77.10 of each participant enrolled in a full-time ServeMinnesota program to the extent such
77.11 coverage is not otherwise available.

77.12 Subd. 11. **Student organizations.** For student organizations:

77.13 \$ 725,000 2018

77.14 \$ 725,000 2019

77.15 (a) \$46,000 each year is for student organizations serving health occupations (HOSA).

77.16 (b) \$100,000 each year is for student organizations serving trade and industry occupations
77.17 (Skills USA, secondary and postsecondary).

77.18 (c) \$95,000 each year is for student organizations serving business occupations (BPA,
77.19 secondary and postsecondary).

77.20 (d) \$193,000 each year is for student organizations serving agriculture occupations (FFA,
77.21 PAS).

77.22 (e) \$142,000 in fiscal years 2018 and 2019 is for student organizations serving family
77.23 and consumer science occupations (FCCLA). Notwithstanding Minnesota Rules, part
77.24 3505.1000, subparts 28 and 31, the student organizations serving FCCLA shall continue to
77.25 serve students younger than grade 9. Beginning in fiscal year 2020, the amount is \$185,000.

77.26 (f) \$109,000 each year is for student organizations serving marketing occupations (DECA
77.27 and DECA collegiate).

77.28 (g) \$40,000 each year is for the Minnesota Foundation for Student Organizations.

77.29 (h) Any balance in the first year does not cancel but is available in the second year.

77.30 (i) The base for fiscal year 2020 and later is \$768,000.

78.1 Subd. 12. Museums and education centers. For grants to museums and education
78.2 centers:

78.3 \$ 460,000 2018

78.4 \$ 460,000 2019

78.5 (a) \$319,000 each year is for the Minnesota Children's Museum. Of the amount in this
78.6 paragraph, \$50,000 in each year is for the Minnesota Children's Museum, Rochester.

78.7 (b) \$50,000 each year is for the Duluth Children's Museum.

78.8 (c) \$41,000 each year is for the Minnesota Academy of Science.

78.9 (d) \$50,000 each year is for the Headwaters Science Center.

78.10 Any balance in the first year does not cancel but is available in the second year.

78.11 Subd. 13. Minnesota Center for the Book programming. For grants to the entity
78.12 designated by the Library of Congress as the Minnesota Center for the Book to provide
78.13 statewide programming related to the Minnesota Book Awards and for additional
78.14 programming throughout the state related to the Center for the Book designation:

78.15 \$ 50,000 2018

78.16 \$ 50,000 2019

78.17 The base for fiscal year 2020 is \$0.

78.18 Subd. 14. Singing-based pilot program to improve student reading. (a) For a grant
78.19 to pilot a research-supported, computer-based educational program that uses singing to
78.20 improve the reading ability of students in grades 2 through 5:

78.21 \$ 500,000 2018

78.22 \$ 0 2019

78.23 (b) The commissioner of education shall award a grant to the Rock 'n' Read Project to
78.24 implement a research-supported, computer-based educational program that uses singing to
78.25 improve the reading ability of students in grades 2 through 5. The grantee shall be responsible
78.26 for selecting participating school sites; providing any required hardware and software,
78.27 including software licenses, for the duration of the grant period; providing technical support,
78.28 training, and staff to install required project hardware and software; providing on-site
78.29 professional development and instructional monitoring and support for school staff and
78.30 students; administering preintervention and postintervention reading assessments; evaluating
78.31 the impact of the intervention; and other project management services as required. To the
78.32 extent practicable, the grantee must select participating schools in urban, suburban, and

79.1 greater Minnesota, and give priority to schools in which a high proportion of students do
79.2 not read proficiently at grade level and are eligible for free or reduced-price lunch.

79.3 (c) By February 15, 2019, the grantee must submit a report detailing expenditures and
79.4 outcomes of the grant to the commissioner of education and the chairs and ranking minority
79.5 members of the legislative committees with primary jurisdiction over kindergarten through
79.6 grade 12 education policy and finance.

79.7 (d) This is a onetime appropriation.

79.8 Subd. 15. **Starbase MN.** (a) For a grant to Starbase MN for a rigorous science,
79.9 technology, engineering, and math (STEM) program providing students in grades 4 through
79.10 6 with a multisensory learning experience and a hands-on curriculum in an aerospace
79.11 environment using state-of-the-art technology:

79.12 \$ 1,350,000 2018

79.13 \$ 0 2019

79.14 (b) Any balance in the first year does not cancel but is available in the second year. The
79.15 base for fiscal year 2020 is \$500,000.

79.16 (c) All unspent funds, estimated at \$850,000 the Starbase MN appropriation under Laws
79.17 2015, First Special Session chapter 3, article 2, section 70, subdivision 17, are canceled the
79.18 day following final enactment.

79.19 Subd. 16. **Recovery program grants.** For recovery program grants under Minnesota
79.20 Statutes, section 124D.695:

79.21 \$ 750,000 2018

79.22 \$ 750,000 2019

79.23 Any balance in the first year does not cancel but is available in the second year.

79.24 Subd. 17. **Minnesota math corps program.** For the Minnesota math corps program
79.25 under Minnesota Statutes, section 124D.42, subdivision 9:

79.26 \$ 500,000 2018

79.27 \$ 500,000 2019

79.28 Any balance in the first year does not cancel but is available in the second year.

79.29 Subd. 18. **Civic education grants.** For grants to the Minnesota Civic Education Coalition,
79.30 Minnesota Civic Youth, Learning Law and Democracy Foundation, and YMCA Youth in
79.31 Government to provide civic education programs for Minnesota youth age 18 and younger.
79.32 Civic education is the study of constitutional principles and the democratic foundation of

80.1 our national, state, and local institutions, and the study of political processes and structures
80.2 of government, grounded in the understanding of constitutional government under the rule
80.3 of law.

80.4 \$ 125,000 2018

80.5 \$ 125,000 2019

80.6 Any balance in the first year does not cancel but is available in the second year. The
80.7 budget base for this program is \$0.

80.8 Subd. 19. **Minnesota Principals Academy.** (a) For grants to the University of Minnesota
80.9 College of Education and Human Development for the operation of the Minnesota Principals
80.10 Academy:

80.11 \$ 200,000 2018

80.12 \$ 200,000 2019

80.13 (b) Of these amounts, \$50,000 must be used to pay the costs of attendance for principals
80.14 and school leaders from schools identified for intervention under the state's accountability
80.15 system as implemented to comply with the federal Every Student Succeeds Act. To the
80.16 extent funds are available, the Department of Education is encouraged to use up to \$200,000
80.17 of federal Title II funds to support additional participation in the Principals Academy by
80.18 principals and school leaders from schools identified for intervention under the state's
80.19 accountability system as implemented to comply with the federal Every Student Succeeds
80.20 Act.

80.21 (c) Any balance in the first year does not cancel but is available in the second year.

80.22 Subd. 20. **Educational stability for students living in foster care.** For a pilot project
80.23 to promote educational stability for students living in foster care:

80.24 \$ 1,000,000 2018

80.25 Up to five percent of the appropriation may be used for state and local administrative
80.26 costs such as reporting, technical support, and establishing a Title IV-E reimbursement
80.27 claiming process. This is a onetime appropriation. This appropriation is available until June
80.28 30, 2019.

80.29 Subd. 21. **Charter school building lease aid.** For building lease aid under Minnesota
80.30 Statutes, section 124E.22:

80.31 \$ 73,341,000 2018

80.32 \$ 78,802,000 2019

80.33 The 2018 appropriation includes \$6,850,000 for 2017 and \$66,491,000 for 2018.

81.1 The 2019 appropriation includes \$7,387,000 for 2018 and \$71,415,000 for 2019.

81.2 Subd. 22. **Race 2 Reduce.** (a) For grants to support expanded Race 2 Reduce water
81.3 conservation programming in Minnesota schools:

81.4 \$ 307,000 2018

81.5 \$ 0 2019

81.6 (b) \$143,000 is for H2O for Life; \$98,000 is for Independent School District No. 624,
81.7 White Bear Lake; and \$66,000 is for Independent School District No. 832, Mahtomedi.

81.8 (c) The appropriation is available until June 30, 2019. The base for fiscal year 2020 is
81.9 \$0.

81.10 Subd. 23. **Paraprofessional pathway to teacher licensure.** (a) For grants to school
81.11 districts for Grow Your Own new teacher programs:

81.12 \$ 1,500,000 2018

81.13 \$ 1,500,000 2019

81.14 (b) The grants are for school districts with more than 30 percent minority students for
81.15 a Board of Teaching-approved nonconventional teacher residency pilot program. The
81.16 program must provide tuition scholarships or stipends to enable school district employees
81.17 or community members affiliated with a school district who seek an education license to
81.18 participate in a nonconventional teacher preparation program. School districts that receive
81.19 funds under this subdivision are strongly encouraged to recruit candidates of color and
81.20 American Indian candidates to participate in the Grow Your Own new teacher programs.
81.21 Districts or schools providing financial support may require a commitment as determined
81.22 by the district to teach in the district or school for a reasonable amount of time that does
81.23 not exceed five years.

81.24 (c) School districts and charter schools may also apply for grants to develop innovative
81.25 expanded Grow Your Own programs that encourage secondary school students to pursue
81.26 teaching, including developing and offering dual-credit postsecondary course options in
81.27 schools for "Introduction to Teaching" or "Introduction to Education" courses consistent
81.28 with Minnesota Statutes, section 124D.09, subdivision 10.

81.29 (d) Programs must annually report to the commissioner by the date determined by the
81.30 commissioner on their activities under this section, including the number of participants,
81.31 the percentage of participants who are of color or who are American Indian, and an
81.32 assessment of program effectiveness, including participant feedback, areas for improvement,
81.33 the percentage of participants continuing to pursue teacher licensure, and the number of
81.34 participants hired in the school or district as teachers after completing preparation programs.

82.1 (e) The department may retain up to three percent of the appropriation amount to monitor
82.2 and administer the grant program.

82.3 (f) Any balance in the first year does not cancel but is available in the second year.

82.4 Subd. 24. **Statewide testing and reporting system.** For the statewide testing and
82.5 reporting system under Minnesota Statutes, section 120B.30:

82.6 \$ 10,892,000 2018

82.7 \$ 10,892,000 2019

82.8 Any balance in the first year does not cancel but is available in the second year.

82.9 Subd. 25. **College entrance examination reimbursement.** To reimburse districts for
82.10 students who qualify under Minnesota Statutes, section 120B.30, subdivision 1, paragraph
82.11 (e), for payment of their college entrance examination fee:

82.12 \$ 1,511,000 2018

82.13 \$ 1,511,000 2019

82.14 The commissioner must reimburse school districts for their costs for free or reduced-price
82.15 meal eligible students who take the ACT or SAT test under Minnesota Statutes, section
82.16 120B.30, subdivision 1.

82.17 Any balance in the first year does not cancel but is available in the second year.

82.18 Subd. 26. **Alternative teacher compensation aid.** For alternative teacher compensation
82.19 aid under Minnesota Statutes, section 122A.415, subdivision 4:

82.20 \$ 89,863,000 2018

82.21 \$ 89,623,000 2019

82.22 The 2018 appropriation includes \$8,917,000 for 2017 and \$80,946,000 for 2018.

82.23 The 2019 appropriation includes \$8,994,000 for 2018 and \$80,629,000 for 2019.

82.24 Subd. 27. **Collaborative urban and greater Minnesota educators of color program**
82.25 **grants.** (a) For collaborative urban and greater Minnesota educators of color program grants:

82.26 \$ 1,000,000 2018

82.27 \$ 1,000,000 2019

82.28 (b) Grants shall be awarded in equal amounts: \$195,000 each year is for the Southeast
82.29 Asian Teacher program at Concordia University, St. Paul; \$195,000 each year is for the
82.30 Collaborative Urban Educator program at the University of St. Thomas; \$195,000 each year
82.31 is for the Center for Excellence in Urban Teaching at Hamline University; and \$195,000
82.32 each year is for the East Africa Student to Teacher program at Augsburg College.

(c) By January 15 of each year, each institution shall prepare for the legislature a detailed report regarding the funds used to recruit, retain, and induct teacher candidates who are of color or who are American Indian. The report must include the total number of teacher candidates of color, disaggregated by race or ethnic group, who are recruited to the institution, are newly admitted to the licensure program, are enrolled in the licensure program, have completed student teaching, have graduated, and are licensed and newly employed as Minnesota teachers in their licensure field. The total number of teacher candidates who are of color or who are American Indian at each stage from recruitment to licensed teaching must be reported as a percentage of total candidates seeking the same licensure at the institution. The report must include the graduation rate for each cohort of teacher candidates, the placement rate for each graduating cohort of teacher candidates, and the retention rate for each graduating cohort of teacher candidates, among other program outcomes.

(d) The commissioner must establish a competitive grant process to award \$220,000 each year to Board of Teaching-approved teacher preparation programs, including alternative teacher preparation programs. The competitive process must award grants based on program benchmarks, including licensure rates, participation rates, and on-time graduation rates.

(e) For fiscal year 2020 and later, the commissioner must award all collaborative urban educator grants through the competitive grant program.

(f) Any balance in the first year does not cancel but is available in the second year.

Subd. 28. Examination fees; teacher training and support programs. (a) For students' advanced placement and international baccalaureate examination fees under Minnesota Statutes, section 120B.13, subdivision 3, and the training and related costs for teachers and other interested educators under Minnesota Statutes, section 120B.13, subdivision 1:

\$	4,500,000	.....	2018
\$	4,500,000	.....	2019

(b) The advanced placement program shall receive 75 percent of the appropriation each year and the international baccalaureate program shall receive 25 percent of the appropriation each year. The department, in consultation with representatives of the advanced placement and international baccalaureate programs selected by the Advanced Placement Advisory Council and International Baccalaureate Minnesota, respectively, shall determine the amounts of the expenditures each year for examination fees and training and support programs for each program.

(c) Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes, section 120B.13, subdivision 1, at least \$500,000 each year is for teachers to attend subject matter summer training programs and follow-up

support workshops approved by the advanced placement or international baccalaureate programs. The amount of the subsidy for each teacher attending an advanced placement or international baccalaureate summer training program or workshop shall be the same. The commissioner shall determine the payment process and the amount of the subsidy.

(d) The commissioner shall pay all examination fees for all students of low-income families under Minnesota Statutes, section 120B.13, subdivision 3, and to the extent of available appropriations, shall also pay examination fees for students sitting for an advanced placement examination, international baccalaureate examination, or both.

Any balance in the first year does not cancel but is available in the second year.

Subd. 29. **Grants to increase science, technology, engineering, and math course offerings.** For grants to schools to encourage low-income and other underserved students to participate in advanced placement and international baccalaureate programs according to Minnesota Statutes, section 120B.132:

\$ 250,000 2018

\$ 250,000 2019

Any balance in the first year does not cancel but is available in the second year.

Subd. 30. **Agricultural educator grants.** For agricultural educator grants under section 51:

\$ 250,000 2018

\$ 250,000 2019

Any balance in the first year does not cancel but is available in the second year.

Subd. 31. **American Indian teacher preparation grants.** For joint grants to assist American Indian people to become teachers under Minnesota Statutes, section 122A.63:

\$ 460,000 2018

\$ 460,000 2019

Subd. 32. **African American Registry.** (a) For grants to the African American Registry for the Teacher's Forum:

\$ 100,000 2018

\$ 100,000 2019

(b) The African American Registry must use the grant funds to establish partnerships with Metropolitan State University and the University of St. Thomas to improve the cultural competency of candidates seeking a first teaching license. By January 15 of each year, the African American Registry shall submit to the legislature a detailed report regarding the

85.1 funds used. The report must include the number of teachers prepared. The base in fiscal
85.2 year 2020 is \$0.

85.3 Subd. 33. **Rural career and technical education consortium.** (a) For rural career and
85.4 technical education consortium grants:

85.5 \$ 1,500,000 2018

85.6 \$ 1,500,000 2019

85.7 This appropriation is available until June 30, 2022. If the appropriation in the first year
85.8 is insufficient, the 2019 appropriation is available.

85.9 (b) The base in fiscal year 2020 is \$3,000,000.

85.10 Subd. 34. **Sanneh Foundation.** (a) For a grant to the Sanneh Foundation to provide
85.11 all-day, in-school, and before- and after-school academic and behavioral interventions for
85.12 low-performing and chronically absent students with a focus on low-income students and
85.13 students of color throughout the school year and during the summer to decrease absenteeism,
85.14 encourage school engagement, and improve grades and graduation rates.

85.15 \$ 1,000,000 2018

85.16 (b) Funds appropriated in this section must be used to establish and provide services in
85.17 schools where the Sanneh Foundation does not currently operate, and must not be used for
85.18 programs operating in schools as of June 30, 2017.

85.19 (c) This is a onetime appropriation. Any balance in the first year does not cancel but is
85.20 available in the second year.

85.21 Subd. 35. **Alternative teacher preparation grant program.** (a) For transfer to the
85.22 commissioner of the Office of Higher Education for alternative teacher preparation program
85.23 grants under Minnesota Statutes, section 136A.1276:

85.24 \$ 750,000 2018

85.25 \$ 0 2019

85.26 (b) Any balance in the first year does not cancel but is available in the second year.

85.27 Subd. 36. **Teacher shortage loan forgiveness.** (a) For transfer to the commissioner of
85.28 the Office of Higher Education for the loan forgiveness program under Minnesota Statutes,
85.29 section 136A.1791:

85.30 \$ 500,000 2018

85.31 \$ 0 2019

86.1 (b) The commissioner may use no more than three percent of this appropriation to
86.2 administer the program under this subdivision.

86.3 (c) Any balance in the first year does not cancel but is available in the second year.

86.4 Subd. 37. Statewide concurrent enrollment teacher training program. For the
86.5 statewide concurrent enrollment teacher training program under Laws 2016, chapter 189,
86.6 article 25, section 58, as amended:

86.7 \$ 375,000 2018

86.8 \$ 375,000 2019

86.9 Any balance in the first year does not cancel but is available in the second year.

86.10 Sec. 58. REPEALER.

86.11 Minnesota Statutes 2016, sections 122A.40, subdivision 11; and 122A.41, subdivision
86.12 14, are repealed effective July 1, 2019.

86.13 **ARTICLE 3**

86.14 **TEACHER LICENSURE**

86.15 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 120B.363, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

86.16 Subdivision 1. **Rulemaking.** The Professional Educator Licensing and Standards Board
86.17 ~~of Teaching~~ must adopt rules to implement a statewide credential for education
86.18 paraprofessionals who assist a licensed teacher in providing student instruction. Any
86.19 paraprofessional holding this credential or working in a local school district after meeting
86.20 a state-approved local assessment is considered to be highly qualified under federal law.
86.21 Under this subdivision, the Professional Educator Licensing and Standards Board of
86.22 ~~Teaching~~, in consultation with the commissioner, must adopt qualitative criteria for approving
86.23 local assessments that include an evaluation of a paraprofessional's knowledge of reading,
86.24 writing, and math and the paraprofessional's ability to assist in the instruction of reading,
86.25 writing, and math. The commissioner must approve or disapprove local assessments using
86.26 these criteria. The commissioner must make the criteria available to the public.

86.27 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective January 1, 2018.

86.28 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 122A.17, is amended to read:

86.29 **122A.17 VALIDITY OF CERTIFICATES OR LICENSES.**

87.1 (a) A rule adopted by the Board of Teaching or the Professional Educator Licensing and
87.2 Standards Board must not affect the validity of certificates or licenses to teach in effect on
87.3 July 1, 1974, or the rights and privileges of the holders thereof, except that any such
87.4 certificate or license may be suspended or revoked for any of the causes and by the procedures
87.5 specified by law.

87.6 (b) All teacher licenses in effect on January 1, 2018, shall remain valid for one additional
87.7 year after the date the license is scheduled to expire.

87.8 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective January 1, 2018.

87.9 Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 122A.18, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

87.10 Subdivision 1. **Authority to license.** (a) The Professional Educator Licensing and
87.11 Standards Board of Teaching must license teachers, as defined in section 122A.15,
87.12 subdivision 1, except for supervisory personnel, as defined in section 122A.15, subdivision
87.13 2. issue the following teacher licenses to candidates who meet the qualifications prescribed
87.14 by this chapter:

87.15 (1) Tier 1 license under section 122A.181;

87.16 (2) Tier 2 license under section 122A.182;

87.17 (3) Tier 3 license under section 122A.183; and

87.18 (4) Tier 4 license under section 122A.184.

87.19 (b) The Board of School Administrators must license supervisory personnel as defined
87.20 in section 122A.15, subdivision 2, except for athletic coaches.

87.21 ~~(e) Licenses under the jurisdiction of the Board of Teaching, the Board of School~~
87.22 ~~Administrators, and the commissioner of education must be issued through the licensing~~
87.23 ~~section of the department.~~

87.24 ~~(d)~~ (c) The Professional Educator Licensing and Standards Board of Teaching and the
87.25 Department of Education must enter into a data sharing agreement to share:

87.26 (1) educational data at the E-12 level for the limited purpose of program approval and
87.27 improvement for teacher education programs. The program approval process must include
87.28 targeted redesign of teacher preparation programs to address identified E-12 student areas
87.29 of concern; and

87.30 (2) data in the staff automated reporting system for the limited purpose of managing and
87.31 processing funding to school districts and other entities.

88.1 (e) (d) The Board of School Administrators and the Department of Education must enter
88.2 into a data sharing agreement to share educational data at the E-12 level for the limited
88.3 purpose of program approval and improvement for education administration programs. The
88.4 program approval process must include targeted redesign of education administration
88.5 preparation programs to address identified E-12 student areas of concern.

88.6 (f) (e) For purposes of the data sharing agreements under paragraphs (d) (c) and (e) (d),
88.7 the Professional Educator Licensing and Standards Board of Teaching, Board of School
88.8 Administrators, and Department of Education may share private data, as defined in section
88.9 13.02, subdivision 12, on teachers and school administrators. The data sharing agreements
88.10 must not include educational data, as defined in section 13.32, subdivision 1, but may include
88.11 summary data, as defined in section 13.02, subdivision 19, derived from educational data.

88.12 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 1, 2018.

88.13 Sec. 4. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 122A.18, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

88.14 Subd. 2. **Teacher and Support personnel qualifications.** (a) The Professional Educator
88.15 Licensing and Standards Board of Teaching must issue licenses and credentials under its
88.16 jurisdiction to persons the board finds to be qualified and competent for their respective
88.17 positions, including those meeting the standards adopted under section 122A.09, subdivision
88.18 4, paragraph (n) support personnel positions in accordance with section 120B.36.

88.19 (b) ~~The board must require a candidate for teacher licensure to demonstrate a passing~~
88.20 ~~score on a board-adopted examination of skills in reading, writing, and mathematics, before~~
88.21 ~~being granted a professional five-year teaching license to provide direct instruction to pupils~~
88.22 ~~in prekindergarten, elementary, secondary, or special education programs, except that the~~
88.23 ~~board may issue up to four temporary, one-year teaching licenses to an otherwise qualified~~
88.24 ~~candidate who has not yet passed a board-adopted skills exam. At the request of the~~
88.25 ~~employing school district or charter school, the Board of Teaching may issue an initial~~
88.26 ~~professional one-year teaching license to an otherwise qualified teacher not passing or~~
88.27 ~~demonstrating a passing score on a board-adopted skills examination in reading, writing,~~
88.28 ~~and mathematics. For purposes of this section, the initial professional one-year teaching~~
88.29 ~~license issued by the board is limited to the current subject or content matter the teacher is~~
88.30 ~~employed to teach and limited to the district or charter school requesting the initial~~
88.31 ~~professional one-year teaching license. If the board denies the request, it must provide a~~
88.32 ~~detailed response to the school administrator as to the reasons for the denial. The board~~
88.33 ~~must require colleges and universities offering a board-approved teacher preparation program~~
88.34 ~~to make available upon request remedial assistance that includes a formal diagnostic~~

89.1 ~~component to persons enrolled in their institution who did not achieve a qualifying score~~
89.2 ~~on a board-adopted skills examination, including those for whom English is a second~~
89.3 ~~language. The colleges and universities must make available assistance in the specific~~
89.4 ~~academic areas of candidates' deficiency. School districts may make available upon request~~
89.5 ~~similar, appropriate, and timely remedial assistance that includes a formal diagnostic~~
89.6 ~~component to those persons employed by the district who completed their teacher education~~
89.7 ~~program, who did not achieve a qualifying score on a board-adopted skills examination,~~
89.8 ~~and who received an initial professional one-year teaching license to teach in Minnesota.~~
89.9 ~~The Board of Teaching shall report annually to the education committees of the legislature~~
89.10 ~~on the total number of teacher candidates during the most recent school year taking a~~
89.11 ~~board-adopted skills examination, the number who achieve a qualifying score on the~~
89.12 ~~examination, the number who do not achieve a qualifying score on the examination, and~~
89.13 ~~the candidates who have not passed a content or pedagogy exam, disaggregated by categories~~
89.14 ~~of race, ethnicity, and eligibility for financial aid.~~

89.15 (c) ~~The Board of Teaching must grant professional five-year teaching licenses only to~~
89.16 ~~those persons who have met board criteria for that license, which includes passing a~~
89.17 ~~board-adopted skills examination in reading, writing, and mathematics, and the exceptions~~
89.18 ~~in section 122A.09, subdivision 4, paragraph (b), that are consistent with this paragraph.~~
89.19 ~~The requirement to pass a board-adopted reading, writing, and mathematics skills~~
89.20 ~~examination, does not apply to nonnative English speakers, as verified by qualified Minnesota~~
89.21 ~~school district personnel or Minnesota higher education faculty, who, after meeting the~~
89.22 ~~content and pedagogy requirements under this subdivision, apply for a professional five-year~~
89.23 ~~teaching license to provide direct instruction in their native language or world language~~
89.24 ~~instruction under section 120B.022, subdivision 1.~~

89.25 (d) ~~All colleges and universities approved by the board of teaching to prepare persons~~
89.26 ~~for teacher licensure must include in their teacher preparation programs a common core of~~
89.27 ~~teaching knowledge and skills to be acquired by all persons recommended for teacher~~
89.28 ~~licensure. Among other requirements, teacher candidates must demonstrate the knowledge~~
89.29 ~~and skills needed to provide appropriate instruction to English learners to support and~~
89.30 ~~accelerate their academic literacy, including oral academic language, and achievement in~~
89.31 ~~content areas in a regular classroom setting. This common core shall meet the standards~~
89.32 ~~developed by the interstate new teacher assessment and support consortium in its 1992~~
89.33 ~~"model standards for beginning teacher licensing and development." Amendments to~~
89.34 ~~standards adopted under this paragraph are covered by chapter 14. The board of teaching~~
89.35 ~~shall report annually to the education committees of the legislature on the performance of~~

90.1 ~~teacher candidates on common core assessments of knowledge and skills under this paragraph~~
90.2 ~~during the most recent school year.~~

90.3 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 1, 2018.

90.4 Sec. 5. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 122A.18, subdivision 2b, is amended to read:

90.5 Subd. 2b. **Reading specialist.** ~~Not later than July 1, 2002,~~ The Professional Educator
90.6 Licensing and Standards Board of Teaching must adopt rules providing for reading teacher
90.7 licensure.

90.8 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 1, 2018.

90.9 Sec. 6. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 122A.18, subdivision 7a, is amended to read:

90.10 Subd. 7a. **Permission to substitute teach.** (a) The Professional Educator Licensing and
90.11 Standards Board of Teaching may allow a person who otherwise qualifies for a Tier 1 license
90.12 in accordance with section 122A.181, subdivision 2, or is enrolled in and making satisfactory
90.13 progress in a board-approved teacher program and who has successfully completed student
90.14 teaching to be employed as a short-call substitute teacher.

90.15 (b) The Professional Educator Licensing and Standards Board of Teaching may issue a
90.16 lifetime qualified short-call or long-call substitute teaching license to a person who:

90.17 (1) was a qualified teacher under section 122A.16 while holding a ~~professional five-year~~
90.18 Tier 3 or Tier 4 teaching license issued by the board, under sections 122A.183 and 122A.184,
90.19 respectively, and receives a retirement annuity from the Teachers Retirement Association
90.20 or the St. Paul Teachers Retirement Fund Association;

90.21 (2) holds an out-of-state teaching license and receives a retirement annuity as a result
90.22 of the person's teaching experience; or

90.23 (3) held a ~~professional five-year~~ Tier 3 or Tier 4 teaching license issued by the board,
90.24 under sections 122A.183 and 122A.184, respectively, taught at least three school years in
90.25 an accredited nonpublic school in Minnesota, and receives a retirement annuity as a result
90.26 of the person's teaching experience.

90.27 A person holding a lifetime qualified short-call or long-call substitute teaching license is
90.28 not required to complete continuing education clock hours. A person holding this license
90.29 may reapply to the board for either:

(i) a ~~professional five-year~~ Tier 3 or Tier 4 teaching license under sections 122A.183 and 122A.184, respectively, and must again complete continuing education clock hours one school year after receiving the ~~professional five-year~~ Tier 3 or Tier 4 teaching license; or

(ii) a Tier 1 license under section 122A.181, provided that the candidate has a bachelor's degree, an associate's degree, or an appropriate professional credential in the content area the candidate will teach, in accordance with section 122A.181, subdivision 2.

EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective July 1, 2018.

Sec. 7. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 122A.18, subdivision 7c, is amended to read:

Subd. 7c. **Temporary military license.** The Professional Educator Licensing and Standards Board of Teaching shall establish a temporary license in accordance with section 197.4552 for teaching. The fee for a temporary license under this subdivision shall be \$87.90 for an online application or \$86.40 for a paper application. The board must provide candidates for a license under this subdivision with information regarding the tiered licensure system provided in sections 122A.18 to 122A.184.

EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective July 1, 2018.

Sec. 8. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 122A.18, subdivision 8, is amended to read:

Subd. 8. **Background checks.** (a) The Professional Educator Licensing and Standards Board of Teaching and the commissioner of education the Board of School Administrators must request a criminal history background check from the superintendent of the Bureau of Criminal Apprehension on all first-time teaching applicants for licenses under their jurisdiction. Applicants must include with their licensure applications:

(1) an executed criminal history consent form, including fingerprints; and

(2) a money order or cashier's check payable to the Bureau of Criminal Apprehension for the fee for conducting the criminal history background check.

(b) The superintendent of the Bureau of Criminal Apprehension shall perform the background check required under paragraph (a) by retrieving criminal history data as defined in section 13.87 and shall also conduct a search of the national criminal records repository. The superintendent is authorized to exchange fingerprints with the Federal Bureau of Investigation for purposes of the criminal history check. The superintendent shall recover the cost to the bureau of a background check through the fee charged to the applicant under paragraph (a).

92.1 (c) The Professional Educator Licensing and Standards Board of Teaching or the
92.2 commissioner of education Board of School Administrators may issue a license pending
92.3 completion of a background check under this subdivision, but must notify the individual
92.4 and the school district or charter school employing the individual that the individual's license
92.5 may be revoked based on the result of the background check.

92.6 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 1, 2018.

92.7 Sec. 9. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 122A.18, is amended by adding a subdivision to
92.8 read:

92.9 **Subd. 10. Licensure via portfolio.** (a) The Professional Educator Licensing and Standards
92.10 Board must adopt rules establishing a process for an eligible candidate to obtain any teacher
92.11 license under subdivision 1, or to add a licensure field, via portfolio. The portfolio licensure
92.12 application process must be consistent with the requirements in this subdivision.

92.13 (b) A candidate for a license must submit to the board one portfolio demonstrating
92.14 pedagogical competence and one portfolio demonstrating content competence.

92.15 (c) A candidate seeking to add a licensure field must submit to the board one portfolio
92.16 demonstrating content competence for each licensure field the candidate seeks to add.

92.17 (d) The board must notify a candidate who submits a portfolio under paragraph (b) or
92.18 (c) within 90 calendar days after the portfolio is received whether or not the portfolio is
92.19 approved. If the portfolio is not approved, the board must immediately inform the candidate
92.20 how to revise the portfolio to successfully demonstrate the requisite competence. The
92.21 candidate may resubmit a revised portfolio at any time and the board must approve or
92.22 disapprove the revised portfolio within 60 calendar days of receiving it.

92.23 (e) A candidate must pay to the board a \$300 fee for the first portfolio submitted for
92.24 review and a \$200 fee for any portfolio submitted subsequently. The revenue generated
92.25 from the fee must be deposited in an education licensure portfolio account in the special
92.26 revenue fund. The fees are nonrefundable for applicants not qualifying for a license. The
92.27 board may waive or reduce fees for candidates based on financial need.

92.28 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 1, 2018.

92.29 Sec. 10. **[122A.181] TIER 1 LICENSE.**

92.30 **Subdivision 1. Application requirements.** The Professional Educator Licensing and
92.31 Standards Board must approve a request from a district or charter school to issue a Tier 1
92.32 license in a specified content area to a candidate if:

- 93.1 (1) the candidate meets the professional requirement in subdivision 2;
- 93.2 (2) the district or charter school affirms that the candidate has the necessary skills and
- 93.3 knowledge to teach in the specified content area; and
- 93.4 (3) the district or charter school demonstrates that:
- 93.5 (i) a criminal background check under section 122A.18, subdivision 8, has been completed
- 93.6 on the candidate; and
- 93.7 (ii) the district or charter school has posted the teacher position but was unable to hire
- 93.8 an acceptable teacher with a Tier 2, 3, or 4 license for the position.
- 93.9 **Subd. 2. Professional requirements.** (a) A candidate for a Tier 1 license must have a
- 93.10 bachelor's degree to teach a class or course outside a career and technical education or career
- 93.11 pathways course of study.
- 93.12 (b) A candidate for a Tier 1 license must have one of the following credentials in a
- 93.13 relevant content area to teach a class in a career and technical education or career pathways
- 93.14 course of study:
- 93.15 (1) an associate's degree;
- 93.16 (2) a professional certification; or
- 93.17 (3) five years of relevant work experience.
- 93.18 **Subd. 3. Term of license and renewal.** (a) The Professional Educator Licensing and
- 93.19 Standards Board must issue an initial Tier 1 license for a term of one year. A Tier 1 license
- 93.20 may be renewed subject to paragraphs (b) and (c). The board may submit written comments
- 93.21 to the district or charter school that requested the renewal regarding the candidate.
- 93.22 (b) The Professional Educator Licensing and Standards Board must renew a Tier 1
- 93.23 license if:
- 93.24 (1) the district or charter school requesting the renewal demonstrates that it has posted
- 93.25 the teacher position but was unable to hire an acceptable teacher with a Tier 2, 3, or 4 license
- 93.26 for the position;
- 93.27 (2) the teacher holding the Tier 1 license took a content examination in accordance with
- 93.28 section 122A.185 and submitted the examination results to the teacher's employing district
- 93.29 or charter school within one year of the board approving the request for the initial Tier 1
- 93.30 license; and

94.1 (3) the teacher holding the Tier 1 license participated in cultural competency training
94.2 consistent with section 120B.30, subdivision 1, paragraph (q), within one year of the board
94.3 approving the request for the initial Tier 1 license.

94.4 The requirement in clause (2) does not apply to a teacher that teaches a class in a career and
94.5 technical education or career pathways course of study.

94.6 (c) A Tier 1 license must not be renewed more than three times, unless the requesting
94.7 district or charter school can show good cause for additional renewals. A Tier 1 license
94.8 issued to teach (1) a class or course in a career and technical education or career pathway
94.9 course of study or (2) in a shortage area, as defined in section 122A.06, subdivision 6, may
94.10 be renewed without limitation.

94.11 Subd. 4. **Application.** The Professional Educator Licensing and Standards Board must
94.12 accept applications for a Tier 1 teaching license beginning July 1 of the school year for
94.13 which the license is requested and must issue or deny the Tier 1 teaching license within 30
94.14 days of receiving the completed application.

94.15 Subd. 5. **Limitations on license.** (a) A Tier 1 license is limited to the content matter
94.16 indicated on the application for the initial Tier 1 license under subdivision 1, paragraph (a),
94.17 clause (2), and limited to the district or charter school that requested the initial Tier 1 license.

94.18 (b) A Tier 1 license does not bring an individual within the definition of a teacher for
94.19 purposes of section 122A.40, subdivision 1, or 122A.41, subdivision 1, clause (a).

94.20 (c) A Tier 1 license does not bring an individual within the definition of a teacher under
94.21 section 179A.03, subdivision 18.

94.22 Subd. 6. **Mentorship and evaluation.** (a) A teacher holding a Tier 1 license must
94.23 participate in the employing district or charter school's mentorship program and professional
94.24 development.

94.25 (b) A teacher holding a Tier 1 license must participate in an evaluation aligned, to the
94.26 extent practicable, with the evaluation under section 122A.40, subdivision 8, or 122A.41,
94.27 subdivision 5.

94.28 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 1, 2018.

94.29 Sec. 11. **[122A.182] TIER 2 LICENSE.**

94.30 Subdivision 1. **Requirements.** (a) The Professional Educator Licensing and Standards
94.31 Board must approve a request from a district or charter school to issue a Tier 2 license in a
94.32 specified content area to a candidate if:

95.1 (1) the candidate meets the educational or professional requirements in paragraph (b)
95.2 or (c);

95.3 (2) the candidate:

95.4 (i) has completed the coursework required under subdivision 2;

95.5 (ii) is enrolled in a Minnesota-approved teacher preparation program; or

95.6 (iii) has a master's degree in the specified content area; and

95.7 (3) the district or charter school demonstrates that a criminal background check under
95.8 section 122A.18, subdivision 8, has been completed on the candidate.

95.9 (b) A candidate for a Tier 2 license must have a bachelor's degree to teach a class outside
95.10 a career and technical education or career pathways course of study.

95.11 (c) A candidate for a Tier 2 license must have one of the following credentials in a
95.12 relevant content area to teach a class or course in a career and technical education or career
95.13 pathways course of study:

95.14 (1) an associate's degree;

95.15 (2) a professional certification; or

95.16 (3) five years of relevant work experience.

95.17 Subd. 2. **Coursework.** (a) A candidate for a Tier 2 license must meet the coursework
95.18 requirement by demonstrating completion of two of the following:

95.19 (1) at least eight upper division or graduate-level credits in the relevant content area;

95.20 (2) field-specific methods of training, including coursework;

95.21 (3) at least two years of teaching experience in a similar content area in any state, as
95.22 determined by the board;

95.23 (4) a passing score on the pedagogy and content exams under section 122A.185; or

95.24 (5) completion of a state-approved teacher preparation program.

95.25 (b) For purposes of paragraph (a), "upper division" means classes normally taken at the
95.26 junior or senior level of college which require substantial knowledge and skill in the field.
95.27 Candidates must identify the upper division credits that fulfill the requirement in paragraph
95.28 (a), clause (1).

95.29 Subd. 3. **Term of license and renewal.** The Professional Educator Licensing and
95.30 Standards Board must issue an initial Tier 2 license for a term of two years. A Tier 2 license

96.1 may be renewed three times. Before a Tier 2 license is renewed for the first time, a teacher
96.2 holding a Tier 2 license must participate in cultural competency training consistent with
96.3 section 120B.30, subdivision 1, paragraph (q). The board must issue rules setting forth the
96.4 conditions for additional renewals after the initial license has been renewed three times.

96.5 Subd. 4. **Application.** The Professional Educator Licensing and Standards Board must
96.6 accept applications for a Tier 2 teaching license beginning July 1 of the school year for
96.7 which the license is requested and must issue or deny the Tier 2 teaching license within 30
96.8 days of receiving the completed application.

96.9 Subd. 5. **Limitations on license.** (a) A Tier 2 license is limited to the content matter
96.10 indicated on the application for the initial Tier 2 license under subdivision 1, paragraph (a),
96.11 and limited to the district or charter school that requested the initial Tier 2 license.

96.12 (b) A Tier 2 license shall not be construed to bring an individual within the definition
96.13 of a teacher for purposes of section 122A.40, subdivision 1, or 122A.41, subdivision 1,
96.14 clause (a).

96.15 Subd. 6. **Application toward probationary period.** (a) The time that a teacher works
96.16 under a Tier 2 license must be credited towards the teacher's three-year probationary period
96.17 under section 122A.40, subdivision 5, or 122A.41, subdivision 2.

96.18 (b) The time credited towards the probationary period under paragraph (a) must not
96.19 exceed two years.

96.20 (c) The three years of the probationary period, including any time credited under this
96.21 subdivision, must run consecutively, consistent with section 122A.40, subdivision 5, or
96.22 section 122A.41, subdivision 2.

96.23 Subd. 7. **Mentorship and evaluation.** (a) A teacher holding a Tier 2 license must
96.24 participate in the employing district or charter school's mentorship and evaluation program,
96.25 including an individual growth and development plan that includes cultural competency
96.26 under section 120B.30, subdivision 1, paragraph (q).

96.27 (b) A teacher holding a Tier 2 license must participate in an evaluation aligned, to the
96.28 extent practicable, with the evaluation under section 122A.40, subdivision 8, or section
96.29 122A.41, subdivision 5.

96.30 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 1, 2018.

97.1 Sec. 12. [122A.183] TIER 3 LICENSE.

97.2 Subdivision 1. Requirements. (a) The Professional Educator Licensing and Standards
97.3 Board must issue a Tier 3 license to a candidate who provides information sufficient to
97.4 demonstrate all of the following:

97.5 (1) the candidate meets the educational or professional requirements in paragraphs (b)
97.6 and (c);

97.7 (2) the candidate has obtained a passing score on the required licensure exams under
97.8 section 122A.185; and

97.9 (3) the candidate has completed the coursework required under subdivision 2.

97.10 (b) A candidate for a Tier 3 license must have a bachelor's degree to teach a class or
97.11 course outside a career and technical education or career pathways course of study.

97.12 (c) A candidate for a Tier 3 license must have one of the following credentials in a
97.13 relevant content area to teach a class or course in a career and technical education or career
97.14 pathways course of study:

97.15 (1) an associate's degree;

97.16 (2) a professional certification; or

97.17 (3) five years of relevant work experience.

97.18 In consultation with the Governor's Workforce Development Council established under
97.19 section 116L.665, the board must establish a list of qualifying certifications, and may add
97.20 additional professional certifications in consultation with school administrators, teachers,
97.21 and other stakeholders.

97.22 Subd. 2. Coursework. A candidate for a Tier 3 license must meet the coursework
97.23 requirement by demonstrating one of the following:

97.24 (1) completion of a Minnesota-approved teacher preparation program;

97.25 (2) completion of a state-approved teacher preparation program that includes field-specific
97.26 student teaching equivalent to field-specific student teaching in Minnesota-approved teacher
97.27 preparation programs. The field-specific student teaching requirement does not apply to a
97.28 candidate that has two years of teaching experience;

97.29 (3) submission of a content-specific licensure portfolio;

97.30 (4) a professional teaching license from another state, evidence that the candidate's
97.31 license is in good standing, and two years of teaching experience; or

98.1 (5) three years of teaching experience under a Tier 2 license and evidence of summative
98.2 teacher evaluations that did not result in placing or otherwise keeping the teacher on an
98.3 improvement process pursuant to section 122A.40, subdivision 8, or section 122A.41,
98.4 subdivision 5.

98.5 Subd. 3. **Term of license and renewal.** The Professional Educator Licensing and
98.6 Standards Board must issue an initial Tier 3 license for a term of three years. A Tier 3 license
98.7 may be renewed every three years without limitation.

98.8 Subd. 4. **Mentorship and evaluation.** A teacher holding a Tier 3 license must participate
98.9 in the employing district or charter school's mentorship and evaluation program, including
98.10 an individual growth and development plan.

98.11 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 1, 2018.

98.12 Sec. 13. **[122A.184] TIER 4 LICENSE.**

98.13 Subdivision 1. **Requirements.** The Professional Educator Licensing and Standards
98.14 Board must issue a Tier 4 license to a candidate who provides information sufficient to
98.15 demonstrate all of the following:

98.16 (1) the candidate meets all requirements for a Tier 3 license under section 122A.183,
98.17 and has completed a teacher preparation program under section 122A.183, subdivision 2,
98.18 clause (1) or (2);

98.19 (2) the candidate has at least three years of teaching experience in Minnesota;

98.20 (3) the candidate has obtained a passing score on all required licensure exams under
98.21 section 122A.185; and

98.22 (4) the candidate's most recent summative teacher evaluation did not result in placing
98.23 or otherwise keeping the teacher in an improvement process pursuant to section 122A.40,
98.24 subdivision 8, or 122A.41, subdivision 5.

98.25 Subd. 2. **Term of license and renewal.** The Professional Educator Licensing and
98.26 Standards Board must issue an initial Tier 4 license for a term of five years. A Tier 4 license
98.27 may be renewed every five years without limitation.

98.28 Subd. 3. **Mentorship and evaluation.** A teacher holding a Tier 4 license must participate
98.29 in the employing district or charter school's mentorship and evaluation program, including
98.30 an individual growth and development plan.

98.31 Subd. 4. **Five-year license.** A five-year license issued by the commissioner of education
98.32 before the effective date of this section must be treated as a Tier 4 license established under

99.1 this section and section 122A.18. An expired five-year license issued by the commissioner
99.2 of education before the effective date of this section fulfills the requirements of subdivision
99.3 1 for purposes of future licensure by the Professional Educator Licensing and Standards
99.4 Board.

99.5 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 1, 2018.

99.6 Sec. 14. **[122A.185] TEACHER LICENSURE ASSESSMENT.**

99.7 **Subdivision 1. Tests.** (a) The Professional Educator Licensing and Standards Board
99.8 must adopt rules requiring a candidate to demonstrate a passing score on a board-adopted
99.9 examination of skills in reading, writing, and mathematics before being granted a Tier 4
99.10 teaching license under section 122A.184 to provide direct instruction to pupils in elementary,
99.11 secondary, or special education programs. Candidates may obtain a Tier 1, Tier 2, or Tier
99.12 3 license to provide direct instruction to pupils in elementary, secondary, or special education
99.13 programs if candidates meet the other requirements in section 122A.181, 122A.182, or
99.14 122A.183, respectively.

99.15 (b) The board must adopt rules requiring candidates for Tier 3 and Tier 4 licenses to
99.16 pass an examination of general pedagogical knowledge and examinations of licensure field
99.17 specific content. The content examination requirement does not apply if no relevant content
99.18 exam exists.

99.19 (c) Candidates for initial Tier 3 and Tier 4 licenses to teach elementary students must
99.20 pass test items assessing the candidates' knowledge, skill, and ability in comprehensive,
99.21 scientifically based reading instruction under section 122A.06, subdivision 4, knowledge
99.22 and understanding of the foundations of reading development, development of reading
99.23 comprehension and reading assessment and instruction, and the ability to integrate that
99.24 knowledge and understanding into instruction strategies under section 122A.06, subdivision
99.25 4.

99.26 (d) The requirement to pass a board-adopted reading, writing, and mathematics skills
99.27 examination does not apply to nonnative English speakers, as verified by qualified Minnesota
99.28 school district personnel or Minnesota higher education faculty, who, after meeting the
99.29 content and pedagogy requirements under this subdivision, apply for a teaching license to
99.30 provide direct instruction in their native language or world language instruction under section
99.31 120B.022, subdivision 1.

99.32 **Subd. 2. Passing scores.** The board must establish passing scores in all examinations
99.33 required for licensure.

100.1 Subd. 3. **Testing accommodations.** The board and the entity administering the content,
100.2 pedagogy, and skills examinations must allow any individual who produces documentation
100.3 of a disability in the form of an evaluation, 504 plan, or individual education program (IEP)
100.4 to receive the same testing accommodations on the content, pedagogy, and skills examinations
100.5 that the applicant received during the applicant's secondary or postsecondary education.

100.6 Subd. 4. **Remedial assistance.** (a) A board-approved teacher preparation program must
100.7 make available upon request remedial assistance that includes a formal diagnostic component
100.8 to persons enrolled in their institution who did not achieve a qualifying score on a
100.9 board-adopted skills examination, including those for whom English is a second language.
100.10 The teacher preparation programs must make available assistance in the specific academic
100.11 areas of candidates' deficiency.

100.12 (b) School districts may make available upon request similar, appropriate, and timely
100.13 remedial assistance that includes a formal diagnostic component to those persons employed
100.14 by the district who completed their teacher education program, who did not achieve a
100.15 qualifying score on a board-adopted skills examination, and who received a Tier 1, Tier 2,
100.16 or Tier 3 license under sections 122A.181, 122A.182, or 122A.183, respectively, to teach
100.17 in Minnesota.

100.18 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 1, 2018.

100.19 Sec. 15. **[122A.187] EXPIRATION AND RENEWAL.**

100.20 Subdivision 1. **License form requirements.** Each license issued under this chapter must
100.21 bear the date of issue and the name of the state-approved teacher training provider or
100.22 alternative teaching program, as applicable. Licenses must expire and be renewed according
100.23 to rules adopted by the Professional Educator Licensing and Standards Board or the Board
100.24 of School Administrators. The rules adopted by the Professional Educator Licensing and
100.25 Standards Board for renewing a Tier 3 or Tier 4 license under sections 122A.183 and
100.26 122A.184, respectively, must include showing satisfactory evidence of successful teaching
100.27 or administrative experience for at least one school year during the period covered by the
100.28 license in grades or subjects for which the license is valid or completing such additional
100.29 preparation as required under this section, or as the Professional Educator Licensing and
100.30 Standards Board prescribes. The Board of School Administrators shall establish requirements
100.31 for renewing the licenses of supervisory personnel except athletic coaches. The Professional
100.32 Educator Licensing and Standards Board shall establish requirements for renewing the
100.33 licenses of athletic coaches.

101.1 Subd. 2. **Local committees.** The Professional Educator Licensing and Standards Board
101.2 must receive recommendations from local committees as established by the board for the
101.3 renewal of teaching licenses.

101.4 Subd. 3. **Professional growth.** (a) Applicants for license renewal for a Tier 3 or Tier 4
101.5 license under sections 122A.183 and 122A.184, respectively, who have been employed as
101.6 a teacher during the renewal period of the expiring license, as a condition of license renewal,
101.7 must present to their local continuing education and relicensure committee or other local
101.8 relicensure committee evidence of work that demonstrates professional reflection and growth
101.9 in best teaching practices, including among other things, cultural competence in accordance
101.10 with section 120B.30, subdivision 1, paragraph (q), and practices in meeting the varied
101.11 needs of English learners, from young children to adults under section 124D.59, subdivisions
101.12 2 and 2a. A teacher may satisfy the requirements of this paragraph by submitting the teacher's
101.13 most recent summative evaluation or improvement plan under section 122A.40, subdivision
101.14 8, or 122A.41, subdivision 5.

101.15 (b) The Professional Educator Licensing and Standards Board must ensure that its teacher
101.16 relicensing requirements include paragraph (a).

101.17 Subd. 4. **Behavior interventions.** The Professional Educator Licensing and Standards
101.18 Board must adopt rules that require all licensed teachers who are renewing a Tier 3 or Tier
101.19 4 teaching license under sections 122A.183 and 122A.184, respectively, to include in the
101.20 renewal requirements further preparation in the areas of using positive behavior interventions
101.21 and in accommodating, modifying, and adapting curricula, materials, and strategies to
101.22 appropriately meet the needs of individual students and ensure adequate progress toward
101.23 the state's graduation rule.

101.24 Subd. 5. **Reading preparation.** The Professional Educator Licensing and Standards
101.25 Board must adopt rules that require all licensed teachers who are renewing a Tier 3 or Tier
101.26 4 teaching license under sections 122A.183 and 122A.184, respectively, to include in the
101.27 renewal requirements further reading preparation, consistent with section 122A.06,
101.28 subdivision 4. The rules do not take effect until they are approved by law. Teachers who
101.29 do not provide direct instruction including, at least, counselors, school psychologists, school
101.30 nurses, school social workers, audiovisual directors and coordinators, and recreation
101.31 personnel are exempt from this section.

101.32 Subd. 6. **Mental illness.** The Professional Educator Licensing and Standards Board must
101.33 adopt rules that require all licensed teachers renewing a Tier 3 or Tier 4 teaching license
101.34 under sections 122A.183 and 122A.184, respectively, to include in the renewal requirements

102.1 at least one hour of suicide prevention best practices in each licensure renewal period based
102.2 on nationally recognized evidence-based programs and practices, among the continuing
102.3 education credits required to renew a license under this subdivision, and further preparation,
102.4 first, in understanding the key warning signs of early-onset mental illness in children and
102.5 adolescents and then, during subsequent licensure renewal periods, preparation may include
102.6 providing a more in-depth understanding of students' mental illness trauma, accommodations
102.7 for students' mental illness, parents' roles in addressing students' mental illness, Fetal Alcohol
102.8 Spectrum Disorders, autism, the requirements of section 125A.0942 governing restrictive
102.9 procedures, and de-escalation methods, among other similar topics.

102.10 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 1, 2018.

102.11 Sec. 16. **[122A.188] LICENSURE DENIAL; APPEAL.**

102.12 Subdivision 1. **Denial letter.** (a) The Professional Educator Licensing and Standards
102.13 Board must inform a candidate within 30 days of receiving a completed application whether
102.14 the candidate's application for an initial teaching license or renewal of license has been
102.15 approved or denied. A completed application must include all supporting information and
102.16 the results of the background check or conduct determination by the board. When an
102.17 application is denied, the notification letter must inform the candidate of the process for
102.18 seeking review of the denial and of the appeals process provided in this section, including
102.19 all deadlines for seeking review of the denial decision and filing an appeal. The notification
102.20 letter must identify each licensure requirement the candidate failed to meet.

102.21 (b) For purposes of this section, "denial" means denial of an initial license or a denial
102.22 of a renewal license. Denial of an initial license includes a grant of a license that is a lower
102.23 tier than the candidate applied for and denial of application for an additional field of licensure.

102.24 Subd. 2. **Review of denial.** A candidate whose license application is denied may seek
102.25 review of the denial by submitting a letter to the Professional Educator Licensing and
102.26 Standards Board within 30 calendar days of receipt of the denial letter. The candidate may
102.27 include any documentation necessary to demonstrate that the candidate meets the licensure
102.28 requirements. The board must review the denial within 60 calendar days of receipt of the
102.29 letter seeking review. If the board affirms the denial, the board must send the candidate a
102.30 letter identifying each licensure requirement the candidate failed to meet and informing the
102.31 candidate of the appeal process provided under this section.

102.32 Subd. 3. **Appeal.** A candidate whose application for license or license renewal has been
102.33 denied under subdivisions 1 and 2 may appeal the decision by filing a written request with
102.34 the Professional Educator Licensing and Standards Board within 30 days of notice that the

103.1 board has affirmed the denial of license. The board must then initiate a contested case under
103.2 the Administrative Procedure Act, sections 14.001 to 14.69.

103.3 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 1, 2018.

103.4 Sec. 17. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 122A.19, is amended to read:

103.5 **122A.19 BILINGUAL AND ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE TEACHERS;**
103.6 **LICENSES.**

103.7 Subdivision 1. **Bilingual and English as a second language licenses.** The Professional
103.8 Educator Licensing and Standards Board of Teaching, hereinafter the board, must grant
103.9 teaching licenses in bilingual education and English as a second language to persons who
103.10 present satisfactory evidence that they:

103.11 (a) (1) possess competence and communicative skills in English and in another language;

103.12 (b) (2) possess a bachelor's degree or other academic degree approved by the board, and
103.13 meet such requirements as to course of study and training as the board may prescribe,
103.14 consistent with subdivision 4.; and

103.15 (3) meet all other requirements for a teaching license provided in sections 122A.18 to
103.16 122A.184.

103.17 Subd. 2. **Persons holding general teaching licenses.** The board may license a person
103.18 who holds a general teaching license in any tier under sections 122A.181 to 122A.184,
103.19 respectively, and who presents the board with satisfactory evidence of competence and
103.20 communicative skills in a language other than English under this section.

103.21 Subd. 4. **Teacher preparation programs.** (a) For the purpose of licensing bilingual
103.22 and English as a second language teachers, the board may approve programs at colleges or
103.23 universities designed for their training. These

103.24 (b) Programs that prepare English as a second language teachers must provide instruction
103.25 in implementing research-based practices designed specifically for English learners. The
103.26 programs must focus on developing English learners' academic language proficiency in
103.27 English, including oral academic language, giving English learners meaningful access to
103.28 the full school curriculum, developing culturally relevant teaching practices appropriate for
103.29 immigrant students, and providing more intensive instruction and resources to English
103.30 learners with lower levels of academic English proficiency and varied needs, consistent
103.31 with section 124D.59, subdivisions 2 and 2a.

104.1 Subd. 5. **Persons eligible for employment.** Any person licensed under this section is
104.2 eligible for employment by a school board as a teacher in a bilingual education or English
104.3 as a second language program in which the language for which the person is licensed is
104.4 taught or used as a medium of instruction. A board may prescribe only those additional
104.5 qualifications for teachers licensed under this section that are approved by the board of
104.6 teaching.

104.7 Subd. 6. **Affirmative efforts in hiring.** In hiring for all bilingual education program
104.8 positions, districts must give preference to and make affirmative efforts to seek, recruit, and
104.9 employ persons who (1) are native speakers of the language which is the medium of
104.10 instruction in the bilingual education program or share a native language with the majority
104.11 of their students, and (2) share the culture of the English learners enrolled in the program.
104.12 The district shall provide procedures for involving the parent advisory committees in
104.13 designing the procedures for recruiting, screening, and selecting applicants. This section
104.14 must not be construed to limit the school board's authority to hire and discharge personnel.

104.15 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 1, 2018.

104.16 Sec. 18. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 122A.20, is amended to read:

104.17 **122A.20 SUSPENSION OR REVOCATION OF LICENSES.**

104.18 Subdivision 1. **Grounds for revocation, suspension, or denial.** (a) The Professional
104.19 Educator Licensing and Standards Board of Teaching or Board of School Administrators,
104.20 whichever has jurisdiction over a teacher's licensure, may, on the written complaint of the
104.21 school board employing a teacher, a teacher organization, or any other interested person,
104.22 refuse to issue, refuse to renew, suspend, or revoke a teacher's license to teach for any of
104.23 the following causes:

- 104.24 (1) immoral character or conduct;
- 104.25 (2) failure, without justifiable cause, to teach for the term of the teacher's contract;
- 104.26 (3) gross inefficiency or willful neglect of duty;
- 104.27 (4) failure to meet licensure requirements; or
- 104.28 (5) fraud or misrepresentation in obtaining a license.

104.29 The written complaint must specify the nature and character of the charges.

104.30 (b) The Professional Educator Licensing and Standards Board of Teaching or Board of
104.31 School Administrators, whichever has jurisdiction over a teacher's licensure, shall refuse
104.32 to issue, refuse to renew, or automatically revoke a teacher's license to teach without the

105.1 right to a hearing upon receiving a certified copy of a conviction showing that the teacher
105.2 has been convicted of child abuse, as defined in section 609.185, sex trafficking in the first
105.3 degree under section 609.322, subdivision 1, sex trafficking in the second degree under
105.4 section 609.322, subdivision 1a, engaging in hiring, or agreeing to hire a minor to engage
105.5 in prostitution under section 609.324, subdivision 1, sexual abuse under section 609.342,
105.6 609.343, 609.344, 609.345, 609.3451, subdivision 3, or 617.23, subdivision 3, solicitation
105.7 of children to engage in sexual conduct or communication of sexually explicit materials to
105.8 children under section 609.352, interference with privacy under section 609.746 or stalking
105.9 under section 609.749 and the victim was a minor, using minors in a sexual performance
105.10 under section 617.246, possessing pornographic works involving a minor under section
105.11 617.247, or any other offense not listed in this paragraph that requires the person to register
105.12 as a predatory offender under section 243.166, or a crime under a similar law of another
105.13 state or the United States. The board shall send notice of this licensing action to the district
105.14 in which the teacher is currently employed.

105.15 (c) A person whose license to teach has been revoked, not issued, or not renewed under
105.16 paragraph (b), may petition the board to reconsider the licensing action if the person's
105.17 conviction for child abuse or sexual abuse is reversed by a final decision of the Court of
105.18 Appeals or the Supreme Court or if the person has received a pardon for the offense. The
105.19 petitioner shall attach a certified copy of the appellate court's final decision or the pardon
105.20 to the petition. Upon receiving the petition and its attachment, the board shall schedule and
105.21 hold a disciplinary hearing on the matter under section 214.10, subdivision 2, unless the
105.22 petitioner waives the right to a hearing. If the board finds that, notwithstanding the reversal
105.23 of the petitioner's criminal conviction or the issuance of a pardon, the petitioner is disqualified
105.24 from teaching under paragraph (a), clause (1), the board shall affirm its previous licensing
105.25 action. If the board finds that the petitioner is not disqualified from teaching under paragraph
105.26 (a), clause (1), it shall reverse its previous licensing action.

105.27 (d) For purposes of this subdivision, the Professional Educator Licensing and Standards
105.28 Board of Teaching is delegated the authority to suspend or revoke coaching licenses.

105.29 Subd. 2. **Mandatory reporting.** (a) A school board must report to the Professional
105.30 Educator Licensing and Standards Board of Teaching, the Board of School Administrators,
105.31 or the Board of Trustees of the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities, whichever has
105.32 jurisdiction over the teacher's or administrator's license, when its teacher or administrator
105.33 is discharged or resigns from employment after a charge is filed with the school board under
105.34 section 122A.41, subdivisions 6, clauses (1), (2), and (3), and 7, or after charges are filed
105.35 that are grounds for discharge under section 122A.40, subdivision 13, paragraph (a), clauses

106.1 (1) to (5), or when a teacher or administrator is suspended or resigns while an investigation
106.2 is pending under section 122A.40, subdivision 13, paragraph (a) clauses (1) to (5); 122A.41,
106.3 subdivisions 6, clauses (1), (2), and (3), and 7; or 626.556, or when a teacher or administrator
106.4 is suspended without an investigation under section 122A.41, subdivisions 6, paragraph (a),
106.5 clauses (1), (2), and (3), and 7; or 626.556. The report must be made to the appropriate
106.6 licensing board within ten days after the discharge, suspension, or resignation has occurred.
106.7 The licensing board to which the report is made must investigate the report for violation of
106.8 subdivision 1 and the reporting board must cooperate in the investigation. Notwithstanding
106.9 any provision in chapter 13 or any law to the contrary, upon written request from the licensing
106.10 board having jurisdiction over the license, a board or school superintendent shall provide
106.11 the licensing board with information about the teacher or administrator from the district's
106.12 files, any termination or disciplinary proceeding, any settlement or compromise, or any
106.13 investigative file. Upon written request from the appropriate licensing board, a board or
106.14 school superintendent may, at the discretion of the board or school superintendent, solicit
106.15 the written consent of a student and the student's parent to provide the licensing board with
106.16 information that may aid the licensing board in its investigation and license proceedings.
106.17 The licensing board's request need not identify a student or parent by name. The consent
106.18 of the student and the student's parent must meet the requirements of chapter 13 and Code
106.19 of Federal Regulations, title 34, section 99.30. The licensing board may provide a consent
106.20 form to the district. Any data transmitted to any board under this section is private data
106.21 under section 13.02, subdivision 12, notwithstanding any other classification of the data
106.22 when it was in the possession of any other agency.

106.23 (b) The licensing board to which a report is made must transmit to the Attorney General's
106.24 Office any record or data it receives under this subdivision for the sole purpose of having
106.25 the Attorney General's Office assist that board in its investigation. When the Attorney
106.26 General's Office has informed an employee of the appropriate licensing board in writing
106.27 that grounds exist to suspend or revoke a teacher's license to teach, that licensing board
106.28 must consider suspending or revoking or decline to suspend or revoke the teacher's or
106.29 administrator's license within 45 days of receiving a stipulation executed by the teacher or
106.30 administrator under investigation or a recommendation from an administrative law judge
106.31 that disciplinary action be taken.

106.32 (c) The Professional Educator Licensing and Standards Board and Board of School
106.33 Administrators must report to the appropriate law enforcement authorities a revocation,
106.34 suspension, or agreement involving a loss of license, relating to a teacher or administrator's
106.35 inappropriate sexual conduct with a minor. For purposes of this section, "law enforcement

107.1 authority" means a police department, county sheriff, or tribal police department. A report
107.2 by the Professional Educator Licensing and Standards Board to appropriate law enforcement
107.3 authorities does not diminish, modify, or otherwise affect the responsibilities of a school
107.4 board or any person mandated to report abuse under section 626.556.

107.5 Subd. 3. **Immunity from liability.** A school board, its members in their official capacity,
107.6 and employees of the district run by the board are immune from civil or criminal liability
107.7 for reporting or cooperating as required under subdivision 2, if their actions required under
107.8 subdivision 2 are done in good faith and with due care.

107.9 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 1, 2018.

107.10 Sec. 19. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 122A.23, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

107.11 Subd. 3. **Teacher licensure agreements with adjoining states.** (a) Notwithstanding
107.12 any other law to the contrary, the Professional Educator Licensing and Standards Board of
107.13 Teaching must enter into a National Association of State Directors of Teacher Education
107.14 and Certification (NASDTEC) interstate agreement and other interstate agreements for
107.15 teacher licensure to allow fully certified teachers from adjoining states to transfer their
107.16 certification to Minnesota. The board must enter into these interstate agreements only after
107.17 determining that the rigor of the teacher licensure or certification requirements in the
107.18 adjoining state is commensurate with the rigor of Minnesota's teacher licensure requirements.
107.19 The board may limit an interstate agreement to particular content fields or grade levels based
107.20 on established priorities or identified shortages. This subdivision does not apply to
107.21 out-of-state applicants holding only a provisional teaching license.

107.22 (b) The Professional Educator Licensing and Standards Board of Teaching must work
107.23 with designated authorities in adjoining states to establish interstate teacher licensure
107.24 agreements under this section.

107.25 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 1, 2018.

107.26 Sec. 20. **[122A.2451] ALTERNATIVE TEACHER PREPARATION PROVIDERS**
107.27 **AND PROGRAMS.**

107.28 Subdivision 1. **Definitions.** (a) "Provider" or "unit" means an eligible entity that seeks
107.29 or has obtained approval for an alternative teacher preparation program consistent with this
107.30 section.

107.31 (b) "Program" means content provided by a provider that leads toward licensure in a
107.32 specific content area.

108.1 Subd. 2. **Purpose.** To provide alternative pathways towards Minnesota teacher licensure
108.2 outside of the traditional means, improve ethnic and cultural diversity in the classroom, and
108.3 to close the achievement gap, the Professional Educator Licensing and Standards Board
108.4 must approve qualified teacher preparation providers and programs under this section that
108.5 are a means to acquire a Tier 2 license under section 122A.182 and prepare for acquiring a
108.6 Tier 3 license under section 122A.183.

108.7 Subd. 3. **Eligibility.** A school district, charter school, or nonprofit corporation organized
108.8 under chapter 317A for an education-related purpose is eligible to participate under this
108.9 section. An eligible entity may apply for provider and program approval simultaneously.

108.10 Subd. 4. **Provider approval.** An eligible entity must be approved as a provider before
108.11 being approved to provide programs towards licensure. The Professional Educator Licensing
108.12 and Standards Board must approve eligible entities under subdivision 3 that meet the
108.13 following requirements:

108.14 (1) has evidence and history of fiscal solvency, capacity, and operation;

108.15 (2) has evidence of necessary infrastructure to provide accurate, timely, and secure data
108.16 for the purposes of admission, candidate monitoring, testing, background checks, and license
108.17 recommendations;

108.18 (3) has policies and procedures in place ensuring the security of candidate records under
108.19 the federal Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act; and

108.20 (4) has the instructional capacity or ability to obtain the instructional capacity to provide
108.21 an adequate instructional phase under subdivision 5.

108.22 Subd. 5. **Program approval.** The board must approve programs offered by approved
108.23 providers based on nontraditional criteria. An approved program must have the following
108.24 characteristics:

108.25 (1) an instructional phase that provides intensive preparation and classroom experience
108.26 that is commensurate with the scope of licensure standards defined under rule, before the
108.27 teacher candidate assumes classroom responsibilities;

108.28 (2) a research-based and results-oriented approach focused on best teaching practices
108.29 to increase student proficiency and growth measured against state academic standards;

108.30 (3) a strategy to combine pedagogy and best teaching practices to better inform teacher
108.31 candidates' classroom instruction;

109.1 (4) provide assessment, supervision, and evaluation of teacher candidates to determine
109.2 their specific needs throughout the program, and to support efforts to successfully complete
109.3 the program;

109.4 (5) provide intensive and ongoing professional learning opportunities that accelerate
109.5 teacher candidates' professional growth, support student learning, and provide a workplace
109.6 orientation, professional staff development, mentoring and peer review, focused on standards
109.7 of professional practice and continuous professional growth; and

109.8 (6) a process to review a candidate's final proficiency of required licensure content
109.9 standards that leads to potential candidate recommendation by the provider to the board for
109.10 a Tier 3 teaching license under subdivision 8.

109.11 Subd. 6. **Nontraditional means; program instructors.** (a) The board must permit
109.12 alternative teacher preparation providers and teacher candidates to demonstrate pedagogy
109.13 and content standard proficiency in school-based programs and through other nontraditional
109.14 means. Nontraditional means may include previous work experiences, teaching experiences,
109.15 educator evaluations, industry-recognized certifications, and other essentially equivalent
109.16 demonstrations.

109.17 (b) The board must use nontraditional criteria to determine qualifications of program
109.18 instructors, including permitting instructors to hold a baccalaureate degree only.

109.19 Subd. 7. **Program disapproval, suspension.** If the board determines that a teacher
109.20 preparation provider or licensure program fails to meet or is deficient in any of the
109.21 requirements of subdivision 5, it may suspend or revoke the approval of the provider or
109.22 program after it notifies the provider of the deficiencies and gives the provider an opportunity
109.23 to remedy the deficiencies.

109.24 Subd. 8. **Candidate program completion; teacher licensure.** (a) A candidate that
109.25 completes an approved program must apply for a license under the tiered licensure system
109.26 according to sections 122A.181 to 122A.184.

109.27 (b) A person who successfully completes another state's alternative teacher preparation
109.28 licensure program may apply to the Professional Educator Licensing and Standards Board
109.29 for a Tier 3 license under section 122A.183.

109.30 Subd. 9. **Reports.** (a) An approved alternative teacher preparation provider must report
109.31 to the Professional Educator Licensing and Standards Board on items that are defined in
109.32 statute regarding program candidates, completion, and effectiveness or other items that are
109.33 required under section 122A.09.

110.1 (b) The Professional Educator Licensing and Standards Board must submit a biennial
110.2 report on the alternative teacher preparation program and providers to legislative committees
110.3 having jurisdiction over kindergarten through grade 12 education policy and finance by
110.4 January 15 of each odd-numbered year.

110.5 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 1, 2018.

110.6 Sec. 21. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 122A.26, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

110.7 Subd. 2. **Exceptions.** A person who teaches in a community education program which
110.8 qualifies for aid pursuant to section 124D.52 shall continue to meet licensure requirements
110.9 as a teacher. A person who teaches in an early childhood and family education program
110.10 which is offered through a community education program and which qualifies for community
110.11 education aid pursuant to section 124D.20 or early childhood and family education aid
110.12 pursuant to section 124D.135 shall continue to meet licensure requirements as a teacher. A
110.13 person who teaches in a community education course which is offered for credit for
110.14 graduation to persons under 18 years of age shall continue to meet licensure requirements
110.15 as a teacher. A person who teaches a driver training course which is offered through a
110.16 community education program to persons under 18 years of age shall be licensed by the
110.17 Professional Educator Licensing and Standards Board of Teaching or be subject to section
110.18 171.35. A license which is required for an instructor in a community education program
110.19 pursuant to this subdivision shall not be construed to bring an individual within the definition
110.20 of a teacher for purposes of section 122A.40, subdivision 1, or 122A.41, subdivision 1,
110.21 clause (a).

110.22 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 1, 2018.

110.23 Sec. 22. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 122A.28, is amended to read:

110.24 **122A.28 TEACHERS OF DEAF AND HARD-OF-HEARING STUDENTS;**
110.25 **LICENSURE REQUIREMENTS.**

110.26 Subdivision 1. **K-12 license to teach deaf and hard-of-hearing students; relicensure.**

110.27 (a) The Professional Educator Licensing and Standards Board of Teaching must review and
110.28 determine appropriate licensure requirements for a candidate for a license or an applicant
110.29 for a continuing license to teach deaf and hard-of-hearing students in prekindergarten through
110.30 grade 12. In addition to other requirements, a candidate must demonstrate the minimum
110.31 level of proficiency in American sign language as determined by the board.

111.1 (b) Among other relicensure requirements, each teacher under this section must complete
111.2 30 continuing education clock hours on hearing loss topics, including American Sign
111.3 Language, American Sign Language linguistics, or deaf culture, in each licensure renewal
111.4 period.

111.5 Subd. 2. **Licensure for teaching oral/aural deaf education programs.** (a) The
111.6 Professional Educator Licensing and Standards Board of Teaching shall adopt a separate
111.7 licensure rule for a candidate for a license or an applicant for a continuing license to teach
111.8 in oral/aural deaf education programs or to provide services, including itinerant oral/aural
111.9 deaf education services, to deaf and hard-of-hearing students in prekindergarten through
111.10 grade 12.

111.11 (b) The board shall design rule requirements for teaching oral/aural deaf education in
111.12 collaboration with representatives of parents and educators of deaf and hard-of-hearing
111.13 students, postsecondary programs preparing teachers of deaf and hard-of-hearing students,
111.14 and the Department of Education.

111.15 (c) Rule requirements for teaching oral/aural deaf education shall reflect best practice
111.16 research in oral/aural deaf education. Advanced competencies in teaching deaf and
111.17 hard-of-hearing students through oral/aural modes shall be included.

111.18 (d) Licensure requirements for teachers of oral/aural deaf education must include
111.19 minimum competency in American sign language, but are not subject to the guidelines
111.20 established in Laws 1993, chapter 224, article 3, section 32, as amended by Laws 1998,
111.21 chapter 398, article 2, section 47. The signed communication proficiency interview shall
111.22 not be required for teachers licensed to teach deaf and hard-of-hearing students through
111.23 oral/aural deaf education methods.

111.24 (e) Requirements for teachers of oral/aural deaf education shall include appropriate
111.25 continuing education requirements for renewing this licensure.

111.26 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 1, 2018.

111.27 Sec. 23. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 122A.29, is amended to read:

111.28 **122A.29 TEACHERS OF BLIND AND VISUALLY IMPAIRED STUDENTS;**
111.29 **LICENSURE REQUIREMENTS.**

111.30 Teachers licensed in the education of blind and visually impaired students must
111.31 demonstrate competence in reading and writing Braille. The Professional Educator Licensing
111.32 and Standards Board of Teaching, at such time as a valid and reliable test is available, shall

112.1 adopt a rule to assess these competencies that is consistent with the standards of the National
112.2 Library Services for the Blind and Physically Handicapped.

112.3 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 1, 2018.

112.4 Sec. 24. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 122A.30, is amended to read:

112.5 **122A.30 EXEMPTION FOR CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION**
112.6 **INSTRUCTORS.**

112.7 (a) Notwithstanding section 122A.15, subdivision 1, and upon approval of the local
112.8 employer school board, a person who teaches in a part-time vocational or career and technical
112.9 education program is exempt from a license requirement. Nothing in this section shall
112.10 exclude licensed career and technical educators from the definition of "teacher" in section
112.11 122A.40, 122A.41, or 179A.03.

112.12 (b) This section expires June 30, 2020. After this section expires, persons who teach in
112.13 a part-time vocational or career and technical education program may apply for a teaching
112.14 license provided in sections 122A.18 to 122A.184.

112.15 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 1, 2018.

112.16 Sec. 25. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 124D.13, subdivision 11, is amended to read:

112.17 Subd. 11. **Teachers.** A school board must employ necessary licensed teachers for its
112.18 early childhood family education programs. ~~The Board of Teaching, at its discretion, may~~
112.19 ~~grant an applicant a variance under this subdivision, consistent with sections 122A.09,~~
112.20 ~~subdivision 10, and 122A.25, and Board of Teaching rules.~~

112.21 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective January 1, 2018.

112.22 Sec. 26. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 124D.454, subdivision 12, is amended to read:

112.23 Subd. 12. **Compliance with rules.** Aid must be paid under this section only for services
112.24 rendered or for costs incurred in career and technical education programs approved by the
112.25 commissioner and operated in accordance with rules promulgated by the commissioner.
112.26 This aid shall be paid only for services rendered and for costs incurred by essential, licensed
112.27 personnel who meet the requirements for licensure pursuant to the rules of the Minnesota
112.28 Professional Educator Licensing and Standards Board of Teaching. Licensed personnel
112.29 means persons holding a valid career and technical license issued by the commissioner
112.30 Professional Educator Licensing and Standards Board under section 122A.30. If an average
112.31 of five or fewer secondary full-time equivalent students are enrolled per teacher in an

113.1 approved postsecondary program at Intermediate District No. 287, 916, or 917, licensed
113.2 personnel means persons holding a valid vocational license issued by the commissioner or
113.3 the Board of Trustees of the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities. Notwithstanding
113.4 section 127A.42, the commissioner may modify or withdraw the program or aid approval
113.5 and withhold aid under this section without proceeding under section 127A.42 at any time.
113.6 To do so, the commissioner must determine that the program does not comply with rules
113.7 of the Department of Education or that any facts concerning the program or its budget differ
113.8 from the facts in the district's approved application.

113.9 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 1, 2018.

113.10 Sec. 27. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 124D.75, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

113.11 Subdivision 1. **American Indian language and culture education licenses.** The
113.12 Professional Educator Licensing and Standards Board of Teaching, in consultation with the
113.13 Tribal Nations Education Committee, must grant initial and continuing teaching licenses
113.14 in American Indian language and culture education that bear the same duration as other
113.15 initial and continuing licenses. The board must grant licenses to persons who present
113.16 satisfactory evidence that they:

113.17 (1) possess competence in an American Indian language or possess unique qualifications
113.18 relative to or knowledge and understanding of American Indian history and culture; or

113.19 (2) possess a bachelor's degree or other academic degree approved by the board or meet
113.20 such requirements as to course of study and training as the board may prescribe, or possess
113.21 such relevant experience as the board may prescribe.

113.22 This evidence may be presented by affidavits, tribal resolutions, or by such other methods
113.23 as the board may prescribe. Individuals may present applications for licensure on their own
113.24 behalf or these applications may be submitted by the superintendent or other authorized
113.25 official of a school district, participating school, or an American Indian school.

113.26 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective January 1, 2018.

113.27 Sec. 28. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 124D.75, subdivision 6, is amended to read:

113.28 Subd. 6. **Persons eligible for employment; exemptions.** Any person licensed under
113.29 this section shall be eligible for employment by a school board or a participating school as
113.30 a teacher in an American Indian education program in which the American Indian language
113.31 or culture in which the person is licensed is taught. A school district or participating school
113.32 may prescribe only those additional qualifications for teachers licensed under this section

114.1 as are approved by the Professional Educator Licensing and Standards Board of Teaching.
114.2 Any school board or participating school upon request may be exempted from the licensure
114.3 requirements of this section in the hiring of one or more American Indian language and
114.4 culture education teachers for any school year in which compliance would, in the opinion
114.5 of the ~~commissioner~~ Professional Educator Licensing and Standards Board, create a hardship
114.6 in the securing of the teachers.

114.7 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective January 1, 2018.

114.8 Sec. 29. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 125A.67, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

114.9 Subd. 2. **Teacher standards.** A teacher ~~or administrator~~ at the academies is subject to
114.10 the licensure standards of the Professional Educator Licensing and Standards Board of
114.11 ~~Teaching or the commissioner of education.~~ An administrator at the academies is subject
114.12 to the licensure standards of the Board of School Administrators.

114.13 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 1, 2018.

114.14 Sec. 30. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 136A.1791, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

114.15 Subdivision 1. **Definitions.** (a) The terms used in this section have the meanings given
114.16 them in this subdivision.

114.17 (b) "Qualified educational loan" means a government, commercial, or foundation loan
114.18 for actual costs paid for tuition and reasonable educational and living expenses related to a
114.19 teacher's preparation or further education.

114.20 (c) "School district" means an independent school district, special school district,
114.21 intermediate district, education district, special education cooperative, service cooperative,
114.22 a cooperative center for vocational education, or a charter school located in Minnesota.

114.23 (d) "Teacher" means an individual holding a teaching license issued by the ~~licensing~~
114.24 ~~division in the Department of Education on behalf of the Board of Teaching~~ Professional
114.25 Educator Licensing and Standards Board who is employed by a school district to provide
114.26 classroom instruction in a teacher shortage area.

114.27 (e) "Teacher shortage area" means the licensure fields and economic development regions
114.28 reported by the commissioner of education as experiencing a teacher shortage.

114.29 (f) "Commissioner" means the commissioner of the Office of Higher Education unless
114.30 indicated otherwise.

114.31 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 1, 2018.

115.1 Sec. 31. **TEACHER OF SPECIAL EDUCATION LICENSE REVIEW.**

115.2 The Professional Educator Licensing and Standards Board must conduct a review of all
115.3 the available teacher of special education licenses and determine the options for
115.4 cross-categorical licenses for teachers of special education. The board must report its findings
115.5 and draft legislation, if needed, to the legislative committees having jurisdiction over
115.6 kindergarten through grade 12 education by December 14, 2018.

115.7 Sec. 32. **RULE CHANGE; ACADEMIC AND BEHAVIORAL STRATEGIST**
115.8 **LICENSURE.**

115.9 No later than September 1, 2017, the Board of Teaching must amend Minnesota Rules,
115.10 part 8710.5050, subpart 4, so that academic and behavioral strategist continuing licenses
115.11 under that part may be issued and renewed according to rules of the Board of Teaching
115.12 governing continuing licenses and without requiring the candidate to hold or be recommended
115.13 for licensure in any other licensure field. The board shall use the good cause exemption
115.14 under Minnesota Statutes, section 14.388, subdivision 1, clause (3), to adopt rules under
115.15 this section, and Minnesota Statutes, section 14.386, does not apply except as provided in
115.16 Minnesota Statutes, section 14.388.

115.17 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.

115.18 Sec. 33. **LICENSES UNDER JURISDICTION OF THE BOARD OF TEACHING.**

115.19 Subdivision 1. **One-year license.** A one-year license issued by the commissioner of
115.20 education before the effective date of this section must be treated as a Tier 1 license
115.21 established under Minnesota Statutes, sections 122A.18 and 122A.181.

115.22 Subd. 2. **Two-year license.** A two-year license issued by the commissioner of education
115.23 before the effective date of this section must be treated as a Tier 2 license established under
115.24 Minnesota Statutes, sections 122A.18 and 122A.182.

115.25 Subd. 3. **Five-year license.** A five-year license must be treated in accordance with
115.26 Minnesota Statutes, section 122A.184, subdivision 4.

115.27 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 1, 2018.

115.28 Sec. 34. **PERMISSIONS, WAIVERS, EXCEPTIONS, AND VARIANCES.**

115.29 The Professional Educator Licensing and Standards Board may grant an extension of
115.30 up to one year for a permission, waiver, variance, or temporary limited license in effect on
115.31 January 1, 2018.

116.1 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective January 1, 2018.

116.2 Sec. 35. **TEACHERS OF ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE.**

116.3 (a) Notwithstanding the teacher's field of licensure, a teacher may provide content
116.4 instruction in a district or charter school until the end of the 2018-2019 school year if the
116.5 teacher:

116.6 (1) held a kindergarten through grade 12 English as a second language (ESL) license
116.7 during the 2016-2017 school year;

116.8 (2) provided content instruction as a highly qualified teacher under the No Child Left
116.9 Behind Act to English language learners, as defined under Minnesota Statutes, section
116.10 124D.59; and

116.11 (3) taught in a classroom where both state content standards and English language
116.12 development standards were satisfied.

116.13 (b) For the 2019-2020 school year and later, a teacher with an ESL license must meet
116.14 all applicable licensing requirements in chapter 122A and rules adopted by the Professional
116.15 Educator Licensing and Standards Board.

116.16 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.

116.17 Sec. 36. **REPEALER.**

116.18 (a) Minnesota Statutes 2016, sections 122A.14, subdivision 5; and 122A.162, are repealed
116.19 effective January 1, 2018.

116.20 (b) Minnesota Statutes 2016, sections 122A.163; 122A.18, subdivisions 2a, 3, 3a, 4, 4a,
116.21 6, 7, and 7b; 122A.21, subdivision 2; 122A.23, subdivisions 1 and 2; 122A.245; and 122A.25,
116.22 are repealed effective July 1, 2018.

116.23 **ARTICLE 4**

116.24 **SPECIAL EDUCATION**

116.25 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 125A.083, is amended to read:

116.26 **125A.083 STUDENT INFORMATION SYSTEMS; TRANSFERRING RECORDS.**

116.27 (a) ~~To~~ To efficiently and effectively meet federal and state compliance and accountability
116.28 requirements using an online case management reporting system, beginning July 1, 2018,
116.29 a school district may contract only for a student information system that is Schools
116.30 Interoperability Framework compliant.

117.1 ~~(b) Beginning on July 1 of the fiscal year following the year that the commissioner of~~
117.2 ~~education certifies to the legislature under paragraph (e) that a compatible compliant system~~
117.3 ~~exists, a school district must use an online system for compliance reporting under section~~
117.4 ~~125A.085. A district's information system under this section must facilitate the seamless~~
117.5 ~~transfer of student records for a student with disabilities who transfers between school~~
117.6 ~~districts, including records containing the student's evaluation report, service plan, and other~~
117.7 ~~due process forms and information, regardless of what information system any one district~~
117.8 ~~uses.~~

117.9 ~~(c) As a part of the annual report required under section 125A.085, paragraph (f), the~~
117.10 ~~commissioner must specify whether a compatible compliant system exists and if so, list~~
117.11 ~~each vendor's systems that meet the criteria in paragraph (b).~~

117.12 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 125A.0941, is amended to read:

117.13 **125A.0941 DEFINITIONS.**

117.14 (a) The following terms have the meanings given them.

117.15 (b) "Emergency" means a situation where immediate intervention is needed to protect
117.16 a child or other individual from physical injury. Emergency does not mean circumstances
117.17 such as: a child who does not respond to a task or request and instead places his or her head
117.18 on a desk or hides under a desk or table; a child who does not respond to a staff person's
117.19 request unless failing to respond would result in physical injury to the child or other
117.20 individual; or an emergency incident has already occurred and no threat of physical injury
117.21 currently exists.

117.22 (c) "Physical holding" means physical intervention intended to hold a child immobile
117.23 or limit a child's movement, where body contact is the only source of physical restraint, and
117.24 where immobilization is used to effectively gain control of a child in order to protect a child
117.25 or other individual from physical injury. The term physical holding does not mean physical
117.26 contact that:

117.27 (1) helps a child respond or complete a task;

117.28 (2) assists a child without restricting the child's movement;

117.29 (3) is needed to administer an authorized health-related service or procedure; or

117.30 (4) is needed to physically escort a child when the child does not resist or the child's
117.31 resistance is minimal.

118.1 (d) "Positive behavioral interventions and supports" means interventions and strategies
118.2 to improve the school environment and teach children the skills to behave appropriately,
118.3 including the key components under section 122A.627.

118.4 (e) "Prone restraint" means placing a child in a face down position.

118.5 (f) "Restrictive procedures" means the use of physical holding or seclusion in an
118.6 emergency. Restrictive procedures must not be used to punish or otherwise discipline a
118.7 child.

118.8 (g) "Seclusion" means confining a child alone in a room from which egress is barred.
118.9 Egress may be barred by an adult locking or closing the door in the room or preventing the
118.10 child from leaving the room. Removing a child from an activity to a location where the
118.11 child cannot participate in or observe the activity is not seclusion.

118.12 Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 125A.11, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

118.13 Subdivision 1. **Nonresident tuition rate; other costs.** (a) For fiscal year 2015 and later,
118.14 when a school district provides special instruction and services for a pupil with a disability
118.15 as defined in section 125A.02 outside the district of residence, excluding a pupil for whom
118.16 an adjustment to special education aid is calculated according to section 127A.47, subdivision
118.17 7, paragraphs (b) to (d), special education aid paid to the resident district must be reduced
118.18 by an amount equal to (1) the actual cost of providing special instruction and services to
118.19 the pupil, including a proportionate amount for special transportation, plus (2) the amount
118.20 of general education revenue, excluding local optional revenue, plus local optional aid and
118.21 referendum equalization aid attributable to that pupil, calculated using the resident district's
118.22 average general education revenue and referendum equalization aid per adjusted pupil unit
118.23 excluding basic skills revenue, elementary sparsity revenue and secondary sparsity revenue,
118.24 minus (3) the amount of special education aid for children with a disability under section
118.25 125A.76 received on behalf of that child, minus (4) if the pupil receives special instruction
118.26 and services outside the regular classroom for more than 60 percent of the school day, the
118.27 amount of general education revenue and referendum equalization aid, excluding portions
118.28 attributable to district and school administration, district support services, operations and
118.29 maintenance, capital expenditures, and pupil transportation, attributable to that pupil for
118.30 the portion of time the pupil receives special instruction and services outside of the regular
118.31 classroom, calculated using the resident district's average general education revenue and
118.32 referendum equalization aid per adjusted pupil unit excluding basic skills revenue, elementary
118.33 sparsity revenue and secondary sparsity revenue and the serving district's basic skills revenue,
118.34 elementary sparsity revenue and secondary sparsity revenue per adjusted pupil unit.

119.1 Notwithstanding clauses (1) and (4), for pupils served by a cooperative unit without a fiscal
119.2 agent school district, the general education revenue and referendum equalization aid
119.3 attributable to a pupil must be calculated using the resident district's average general
119.4 education revenue and referendum equalization aid excluding compensatory revenue,
119.5 elementary sparsity revenue, and secondary sparsity revenue. Special education aid paid to
119.6 the district or cooperative providing special instruction and services for the pupil must be
119.7 increased by the amount of the reduction in the aid paid to the resident district. If the resident
119.8 district's special education aid is insufficient to make the full adjustment, the remaining
119.9 adjustment shall be made to other state aid due to the district.

119.10 (b) Notwithstanding paragraph (a), when a charter school receiving special education
119.11 aid under section 124E.21, subdivision 3, provides special instruction and services for a
119.12 pupil with a disability as defined in section 125A.02, excluding a pupil for whom an
119.13 adjustment to special education aid is calculated according to section 127A.47, subdivision
119.14 7, paragraphs (b) to (e), special education aid paid to the resident district must be reduced
119.15 by an amount equal to that calculated under paragraph (a) as if the charter school received
119.16 aid under section 124E.21, subdivision 1. Notwithstanding paragraph (a), special education
119.17 aid paid to the charter school providing special instruction and services for the pupil must
119.18 not be increased by the amount of the reduction in the aid paid to the resident district.

119.19 (c) Notwithstanding paragraph (a) and section 127A.47, subdivision 7, paragraphs (b)
119.20 to (d):

119.21 (1) an intermediate district or a special education cooperative may recover unreimbursed
119.22 costs of serving pupils with a disability, including building lease, debt service, and indirect
119.23 costs necessary for the general operation of the organization, by billing membership fees
119.24 and nonmember access fees to the resident district;

119.25 (2) a charter school where more than 30 percent of enrolled students receive special
119.26 education and related services, a site approved under section 125A.515, an intermediate
119.27 district, a site constructed according to Laws 1992, chapter 558, section 7, subdivision 7,
119.28 to meet the educational needs of court-placed adolescents, or a special education cooperative
119.29 may apply to the commissioner for authority to charge the resident district an additional
119.30 amount to recover any remaining unreimbursed costs of serving pupils with a disability;

119.31 (3) the billing under clause (1) or application under clause (2) must include a description
119.32 of the costs and the calculations used to determine the unreimbursed portion to be charged
119.33 to the resident district. Amounts approved by the commissioner under clause (2) must be

120.1 included in the aid adjustments under paragraph (a), or section 127A.47, subdivision 7,
120.2 paragraphs (b) to (d), as applicable.

120.3 (d) For purposes of this subdivision and section 127A.47, subdivision 7, paragraph (b),
120.4 "general education revenue and referendum equalization aid" means the sum of the general
120.5 education revenue according to section 126C.10, subdivision 1, excluding the local optional
120.6 levy according to section 126C.10, subdivision 2e, paragraph (c), plus the referendum
120.7 equalization aid according to section 126C.17, subdivision 7.

120.8 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.

120.9 Sec. 4. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 125A.21, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

120.10 Subd. 2. **Third-party reimbursement.** (a) Beginning July 1, 2000, districts shall seek
120.11 reimbursement from insurers and similar third parties for the cost of services provided by
120.12 the district whenever the services provided by the district are otherwise covered by the
120.13 child's health coverage. Districts shall request, but may not require, the child's family to
120.14 provide information about the child's health coverage when a child with a disability begins
120.15 to receive services from the district of a type that may be reimbursable, and shall request,
120.16 but may not require, updated information after that as needed.

120.17 (b) For children enrolled in medical assistance under chapter 256B or MinnesotaCare
120.18 under chapter 256L who have no other health coverage, a district shall provide an initial
120.19 and annual written notice to the enrolled child's parent or legal representative of its intent
120.20 to seek reimbursement from medical assistance or MinnesotaCare for:

120.21 (1) the evaluations required as part of the individualized education program process or
120.22 individualized family service plan process; and

120.23 (2) health-related services provided by the district according to the individualized
120.24 education program or individualized family service plan.

120.25 The initial notice must give the child's parent or legal representative the right to request a
120.26 copy of the child's education records on the health-related services that the district provided
120.27 to the child and disclosed to a third-party payer.

120.28 (c) The district shall give the parent or legal representative annual written notice of:

120.29 (1) the district's intent to seek reimbursement from medical assistance or MinnesotaCare
120.30 for evaluations required as part of the individualized education program process or
120.31 individualized family service plan process, and for health-related services provided by the

121.1 district according to the individualized education program or individualized family service
121.2 plan;

121.3 (2) the right of the parent or legal representative to request a copy of all records
121.4 concerning individualized education program or individualized family service plan
121.5 health-related services disclosed by the district to any third party; and

121.6 (3) the right of the parent or legal representative to withdraw consent for disclosure of
121.7 a child's records at any time without consequence.

121.8 The written notice shall be provided as part of the written notice required by Code of Federal
121.9 Regulations, title 34, section 300.504 or 303.520. The district must ensure that the parent
121.10 of a child with a disability is given notice, in understandable language, of federal and state
121.11 procedural safeguards available to the parent under this paragraph and paragraph (b).

121.12 (d) In order to access the private health care coverage of a child who is covered by private
121.13 health care coverage in whole or in part, a district must:

121.14 (1) obtain annual written informed consent from the parent or legal representative, in
121.15 compliance with subdivision 5; and

121.16 (2) inform the parent or legal representative that a refusal to permit the district or state
121.17 Medicaid agency to access their private health care coverage does not relieve the district of
121.18 its responsibility to provide all services necessary to provide free and appropriate public
121.19 education at no cost to the parent or legal representative.

121.20 (e) If the commissioner of human services obtains federal approval to exempt covered
121.21 individualized education program or individualized family service plan health-related
121.22 services from the requirement that private health care coverage refuse payment before
121.23 medical assistance may be billed, paragraphs (b), (c), and (d) shall also apply to students
121.24 with a combination of private health care coverage and health care coverage through medical
121.25 assistance or MinnesotaCare.

121.26 (f) In the event that Congress or any federal agency or the Minnesota legislature or any
121.27 state agency establishes lifetime limits, limits for any health care services, cost-sharing
121.28 provisions, or otherwise provides that individualized education program or individualized
121.29 family service plan health-related services impact benefits for persons enrolled in medical
121.30 assistance or MinnesotaCare, the amendments to this subdivision adopted in 2002 are
121.31 repealed on the effective date of any federal or state law or regulation that imposes the
121.32 limits. In that event, districts must obtain informed consent consistent with this subdivision
121.33 as it existed prior to the 2002 amendments and subdivision 5, before seeking reimbursement

122.1 for children enrolled in medical assistance under chapter 256B or MinnesotaCare under
122.2 chapter 256L who have no other health care coverage.

122.3 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective August 1, 2017.

122.4 Sec. 5. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 125A.515, is amended to read:

122.5 **125A.515 PLACEMENT OF STUDENTS; APPROVAL OF EDUCATION**
122.6 **PROGRAM.**

122.7 Subdivision 1. **Approval of on-site education programs.** The commissioner shall
122.8 approve on-site education programs for placement of children and youth in residential
122.9 facilities including detention centers, before being licensed by the Department of Human
122.10 Services or the Department of Corrections. Education programs in these facilities shall
122.11 conform to state and federal education laws including the Individuals with Disabilities
122.12 Education Act (IDEA). This section applies only to placements in children's residential
122.13 facilities licensed by the Department of Human Services or the Department of Corrections.
122.14 For purposes of this section, "on-site education program" means the educational services
122.15 provided directly on the grounds of the ~~care and treatment~~ children's residential facility to
122.16 children and youth placed for care and treatment.

122.17 Subd. 3. **Responsibilities for providing education.** (a) The district in which the children's
122.18 residential facility is located must provide education services, including special education
122.19 if eligible, to all students placed in a facility.

122.20 (b) For education programs operated by the Department of Corrections, the providing
122.21 district shall be the Department of Corrections. For students remanded to the commissioner
122.22 of corrections, the providing and resident district shall be the Department of Corrections.

122.23 Subd. 3a. **Students without a disability from other states.** A school district is not
122.24 required to provide education services under this section to a student who:

122.25 (1) is not a resident of Minnesota;

122.26 (2) does not have an individualized education program; and

122.27 (3) does not have a tuition arrangement or agreement to pay the cost of education from
122.28 the placing authority.

122.29 Subd. 4. **Education services required.** (a) Education services must be provided to a
122.30 student beginning within three business days after the student enters the ~~care and treatment~~
122.31 children's residential facility. The first four days of the student's placement may be used to
122.32 screen the student for educational and safety issues.

123.1 (b) If the student does not meet the eligibility criteria for special education, regular
123.2 education services must be provided to that student.

123.3 Subd. 5. **Education programs for students placed in children's residential facilities.**

123.4 (a) When a student is placed in a children's residential facility ~~approved~~ under this section
123.5 that has an on-site education program, the providing district, upon notice from the ~~care and~~
123.6 ~~treatment~~ children's residential facility, must contact the resident district within one business
123.7 day to determine if a student has been identified as having a disability, and to request at
123.8 least the student's transcript, and for students with disabilities, the most recent individualized
123.9 education program (IEP) and evaluation report, ~~and to determine if the student has been~~
123.10 ~~identified as a student with a disability~~. The resident district must send a facsimile copy to
123.11 the providing district within two business days of receiving the request.

123.12 (b) If a student placed under this section has been identified as having a disability and
123.13 has an individualized education program in the resident district:

123.14 (1) the providing agency must conduct an individualized education program meeting to
123.15 reach an agreement about continuing or modifying special education services in accordance
123.16 with the current individualized education program goals and objectives and to determine if
123.17 additional evaluations are necessary; and

123.18 (2) at least the following people shall receive written notice or documented phone call
123.19 to be followed with written notice to attend the individualized education program meeting:

123.20 (i) the person or agency placing the student;

123.21 (ii) the resident district;

123.22 (iii) the appropriate teachers and related services staff from the providing district;

123.23 (iv) appropriate staff from the children's residential facility;

123.24 (v) the parents or legal guardians of the student; and

123.25 (vi) when appropriate, the student.

123.26 (c) For a student who has not been identified as a student with a disability, a screening
123.27 must be conducted by the providing districts as soon as possible to determine the student's
123.28 educational and behavioral needs and must include a review of the student's educational
123.29 records.

123.30 Subd. 6. **Exit report summarizing educational progress.** If a student has been placed
123.31 in a facility under this section for 15 or more business days, the providing district must
123.32 prepare an exit report summarizing the regular education, special education, evaluation,

124.1 educational progress, and service information and must send the report to the resident district
124.2 and the next providing district if different, the parent or legal guardian, and any appropriate
124.3 social service agency. For students with disabilities, this report must include the student's
124.4 IEP.

124.5 Subd. 7. **Minimum educational services required.** When a student is placed in a
124.6 children's residential facility approved under this section, at a minimum, the providing
124.7 district is responsible for:

124.8 (1) the education necessary, including summer school services, for a student who is not
124.9 performing at grade level as indicated in the education record or IEP; and

124.10 (2) a school day, of the same length as the school day of the providing district, unless
124.11 the unique needs of the student, as documented through the IEP or education record in
124.12 consultation with treatment providers, requires an alteration in the length of the school day.

124.13 Subd. 8. **Placement, services, and due process.** When a student's treatment and
124.14 educational needs allow, education shall be provided in a regular educational setting. The
124.15 determination of the amount and site of integrated services must be a joint decision between
124.16 the student's parents or legal guardians and the treatment and education staff. When
124.17 applicable, educational placement decisions must be made by the IEP team of the providing
124.18 district. Educational services shall be provided in conformance with the least restrictive
124.19 environment principle of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act. The providing
124.20 district and ~~care and treatment~~ children's residential facility shall cooperatively develop
124.21 discipline and behavior management procedures to be used in emergency situations that
124.22 comply with the Minnesota Pupil Fair Dismissal Act and other relevant state and federal
124.23 laws and regulations.

124.24 Subd. 9. **Reimbursement for education services.** (a) Education services provided to
124.25 students who have been placed under this section are reimbursable in accordance with
124.26 special education and general education statutes.

124.27 (b) Indirect or consultative services provided in conjunction with regular education
124.28 prereferral interventions and assessment provided to regular education students suspected
124.29 of being disabled and who have demonstrated learning or behavioral problems in a screening
124.30 are reimbursable with special education categorical aids.

124.31 (c) Regular education, including screening, provided to students with or without
124.32 disabilities is not reimbursable with special education categorical aids.

125.1 Subd. 10. **Students unable to attend school but not covered under this section.**

125.2 Students who are absent from, or predicted to be absent from, school for 15 consecutive or
125.3 intermittent days, and placed at home or in facilities not licensed by the Departments of
125.4 Corrections or Human Services are entitled to regular and special education services
125.5 consistent with this section or Minnesota Rules, part 3525.2325. These students include
125.6 students with and without disabilities who are home due to accident or illness, in a hospital
125.7 or other medical facility, or in a day treatment center.

125.8 Sec. 6. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 125A.74, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

125.9 Subdivision 1. **Eligibility.** A district may enroll as a provider in the medical assistance
125.10 program and receive medical assistance payments for covered evaluations and special
125.11 education services provided to persons eligible for medical assistance under chapter 256B.
125.12 To receive medical assistance payments, the district must pay the nonfederal share of medical
125.13 assistance services provided according to section 256B.0625, subdivision 26, and comply
125.14 with relevant provisions of state and federal statutes and regulations governing the medical
125.15 assistance program.

125.16 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective August 1, 2017.

125.17 Sec. 7. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 125A.76, subdivision 2c, is amended to read:

125.18 Subd. 2c. **Special education aid.** (a) For fiscal year 2016 and later, a district's special
125.19 education aid equals the sum of the district's special education initial aid under subdivision
125.20 2a and the district's excess cost aid under section 125A.79, subdivision 5.

125.21 (b) Notwithstanding paragraph (a), for fiscal year 2016, the special education aid for a
125.22 school district must not exceed the sum of the special education aid the district would have
125.23 received for fiscal year 2016 under Minnesota Statutes 2012, sections 125A.76 and 125A.79,
125.24 as adjusted according to Minnesota Statutes 2012, sections 125A.11 and 127A.47, subdivision
125.25 7, and the product of the district's average daily membership served and the special education
125.26 aid increase limit.

125.27 (c) Notwithstanding paragraph (a), for fiscal year 2017 and later, the special education
125.28 aid for a school district must not exceed the sum of: (i) the product of the district's average
125.29 daily membership served and the special education aid increase limit and (ii) the product
125.30 of the sum of the special education aid the district would have received for fiscal year 2016
125.31 under Minnesota Statutes 2012, sections 125A.76 and 125A.79, as adjusted according to
125.32 Minnesota Statutes 2012, sections 125A.11 and 127A.47, subdivision 7, the ratio of the

126.1 district's average daily membership served for the current fiscal year to the district's average
126.2 daily membership served for fiscal year 2016, and the program growth factor.

126.3 (d) Notwithstanding paragraph (a), for fiscal year 2016 and later the special education
126.4 aid for a school district, not including a charter school or cooperative unit as defined in
126.5 section 123A.24, must not be less than the lesser of (1) the district's nonfederal special
126.6 education expenditures for that fiscal year or (2) the product of the sum of the special
126.7 education aid the district would have received for fiscal year 2016 under Minnesota Statutes
126.8 2012, sections 125A.76 and 125A.79, as adjusted according to Minnesota Statutes 2012,
126.9 sections 125A.11 and 127A.47, subdivision 7, the ratio of the district's adjusted daily
126.10 membership for the current fiscal year to the district's average daily membership for fiscal
126.11 year 2016, and the program growth factor.

126.12 (e) Notwithstanding subdivision 2a and section 125A.79, a charter school in its first year
126.13 of operation shall generate special education aid based on current year data. A newly formed
126.14 cooperative unit as defined in section 123A.24 may apply to the commissioner for approval
126.15 to generate special education aid for its first year of operation based on current year data,
126.16 with an offsetting adjustment to the prior year data used to calculate aid for programs at
126.17 participating school districts or previous cooperatives that were replaced by the new
126.18 cooperative. The department shall establish procedures to adjust the prior year data and
126.19 fiscal year 2016 old formula aid used in calculating special education aid to exclude costs
126.20 that have been eliminated for districts where programs have closed or where a substantial
126.21 portion of the program has been transferred to a cooperative unit.

126.22 (f) The department shall establish procedures through the uniform financial accounting
126.23 and reporting system to identify and track all revenues generated from third-party billings
126.24 as special education revenue at the school district level; include revenue generated from
126.25 third-party billings as special education revenue in the annual cross-subsidy report; and
126.26 exclude third-party revenue from calculation of excess cost aid to the districts.

126.27 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective for revenue for fiscal year 2018 and later.

126.28 Sec. 8. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 256B.0625, subdivision 26, is amended to read:

126.29 Subd. 26. **Special education services.** (a) Medical assistance covers evaluations necessary
126.30 in making a determination for eligibility for individualized education program and
126.31 individualized family service plan services and for medical services identified in a recipient's
126.32 individualized education program and individualized family service plan and covered under
126.33 the medical assistance state plan. Covered services include occupational therapy, physical
126.34 therapy, speech-language therapy, clinical psychological services, nursing services, school

127.1 psychological services, school social work services, personal care assistants serving as
127.2 management aides, assistive technology devices, transportation services, health assessments,
127.3 and other services covered under the medical assistance state plan. Mental health services
127.4 eligible for medical assistance reimbursement must be provided or coordinated through a
127.5 children's mental health collaborative where a collaborative exists if the child is included
127.6 in the collaborative operational target population. The provision or coordination of services
127.7 does not require that the individualized education program be developed by the collaborative.

127.8 The services may be provided by a Minnesota school district that is enrolled as a medical
127.9 assistance provider or its subcontractor, and only if the services meet all the requirements
127.10 otherwise applicable if the service had been provided by a provider other than a school
127.11 district, in the following areas: medical necessity, physician's orders, documentation,
127.12 personnel qualifications, and prior authorization requirements. The nonfederal share of costs
127.13 for services provided under this subdivision is the responsibility of the local school district
127.14 as provided in section 125A.74. Services listed in a child's individualized education program
127.15 are eligible for medical assistance reimbursement only if those services meet criteria for
127.16 federal financial participation under the Medicaid program.

127.17 (b) Approval of health-related services for inclusion in the individualized education
127.18 program does not require prior authorization for purposes of reimbursement under this
127.19 chapter. The commissioner may require physician review and approval of the plan not more
127.20 than once annually or upon any modification of the individualized education program that
127.21 reflects a change in health-related services.

127.22 (c) Services of a speech-language pathologist provided under this section are covered
127.23 notwithstanding Minnesota Rules, part 9505.0390, subpart 1, item L, if the person:

127.24 (1) holds a masters degree in speech-language pathology;

127.25 (2) is licensed by the Minnesota Board of Teaching as an educational speech-language
127.26 pathologist; and

127.27 (3) either has a certificate of clinical competence from the American Speech and Hearing
127.28 Association, has completed the equivalent educational requirements and work experience
127.29 necessary for the certificate or has completed the academic program and is acquiring
127.30 supervised work experience to qualify for the certificate.

127.31 (d) Medical assistance coverage for medically necessary services provided under other
127.32 subdivisions in this section may not be denied solely on the basis that the same or similar
127.33 services are covered under this subdivision.

128.1 (e) The commissioner shall develop and implement package rates, bundled rates, or per
128.2 diem rates for special education services under which separately covered services are grouped
128.3 together and billed as a unit in order to reduce administrative complexity.

128.4 (f) The commissioner shall develop a cost-based payment structure for payment of these
128.5 services. Only costs reported through the designated Minnesota Department of Education
128.6 data systems in distinct service categories qualify for inclusion in the cost-based payment
128.7 structure. The commissioner shall reimburse claims submitted based on an interim rate, and
128.8 shall settle at a final rate once the department has determined it. The commissioner shall
128.9 notify the school district of the final rate. The school district has 60 days to appeal the final
128.10 rate. To appeal the final rate, the school district shall file a written appeal request to the
128.11 commissioner within 60 days of the date the final rate determination was mailed. The appeal
128.12 request shall specify (1) the disputed items and (2) the name and address of the person to
128.13 contact regarding the appeal.

128.14 (g) Effective July 1, 2000, medical assistance services provided under an individualized
128.15 education program or an individual family service plan by local school districts shall not
128.16 count against medical assistance authorization thresholds for that child.

128.17 (h) Nursing services as defined in section 148.171, subdivision 15, and provided as an
128.18 individualized education program health-related service, are eligible for medical assistance
128.19 payment if they are otherwise a covered service under the medical assistance program.
128.20 Medical assistance covers the administration of prescription medications by a licensed nurse
128.21 who is employed by or under contract with a school district when the administration of
128.22 medications is identified in the child's individualized education program. The simple
128.23 administration of medications alone is not covered under medical assistance when
128.24 administered by a provider other than a school district or when it is not identified in the
128.25 child's individualized education program.

128.26 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective August 1, 2017.

128.27 Sec. 9. Laws 2016, chapter 189, article 25, section 62, subdivision 17, is amended to read:

128.28 Subd. 17. **Southwest Minnesota State University special education teacher education**
128.29 **program.** (a) For the Southwest Minnesota State University special education teacher
128.30 education program to support Minnesota resident residents working toward licensure in an
128.31 online program, including persons currently employed as:

- 128.32 (1) special education paraprofessionals ~~working toward licensure in an online program;~~
128.33 (2) teachers without a special education license working on a variance; or

129.1 (3) individuals teaching with a community expert license:

129.2		385,000		
129.3	\$	<u>132,000</u>	.....	2017
129.4	\$	<u>253,000</u>	.....	<u>2018</u>

129.5 (b) \$253,000 of the \$385,000 appropriation in Laws 2016, chapter 189, article 25, section
129.6 62, subdivision 17, is canceled to the state general fund on June 30, 2017.

129.7 The base for this program in fiscal year 2018 is \$0. (c) The 2018 appropriation is available
129.8 until June 30, 2019.

129.9 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.

129.10 Sec. 10. **SPECIAL EDUCATION ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGY STUDY.**

129.11 Subdivision 1. **Study.** The commissioner of education must examine the use of assistive
129.12 technology in Minnesota school districts. The commissioner may examine financial data,
129.13 survey school officials, and use other methods to collect data on the use of assistive
129.14 technology by Minnesota's students. The commissioner must consult with the Minnesota
129.15 Assistive Technology Advisory Council and other interested organizations to determine the
129.16 scope and focus of the study.

129.17 Subd. 2. **Data reporting.** The commissioner must examine the federally required uniform
129.18 financial accounting and reporting standards object codes and, if necessary, recommend
129.19 changes to better capture school district spending on assistive technology. The commissioner
129.20 must examine approaches to collecting additional student-level assistive technology data
129.21 through the electronic data reporting system.

129.22 Subd. 3. **Assistive technology manual.** The commissioner must examine the department's
129.23 assistive technology manual, and determine whether to prepare a revised manual.

129.24 Subd. 4. **Report.** The commissioner of education must report to the chairs and ranking
129.25 minority members of the legislative committees with jurisdiction over kindergarten through
129.26 grade 12 education by February 15, 2018, on the use of assistive technology by Minnesota's
129.27 students and recommend statutory changes to encourage individualized education programs
129.28 and individualized family service plans to incorporate a child-centered assistive technology
129.29 plan.

130.1 Sec. 11. SPECIAL EDUCATION ADJUSTMENT; MONTICELLO SCHOOL
130.2 DISTRICT.

130.3 Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes, sections 125A.76 and 127A.45, special education
130.4 aid payments to Independent School District No. 882, Monticello, must be increased by
130.5 \$800,000 in fiscal year 2018 to mitigate cash flow problems created by an unforeseeable
130.6 reduction in the district's special education aid for fiscal year 2016 as a result of the combined
130.7 effects of converting from a host district cooperative to a joint powers cooperative and
130.8 implementation of a new special education aid formula in the same fiscal year. Special
130.9 education aid payments to Independent School District No. 882, Monticello, must be reduced
130.10 by the same amount in fiscal year 2019 to offset the fiscal year 2018 increase.

130.11 Sec. 12. APPROPRIATIONS.

130.12 Subdivision 1. Department of Education. The sums indicated in this section are
130.13 appropriated from the general fund to the Department of Education for the fiscal years
130.14 designated.

130.15 Subd. 2. Special education; regular. For special education aid under Minnesota Statutes,
130.16 section 125A.75:

130.17	\$	<u>1,341,161,000</u>	.....	<u>2018</u>
130.18	\$	<u>1,426,827,000</u>	.....	<u>2019</u>

130.19 The 2018 appropriation includes \$156,403,000 for 2017 and \$1,184,758 for 2018.

130.20 The 2019 appropriation includes \$131,639,000 for 2018 and \$1,295,188 for 2019.

130.21 Subd. 3. Aid for children with disabilities. For aid under Minnesota Statutes, section
130.22 125A.75, subdivision 3, for children with disabilities placed in residential facilities within
130.23 the district boundaries for whom no district of residence can be determined:

130.24	\$	<u>1,597,000</u>	.....	<u>2018</u>
130.25	\$	<u>1,830,000</u>	.....	<u>2019</u>

130.26 If the appropriation for either year is insufficient, the appropriation for the other year is
130.27 available.

130.28 Subd. 4. Travel for home-based services. For aid for teacher travel for home-based
130.29 services under Minnesota Statutes, section 125A.75, subdivision 1:

130.30	\$	<u>508,000</u>	.....	<u>2018</u>
130.31	\$	<u>532,000</u>	.....	<u>2019</u>

130.32 The 2018 appropriation includes \$48,000 for 2017 and \$460,000 for 2018.

131.1 The 2019 appropriation includes \$51,000 for 2018 and \$481,000 for 2019.

131.2 Subd. 5. Court-placed special education revenue. For reimbursing serving school
131.3 districts for unreimbursed eligible expenditures attributable to children placed in the serving
131.4 school district by court action under Minnesota Statutes, section 125A.79, subdivision 4:

131.5 \$ 46,000 2018

131.6 \$ 47,000 2019

131.7 Subd. 6. **Special education out-of-state tuition.** For special education out-of-state
131.8 tuition under Minnesota Statutes, section 125A.79, subdivision 8:

131.9 \$ 250,000 2018

131.10 \$ 250,000 2019

131.11 Sec. 13. **REPEALER.**

131.12 Minnesota Statutes 2016, sections 125A.085; 125A.75, subdivision 7; and 125A.76,
131.13 subdivision 2b, are repealed effective for fiscal year 2018 and later.

ARTICLE 5

FACILITIES AND TECHNOLOGY

131.16 Section 1. ~~[121A.335]~~ **LEAD IN SCHOOL DRINKING WATER.**

131.17 Subdivision 1. **Model plan.** The commissioners of health and education shall jointly
131.18 develop a model plan to require school districts to accurately and efficiently test for the
131.19 presence of lead in water in public school buildings serving students in kindergarten through
131.20 grade 12. To the extent possible, the commissioners shall base the plan on the standards
131.21 established by the United States Environmental Protection Agency. The plan may be based
131.22 on the technical guidance in the Department of Health's document, "Reducing Lead in
131.23 Drinking Water: A Technical Guidance for Minnesota's School and Child Care Facilities."

131.24 Subd. 2. **School plans.** By July 1, 2018, the board of each school district or charter
131.25 school must adopt the commissioners' model plan or develop and adopt an alternative plan
131.26 to accurately and efficiently test for the presence of lead in water in school buildings serving
131.27 prekindergarten students and students in kindergarten through grade 12.

131.28 Subd. 3. **Frequency of testing.** The plan under subdivision 2 must include a testing
131.29 schedule for every building serving prekindergarten through grade 12 students. The schedule
131.30 must require that each building be tested at least once every five years. A school district
131.31 must begin testing school buildings by July 1, 2018, and complete testing of all buildings
131.32 that serve students within five years.

132.1 Subd. 4. **Ten-year facilities plan.** A school district may include lead testing and
132.2 remediation as a part of its ten-year facilities plan under section 123B.595.

132.3 Subd. 5. **Reporting.** A school district that has tested its buildings for the presence of
132.4 lead shall make the results of the testing available to the public for review and must notify
132.5 parents of the availability of the information.

132.6 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 1, 2017.

132.7 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 123A.73, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

132.8 Subd. 2. **Involuntary Dissolution; referendum revenue.** As of the effective date of
132.9 the voluntary or involuntary dissolution of a district and its attachment to one or more
132.10 existing districts pursuant to sections 123A.60 or 123A.64 to 123A.72, the authorization
132.11 for any referendum revenue previously approved by the voters of the dissolved district in
132.12 that district pursuant to section 126C.17, subdivision 9, or its predecessor or successor
132.13 provision, is canceled. The authorization for any referendum revenue previously approved
132.14 by the voters of a district to which all or part of the dissolved district is attached shall not
132.15 be affected by the attachment and shall apply to the entire area of the district as enlarged
132.16 by the attachment.

132.17 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective retroactively from January 1, 2017.

132.18 Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 123B.595, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

132.19 Subdivision 1. **Long-term facilities maintenance revenue.** (a) For fiscal year 2017
132.20 only, long-term facilities maintenance revenue equals the greater of (1) the sum of (i) \$193
132.21 times the district's adjusted pupil units times the lesser of one or the ratio of the district's
132.22 average building age to 35 years, plus the cost approved by the commissioner for indoor
132.23 air quality, fire alarm and suppression, and asbestos abatement projects under section
132.24 123B.57, subdivision 6, with an estimated cost of \$100,000 or more per site, plus (ii) for a
132.25 school district with an approved voluntary prekindergarten program under section 124D.151,
132.26 the cost approved by the commissioner for remodeling existing instructional space to
132.27 accommodate prekindergarten instruction, or (2) the sum of (i) the amount the district would
132.28 have qualified for under Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 123B.57, Minnesota Statutes
132.29 2014, section 123B.59, and Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 123B.591, and (ii) for a school
132.30 district with an approved voluntary prekindergarten program under section 124D.151, the
132.31 cost approved by the commissioner for remodeling existing instructional space to
132.32 accommodate prekindergarten instruction.

133.1 (b) For fiscal year 2018 only, long-term facilities maintenance revenue equals the greater
133.2 of (1) the sum of (i) \$292 times the district's adjusted pupil units times the lesser of one or
133.3 the ratio of the district's average building age to 35 years, plus (ii) the cost approved by the
133.4 commissioner for indoor air quality, fire alarm and suppression, and asbestos abatement
133.5 projects under section 123B.57, subdivision 6, with an estimated cost of \$100,000 or more
133.6 per site, plus (iii) for a school district with an approved voluntary prekindergarten program
133.7 under section 124D.151, the cost approved by the commissioner for remodeling existing
133.8 instructional space to accommodate prekindergarten instruction, or (2) the sum of (i) the
133.9 amount the district would have qualified for under Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 123B.57,
133.10 Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 123B.59, and Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 123B.591,
133.11 and (ii) for a school district with an approved voluntary prekindergarten program under
133.12 section 124D.151, the cost approved by the commissioner for remodeling existing
133.13 instructional space to accommodate prekindergarten instruction.

133.14 (c) For fiscal year 2019 and later, long-term facilities maintenance revenue equals the
133.15 greater of (1) the sum of (i) \$380 times the district's adjusted pupil units times the lesser of
133.16 one or the ratio of the district's average building age to 35 years, plus (ii) the cost approved
133.17 by the commissioner for indoor air quality, fire alarm and suppression, and asbestos
133.18 abatement projects under section 123B.57, subdivision 6, with an estimated cost of \$100,000
133.19 or more per site, plus (iii) for a school district with an approved voluntary prekindergarten
133.20 program under section 124D.151, the cost approved by the commissioner for remodeling
133.21 existing instructional space to accommodate prekindergarten instruction, or (2) the sum of
133.22 (i) the amount the district would have qualified for under Minnesota Statutes 2014, section
133.23 123B.57, Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 123B.59, and Minnesota Statutes 2014, section
133.24 123B.591, and (ii) for a school district with an approved voluntary prekindergarten program
133.25 under section 124D.151, the cost approved by the commissioner for remodeling existing
133.26 instructional space to accommodate prekindergarten instruction.

133.27 (d) Notwithstanding paragraphs (a), (b), and (c), a school district that qualified for
133.28 eligibility under Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 123B.59, subdivision 1, paragraph (a),
133.29 for fiscal year 2010 remains eligible for funding under this section as a district that would
133.30 have qualified for eligibility under Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 123B.59, subdivision
133.31 1, paragraph (a), for fiscal year 2017 and later.

133.32 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.

134.1 Sec. 4. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 123B.595, subdivision 4, is amended to read:

134.2 Subd. 4. **Facilities plans.** (a) To qualify for revenue under this section, a school district
134.3 or intermediate district, not including a charter school, must have a ten-year facility plan
134.4 adopted by the school board and approved by the commissioner. The plan must include
134.5 provisions for implementing a health and safety program that complies with health, safety,
134.6 and environmental regulations and best practices, including indoor air quality management
134.7 and remediation of lead hazards.

134.8 (b) The district must annually update the plan, submit the plan to the commissioner for
134.9 approval by July 31, and indicate whether the district will issue bonds to finance the plan
134.10 or levy for the costs.

134.11 (c) For school districts issuing bonds to finance the plan, the plan must include a debt
134.12 service schedule demonstrating that the debt service revenue required to pay the principal
134.13 and interest on the bonds each year will not exceed the projected long-term facilities revenue
134.14 for that year.

134.15 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective for revenue for fiscal year 2018 and later.

134.16 Sec. 5. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 123B.71, subdivision 11, is amended to read:

134.17 Subd. 11. **Review of proposals.** In reviewing each proposal, the commissioner shall
134.18 submit to the school board, within 60 days of receiving the proposal, the review and comment
134.19 about the educational and economic advisability of the project. The commissioner must
134.20 include comments from residents of the school district in the review and comment. The
134.21 review and comment shall be based on information submitted with the proposal and other
134.22 information the commissioner determines is necessary. If the commissioner submits a
134.23 negative review and comment for a portion of a proposal, the review and comment shall
134.24 clearly specify which portion of the proposal received a negative review and comment and
134.25 which portion of the proposal received a positive review and comment.

134.26 Sec. 6. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 123B.71, subdivision 12, is amended to read:

134.27 Subd. 12. **Publication.** (a) At least 20 days but not more than 60 days before a referendum
134.28 for bonds or solicitation of bids for a project that has received a positive or unfavorable
134.29 review and comment under section 123B.70, the school board shall publish a summary of
134.30 the commissioner's review and comment of that project in the legal newspaper of the district.
134.31 The school board must hold a public meeting to discuss the commissioner's review and

135.1 comment before the referendum for bonds. Supplementary information shall be available
135.2 to the public.

135.3 (b) The publication requirement in paragraph (a) does not apply to alternative facilities
135.4 projects approved under section ~~123B.59~~ 123B.595.

135.5 Sec. 7. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 129C.10, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

135.6 Subdivision 1. **Governance.** (a) The board of the Perpich Center for Arts Education
135.7 shall consist of ~~15~~ 16 persons, including the commissioner of education or a person
135.8 designated by the commissioner of education who must serve as an ex officio member.

135.9 The remaining 15 members of the board shall be appointed by the governor with the advice
135.10 and consent of the senate. At least one member must be appointed from each congressional
135.11 district.

135.12 (b) All board members must complete board training requirements consistent with section
135.13 127A.19.

135.14 Sec. 8. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 129C.10, subdivision 4, is amended to read:

135.15 Subd. 4. **Employees.** (a)(1) The board must appoint a director of the Center for Arts
135.16 Education who shall serve in the unclassified service. The director must hold a Minnesota
135.17 superintendent license.

135.18 (2) The board must employ, upon recommendation of the director, a coordinator of
135.19 resource programs who shall serve in the unclassified service.

135.20 (3) The board must employ, upon recommendation of the director, up to six department
135.21 chairs who shall serve in the unclassified service. The chairs shall be licensed teachers
135.22 unless no licensure exists for the subject area or discipline for which the chair is hired.

135.23 (4) The board may employ other necessary employees, upon recommendation of the
135.24 director.

135.25 (5) The board must employ, upon recommendation of the director, an executive secretary
135.26 for the director, who shall serve in the unclassified service.

135.27 (6) All persons employed as teachers must hold Minnesota teaching licenses in their
135.28 respective fields or be approved by the Board of Teaching.

135.29 (b) The employees hired under this subdivision and other necessary employees hired by
135.30 the board shall be state employees in the executive branch.

136.1 Sec. 9. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 129C.105, is amended to read:

136.2 **129C.105 BOARD MEETINGS BY TELEPHONE OR OTHER ELECTRONIC**
136.3 **MEANS.**

136.4 (a) Notwithstanding section 13D.01 and if complying with section 13D.02 is impractical,
136.5 the Board of the Perpich Center for Arts Education may conduct a meeting of its members
136.6 by telephone or other electronic means when:

136.7 (1) all members of the board participating in the meeting, wherever the members' physical
136.8 locations, can hear one another and all discussion and testimony;

136.9 (2) members of the public present at the regular meeting location of the board can hear
136.10 all discussion and testimony and all votes of members of the board;

136.11 (3) at least one member of the board is physically present at the regular meeting location;
136.12 and

136.13 (4) all votes are conducted by roll call, so each member's vote on each issue can be
136.14 identified and recorded.

136.15 (b) Each member of the board participating in a meeting by telephone or other electronic
136.16 means is considered present at the meeting for purposes of determining a quorum and
136.17 participating in all proceedings.

136.18 (c) If telephone or other electronic means is used to conduct a meeting, the board, to the
136.19 extent practical, shall allow a person to monitor the meeting electronically from a remote
136.20 location. The board may require the person making such a connection to pay for documented
136.21 marginal costs that the board incurs as a result of the additional connection.

136.22 (d) If telephone or other electronic means is used to conduct a regular, special, or
136.23 emergency meeting, the board shall provide notice of the regular meeting location, of the
136.24 fact that some members may participate by telephone or other electronic means, and of the
136.25 provisions of paragraph (c). The timing and method of providing notice is governed by
136.26 section 13D.04.

136.27 (e) The board must publish minutes of all meetings on the center's Web site.

136.28 Sec. 10. [129C.27] ANNUAL DIRECTOR REPORT.

136.29 The director must report the following to the education committees of the legislature by
136.30 January 15 of each year in accordance with section 3.195:

- 137.1 (1) outreach activities, including the number of districts, teachers, and administrators
137.2 that have participated in outreach programs;
- 137.3 (2) the impact of the center's outreach activities;
- 137.4 (3) enrollment trends, including the number of students from each congressional district
137.5 admitted to the Perpich Arts High School and efforts to increase enrollment by 20 percent
137.6 by 2019; and
- 137.7 (4) students' academic achievement, including performance on standard assessments,
137.8 graduation rates, and the number of students enrolled in postsecondary education.

137.9 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 1, 2017.

137.10 Sec. 11. Laws 2016, chapter 189, article 30, section 25, subdivision 5, is amended to read:

137.11 Subd. 5. **Early repayment aid incentive.** (a) For incentive grants for a district that
137.12 repays the full outstanding original principal on its capital loan by November 30, 2016,
137.13 under Laws 2011, First Special Session chapter 11, article 4, section 8, as amended by this
137.14 act:

137.15		2,200,000	
137.16	\$	<u>2,350,000</u>	..... 2017

137.17 (b) Of this amount, \$150,000 is for a grant to Independent School District No. 36,
137.18 Kelliher; \$180,000 is for a grant to Independent School District No. 95, Cromwell; \$495,000
137.19 is for a grant to Independent School District No. 299, Caledonia; \$220,000 is for a grant to
137.20 Independent School District No. 306, Laporte; \$150,000 is for a grant to Independent School
137.21 District No. 362, Littlefork; \$650,000 is for a grant to Independent School District No. 682,
137.22 Roseau; and \$505,000 is for a grant to Independent School District No. 2580, East Central.

137.23 (c) The grant may be used for any school-related purpose.

137.24 (d) The base appropriation for 2022 is zero.

137.25 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.

137.26 Sec. 12. **DISPOSITION OF CROSSWINDS SCHOOL; PROCEEDS OF SALE.**

137.27 (a) Notwithstanding the appropriation of state general obligation bond proceeds in Laws
137.28 1998, chapter 404, section 5, subdivision 5; Laws 1999, chapter 240, article 1, section 3;
137.29 Laws 2000, chapter 492, article 1, section 5, subdivision 2; Laws 2001, First Special Session
137.30 chapter 12, section 2, subdivision 2; and Laws 2005, chapter 20, article 1, section 5,
137.31 subdivision 3, to acquire and better the Crosswinds school facilities by the Joint Powers

138.1 District No. 6067, East Metro Integration District, in Woodbury, the Crosswinds school
138.2 may be conveyed or sold by the commissioner of administration in accordance with
138.3 Minnesota Statutes, sections 16B.281 to 16B.287.

138.4 (b) As soon as practicable following July 1, 2017, and consistent with Minnesota Statutes,
138.5 sections 16A.695 and 16B.281 to 16B.287, and constraints on the disposition of
138.6 bond-financed property, the commissioner of administration shall offer the Crosswinds
138.7 school property for sale. Before offering the Crosswinds school property for sale, the
138.8 commissioner of administration must determine that the property is no longer needed to
138.9 carry out the governmental program for which it was acquired or constructed.

138.10 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 1, 2017.

138.11 Sec. 13. **TRANSITION REQUIREMENTS; CROSSWINDS SCHOOL.**

138.12 For the 2017-2018 school year only, for a school district or charter school enrolling
138.13 pupils at the Crosswinds school, the Department of Education must calculate compensatory
138.14 revenue, literacy aid, and alternative compensation revenue for the Crosswinds school based
138.15 on the October 1, 2016, enrollment counts at that site.

138.16 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 1, 2017.

138.17 Sec. 14. **APPROPRIATIONS.**

138.18 Subdivision 1. **Department of Education.** The sums indicated in this section are
138.19 appropriated from the general fund to the Department of Education for the fiscal years
138.20 designated.

138.21 Subd. 2. **Debt service equalization aid.** For debt service equalization aid under
138.22 Minnesota Statutes, section 123B.53, subdivision 6:

138.23 \$ 24,908,000 2018

138.24 \$ 22,360,000 2019

138.25 The 2018 appropriation includes \$2,324,000 for 2017 and \$22,584,000 for 2018.

138.26 The 2019 appropriation includes \$2,509,000 for 2018 and \$19,851,000 for 2019.

138.27 Subd. 3. **Long-term facilities maintenance equalized aid.** For long-term facilities
138.28 maintenance equalized aid under Minnesota Statutes, section 123B.595, subdivision 9:

138.29 \$ 80,179,000 2018

138.30 \$ 103,460,000 2019

138.31 The 2018 appropriation includes \$5,815,000 for 2017 and \$74,364,000 for 2018.

139.1 The 2019 appropriation includes \$8,262,000 for 2018 and \$95,198,000 for 2019.

139.2 Subd. 4. **Equity in telecommunications access.** For equity in telecommunications
139.3 access:

139.4 \$ 3,750,000 2018

139.5	\$	<u>3,750,000</u>	<u>2019</u>
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139.6 If the appropriation amount is insufficient, the commissioner shall reduce the
139.7 reimbursement rate in Minnesota Statutes, section 125B.26, subdivisions 4 and 5, and the
139.8 revenue for fiscal years 2018 and 2019 shall be prorated.

139.9 Any balance in the first year does not cancel but is available in the second year.

139.10 Subd. 5. Early repayment aid incentive. (a) For incentive grants for a district that
139.11 repays the full outstanding original principal on its capital loan by November 30, 2016,
139.12 under Laws 2011, First Special Session chapter 11, article 4, section 8, as amended by Laws
139.13 2016, chapter 189, article 30, section 22:

139.14 \$ 2,350,000 2018

139.15 \$ 2,350,000 2019

139.16 (b) Of this amount, \$150,000 is for a grant to Independent School District No. 36,
139.17 Kelliher; \$180,000 is for a grant to Independent School District No. 95, Cromwell; \$495,000
139.18 is for a grant to Independent School District No. 299, Caledonia; \$220,000 is for a grant to
139.19 Independent School District No. 306, Laporte; \$150,000 is for a grant to Independent School
139.20 District No. 362, Littlefork; \$650,000 is for a grant to Independent School District No. 682,
139.21 Roseau; and \$505,000 is for a grant to Independent School District No. 2580, East Central.

139.22 (c) The grant may be used for any school-related purpose.

139.23 (d) The base for 2022 is \$0.

139.24 **Sec. 15. REPEALER.**

139.25 (a) Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 123A.73, subdivision 3, is repealed retroactively
139.26 from January 1, 2017.

139.27 (b) Minnesota Statutes 2016, sections 129C.10, subdivision 5a; and 129C.30, are repealed
139.28 effective July 1, 2017.

139.29 ARTICLE 6

139.30 NUTRITION

139.31 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 123B.52, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

140.1 Subdivision 1. **Contracts.** A contract for work or labor, or for the purchase of furniture,
140.2 fixtures, or other property, except books registered under the copyright laws and information
140.3 systems software, or for the construction or repair of school houses, the estimated cost or
140.4 value of which shall exceed that specified in section 471.345, subdivision 3, must not be
140.5 made by the school board without first advertising for bids or proposals by two weeks'
140.6 published notice in the official newspaper. This notice must state the time and place of
140.7 receiving bids and contain a brief description of the subject matter.

140.8 Additional publication in the official newspaper or elsewhere may be made as the board
140.9 shall deem necessary.

140.10 After taking into consideration conformity with the specifications, terms of delivery,
140.11 and other conditions imposed in the call for bids, every such contract for which a call for
140.12 bids has been issued must be awarded to the lowest responsible bidder, be duly executed
140.13 in writing, and be otherwise conditioned as required by law. The person to whom the contract
140.14 is awarded shall give a sufficient bond to the board for its faithful performance.

140.15 Notwithstanding section 574.26 or any other law to the contrary, on a contract limited to
140.16 the purchase of a finished tangible product, a board may require, at its discretion, a
140.17 performance bond of a contractor in the amount the board considers necessary. A record
140.18 must be kept of all bids, with names of bidders and amount of bids, and with the successful
140.19 bid indicated thereon. A bid containing an alteration or erasure of any price contained in
140.20 the bid which is used in determining the lowest responsible bid must be rejected unless the
140.21 alteration or erasure is corrected as provided in this section. An alteration or erasure may
140.22 be crossed out and the correction thereof printed in ink or typewritten adjacent thereto and
140.23 initialed in ink by the person signing the bid. In the case of identical low bids from two or
140.24 more bidders, the board may, at its discretion, utilize negotiated procurement methods with
140.25 the tied low bidders for that particular transaction, so long as the price paid does not exceed
140.26 the low tied bid price. In the case where only a single bid is received, the board may, at its
140.27 discretion, negotiate a mutually agreeable contract with the bidder so long as the price paid
140.28 does not exceed the original bid. If no satisfactory bid is received, the board may readvertise.
140.29 Standard requirement price contracts established for supplies or services to be purchased
140.30 by the district must be established by competitive bids. Such standard requirement price
140.31 contracts may contain escalation clauses and may provide for a negotiated price increase
140.32 or decrease based upon a demonstrable industrywide or regional increase or decrease in the
140.33 vendor's costs. Either party to the contract may request that the other party demonstrate
140.34 such increase or decrease. The term of such contracts must not exceed two years with an
140.35 option on the part of the district to renew for an additional two years, except as provided in

141.1 subdivision 7. Contracts for the purchase of perishable food items, except milk for school
141.2 lunches and vocational training programs, in any amount may be made by direct negotiation
141.3 by obtaining two or more written quotations for the purchase or sale, when possible, without
141.4 advertising for bids or otherwise complying with the requirements of this section or section
141.5 471.345, subdivision 3. All quotations obtained shall be kept on file for a period of at least
141.6 one year after receipt.

141.7 Every contract made without compliance with the provisions of this section shall be
141.8 void. Except in the case of the destruction of buildings or injury thereto, where the public
141.9 interest would suffer by delay, contracts for repairs may be made without advertising for
141.10 bids.

141.11 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective for contracts entered into on or after July
141.12 1, 2017.

141.13 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 123B.52, is amended by adding a subdivision to
141.14 read:

141.15 **Subd. 7. Food service contracts.** A contract between a school board and a food service
141.16 management company that complies with Code of Federal Regulations, title 7, section
141.17 210.16, may be renewed annually after its initial term for not more than four additional
141.18 years.

141.19 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective for contracts entered into on or after July
141.20 1, 2017.

141.21 Sec. 3. **APPROPRIATIONS.**

141.22 **Subdivision 1. Department of Education.** The sums indicated in this section are
141.23 appropriated from the general fund to the Department of Education for the fiscal years
141.24 designated.

141.25 **Subd. 2. School lunch.** For school lunch aid under Minnesota Statutes, section 124D.111,
141.26 and Code of Federal Regulations, title 7, section 210.17:

141.27 \$ 16,721,000 2018

141.28 \$ 17,223,000 2019

141.29 **Subd. 3. School breakfast.** For traditional school breakfast aid under Minnesota Statutes,
141.30 section 124D.1158:

141.31 \$ 10,601,000 2018

141.32 \$ 11,359,000 2019

142.1 Subd. 4. Kindergarten milk. For kindergarten milk aid under Minnesota Statutes,
142.2 section 124D.118:

142.3 \$ 758,000 2018

142.4 \$ 758,000 2019

142.5 Subd. 5. Summer school food service replacement aid. For summer school food service

142.6 replacement aid under Minnesota Statutes, section 124D.119:

142.7 \$ 150,000 2018

142.8 \$ 150,000 2019

ARTICLE 7

LIBRARIES

142.11 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 134.31, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

142.12 Subd. 2. **Advice and instruction.** The Department of Education shall give advice and
142.13 instruction to the managers of any public library or to any governing body maintaining a
142.14 library or empowered to do so by law upon any matter pertaining to the organization,
142.15 maintenance, or administration of libraries. The department may also give advice and
142.16 instruction, as requested, to postsecondary educational institutions, school districts or charter
142.17 schools, state agencies, governmental units, nonprofit organizations, or private entities. It
142.18 shall assist, to the extent possible, in the establishment and organization of library service
142.19 in those areas where adequate services do not exist, and may aid in improving previously
142.20 established library services. The department shall also provide assistance to school districts,
142.21 regional library systems, and member libraries interested in offering joint library services
142.22 at a single location.

142.23 **Sec. 2. APPROPRIATIONS.**

142.24 Subdivision 1. Department of Education. The sums indicated in this section are
142.25 appropriated from the general fund to the Department of Education for the fiscal years
142.26 designated.

142.27 Subd. 2. **Basic system support.** For basic system support aid under Minnesota Statutes,
142.28 section 134.355:

142.29 \$ 13,570,000 2018

142.30 \$ 13,570,000 2019

142.31 The 2018 appropriation includes \$1,357,000 for 2017 and \$12,213,000 for 2018.

142.32 The 2019 appropriation includes \$1,357,000 for 2018 and \$12,213,000 for 2019.

143.1 Subd. 3. Multicounty, multitype library systems. For aid under Minnesota Statutes,
143.2 sections 134.353 and 134.354, to multicounty, multitype library systems:

143.3 \$ 1,300,000 2018

143.4 \$ 1,300,000 2019

143.5 The 2018 appropriation includes \$130,000 for 2017 and \$1,170,000 for 2018.

143.6 The 2019 appropriation includes \$130,000 for 2018 and \$1,170,000 for 2019.

143.7 Subd. 4. Electronic library for Minnesota. For statewide licenses to online databases
143.8 selected in cooperation with the Minnesota Office of Higher Education for school media
143.9 centers, public libraries, state government agency libraries, and public or private college or
143.10 university libraries:

143.11 \$ 900,000 2018

143.12 \$ 900,000 2019

143.13 Any balance in the first year does not cancel but is available in the second year.

143.14 Subd. 5. Regional library telecommunications aid. For regional library
143.15 telecommunications aid under Minnesota Statutes, section 134.355:

143.16 \$ 2,300,000 2018

143.17 \$ 2,300,000 2019

143.18 The 2018 appropriation includes \$230,000 for 2017 and \$2,070,000 for 2018.

143.19 The 2019 appropriation includes \$230,000 for 2018 and \$2,070,000 for 2019.

143.20 **ARTICLE 8**

143.21 **EARLY CHILDHOOD AND FAMILY SUPPORT**

143.22 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 124D.151, subdivision 5, is amended to read:

143.23 Subd. 5. **Application process; priority for high poverty schools.** (a) To qualify for
143.24 program approval for fiscal year 2017, a district or charter school must submit an application
143.25 to the commissioner by July 1, 2016. To qualify for program approval for fiscal year 2018
143.26 and later, a district or charter school must submit an application to the commissioner by
143.27 January 30 of the fiscal year prior to the fiscal year in which the program will be
143.28 implemented. The application must include:

143.29 (1) a description of the proposed program, including the number of hours per week the
143.30 program will be offered at each school site or mixed-delivery location;

144.1 (2) an estimate of the number of eligible children to be served in the program at each
144.2 school site or mixed-delivery location; and

144.3 (3) a statement of assurances signed by the superintendent or charter school director that
144.4 the proposed program meets the requirements of subdivision 2.

144.5 (b) The commissioner must review all applications submitted for fiscal year 2017 by
144.6 August 1, 2016, and must review all applications submitted for fiscal year 2018 and later
144.7 by March 1 of the fiscal year in which the applications are received and determine whether
144.8 each application meets the requirements of paragraph (a).

144.9 (c) The commissioner must divide all applications for new or expanded voluntary
144.10 prekindergarten programs under this section meeting the requirements of paragraph (a) and
144.11 school readiness plus programs into four groups as follows: the Minneapolis and St. Paul
144.12 school districts; other school districts located in the metropolitan equity region as defined
144.13 in section 126C.10, subdivision 28; school districts located in the rural equity region as
144.14 defined in section 126C.10, subdivision 28; and charter schools. Within each group, the
144.15 applications must be ordered by rank using a sliding scale based on the following criteria:

144.16 (1) concentration of kindergarten students eligible for free or reduced-price lunches by
144.17 school site on October 1 of the previous school year. A school site may contract to partner
144.18 with a community based provider or Head Start under subdivision 3 or establish an early
144.19 childhood center and use the concentration of kindergarten students eligible for free or
144.20 reduced price meals from a specific school site as long as those eligible children are
144.21 prioritized and guaranteed services at the mixed-delivery site or early education center. For
144.22 school district programs to be operated at locations that do not have free and reduced-price
144.23 lunch concentration data for kindergarten programs for October 1 of the previous school
144.24 year, including mixed-delivery programs, the school district average concentration of
144.25 kindergarten students eligible for free or reduced-price lunches must be used for the rank
144.26 ordering;

144.27 (2) presence or absence of a three- or four-star Parent Aware rated program within the
144.28 school district or close proximity of the district. School sites with the highest concentration
144.29 of kindergarten students eligible for free or reduced-price lunches that do not have a three-
144.30 or four-star Parent Aware program within the district or close proximity of the district shall
144.31 receive the highest priority, and school sites with the lowest concentration of kindergarten
144.32 students eligible for free or reduced-price lunches that have a three- or four-star Parent
144.33 Aware rated program within the district or close proximity of the district shall receive the
144.34 lowest priority; and

145.1 (3) whether the district has implemented a mixed delivery system.

145.2 (d) The aid available limit on participation for the program programs as specified in
145.3 subdivision 6, paragraph (b), must initially be allocated among the four groups based on
145.4 each group's percentage share of the statewide kindergarten enrollment on October 1 of the
145.5 previous school year. Within each group, the available aid participation limit for fiscal years
145.6 2018 and 2019 must first be allocated to school sites approved for aid in the previous year
145.7 to ensure that those sites are funded for the same number of participants as approved for
145.8 the previous year. The remainder of the participation limit for each group must be allocated
145.9 among school sites in priority order until that region's share of the aid participation limit
145.10 is reached. If the aid participation limit is not reached for all groups, the remaining amount
145.11 must be allocated to the highest priority school sites, as designated under this section, not
145.12 funded in the initial allocation on a statewide basis. For fiscal year 2020 and later, the
145.13 participation limit must first be allocated to school sites approved for aid in fiscal year 2017,
145.14 and then to school sites approved for aid in fiscal year 2018 based on the statewide rankings
145.15 under paragraph(c).

145.16 (e) Once a school site or a mixed delivery site under subdivision 3 is approved for aid
145.17 under this subdivision, it shall remain eligible for aid if it continues to meet program
145.18 requirements, regardless of changes in the concentration of students eligible for free or
145.19 reduced-price lunches.

145.20 (f) If the total aid entitlement number of participants approved based on applications
145.21 submitted under paragraph (a) is less than the aid entitlement participation limit under
145.22 subdivision 6, paragraph (b), the commissioner must notify all school districts and charter
145.23 schools of the amount that remains available within 30 days of the initial application deadline
145.24 under paragraph (a), and complete a second round of allocations based on applications
145.25 received within 60 days of the initial application deadline.

145.26 (g) Procedures for approving applications submitted under paragraph (f) shall be the
145.27 same as specified in paragraphs (a) to (d), except that the allocations shall be made to the
145.28 highest priority school sites not funded in the initial allocation on a statewide basis.

145.29 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective for fiscal year 2018 and later.

145.30 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 124D.151, subdivision 6, is amended to read:

145.31 Subd. 6. **Program and aid entitlement Participation limits.** (a) Notwithstanding section
145.32 126C.05, subdivision 1, paragraph (d), the pupil units for a voluntary prekindergarten
145.33 program for an eligible school district or charter school must not exceed 60 percent of the

146.1 kindergarten pupil units for that school district or charter school under section 126C.05,
146.2 subdivision 1, paragraph (e).

146.3 (b) In reviewing applications under subdivision 5, the commissioner must limit the
146.4 estimated state aid entitlement approved under this section to \$27,092,000 for fiscal year
146.5 2017, ~~\$27,239,000 for fiscal year 2018, and \$26,399,000 for fiscal year 2019 and later.~~ If
146.6 the actual state aid entitlement based on final data exceeds the limit in any year, the aid of
146.7 the participating districts must be prorated so as not to exceed the limit.

146.8 (c) The commissioner must limit the total number of funded participants in the voluntary
146.9 prekindergarten program under this section to not more than 3,160.

146.10 (d) Notwithstanding paragraph (c), the commissioner must limit the total number of
146.11 participants in the voluntary prekindergarten and school readiness plus programs to not
146.12 more than 6,160 participants for fiscal year 2018 and 7,160 participants for fiscal year 2019.

146.13 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective for revenue for fiscal year 2018 and later.

146.14 Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 124D.165, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

146.15 Subdivision 1. **Establishment; purpose.** There is established an early learning
146.16 scholarships program in order to ~~increase~~ close the opportunity gap by increasing access to
146.17 high-quality early childhood programs for children ages three to five.

146.18 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 1, 2017.

146.19 Sec. 4. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 124D.165, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

146.20 Subd. 2. **Family eligibility.** (a) For a family to receive an early learning scholarship,
146.21 parents or guardians must meet the following eligibility requirements:

146.22 (1) have a an eligible child ~~three or four years of age on September 1 of the current~~
146.23 ~~school year, who has not yet started kindergarten; and~~

146.24 (2) have income equal to or less than 185 percent of federal poverty level income in the
146.25 current calendar year, or be able to document their child's current participation in the free
146.26 and reduced-price lunch program or child and adult care food program, National School
146.27 Lunch Act, United States Code, title 42, sections 1751 and 1766; the Food Distribution
146.28 Program on Indian Reservations, Food and Nutrition Act, United States Code, title 7, sections
146.29 2011-2036; Head Start under the federal Improving Head Start for School Readiness Act
146.30 of 2007; Minnesota family investment program under chapter 256J; child care assistance

147.1 programs under chapter 119B; the supplemental nutrition assistance program; or placement
147.2 in foster care under section 260C.212.

147.3 ~~(b) Notwithstanding the other provisions of this section, a parent under age 21 who is~~
147.4 ~~pursuing a high school or general education equivalency diploma is eligible for an early~~
147.5 ~~learning scholarship if the parent has a child age zero to five years old and meets the income~~
147.6 ~~eligibility guidelines in this subdivision.~~

147.7 ~~(e) Any siblings between the ages zero to~~ (b) An "eligible child" means a child who has
147.8 not yet enrolled in kindergarten and is:

147.9 (1) at least three but not yet five years of age on September 1 of the current school year;

147.10 (2) a sibling from birth to age five years old of a child who has been awarded a
147.11 scholarship under this section ~~must be awarded a scholarship upon request,~~ provided the
147.12 sibling attends the same program as long as funds are available;

147.13 (3) the child of a parent under age 21 who is pursuing a high school degree or a course
147.14 of study for a high school equivalency test; or

147.15 (4) homeless, in foster care, or in need of child protective services.

147.16 ~~(d)~~ (c) A child who has received a scholarship under this section must continue to receive
147.17 a scholarship each year until that child is eligible for kindergarten under section 120A.20
147.18 and as long as funds are available.

147.19 ~~(e)~~ (d) Early learning scholarships may not be counted as earned income for the purposes
147.20 of medical assistance under chapter 256B, MinnesotaCare under chapter 256L, Minnesota
147.21 family investment program under chapter 256J, child care assistance programs under chapter
147.22 119B, or Head Start under the federal Improving Head Start for School Readiness Act of
147.23 2007.

147.24 ~~(f)~~ (e) A child from an adjoining state whose family resides at a Minnesota address as
147.25 assigned by the United States Postal Service, who has received developmental screening
147.26 under sections 121A.16 to 121A.19, who intends to enroll in a Minnesota school district,
147.27 and whose family meets the criteria of paragraph (a) is eligible for an early learning
147.28 scholarship under this section.

147.29 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 1, 2017.

147.30 Sec. 5. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 124D.165, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

147.31 Subd. 3. **Administration.** (a) The commissioner shall establish application timelines
147.32 and determine the schedule for awarding scholarships that meets operational needs of eligible

148.1 families and programs. The commissioner must give highest priority to applications from
148.2 children who:

148.3 (1) have a parent under age 21 who is pursuing a high school diploma or a course of
148.4 study for a high school equivalency test;

148.5 (2) are in foster care or otherwise in need of protection or services; or

148.6 (3) have experienced homelessness in the last 24 months, as defined under the federal
148.7 McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act, United States Code, title 42, section 11434a.

148.8 The commissioner may prioritize applications on additional factors including family
148.9 income, geographic location, and whether the child's family is on a waiting list for a publicly
148.10 funded program providing early education or child care services.

148.11 (b) ~~For fiscal years 2014 and 2015 only, scholarships may not exceed \$5,000 per year~~
148.12 ~~for each eligible child. For fiscal year 2016 and later, The commissioner shall establish a~~
148.13 ~~target for the average scholarship amount per child based on the results of the rate survey~~
148.14 ~~conducted under section 119B.02.~~

148.15 (c) A four-star rated program that has children eligible for a scholarship enrolled in or
148.16 on a waiting list for a program beginning in July, August, or September may notify the
148.17 commissioner, in the form and manner prescribed by the commissioner, each year of the
148.18 program's desire to enhance program services or to serve more children than current funding
148.19 provides. The commissioner may designate a predetermined number of scholarship slots
148.20 for that program and notify the program of that number. For fiscal year 2018 and later, the
148.21 statewide amount of funding directly designated by the commissioner must not exceed the
148.22 funding directly designated for fiscal year 2017. Beginning July 1, 2016, a school district
148.23 or Head Start program qualifying under this paragraph may use its established registration
148.24 process to enroll scholarship recipients and may verify a scholarship recipient's family
148.25 income in the same manner as for other program participants.

148.26 (d) A scholarship is awarded for a 12-month period. If the scholarship recipient has not
148.27 been accepted and subsequently enrolled in a rated program within ten months of the
148.28 awarding of the scholarship, the scholarship cancels and the recipient must reapply in order
148.29 to be eligible for another scholarship. A child may not be awarded more than one scholarship
148.30 in a 12-month period.

148.31 (e) A child who receives a scholarship who has not completed development screening
148.32 under sections 121A.16 to 121A.19 must complete that screening within 90 days of first
148.33 attending an eligible program.

149.1 (f) For fiscal year 2017 and later, a school district or Head Start program enrolling
149.2 scholarship recipients under paragraph (c) may apply to the commissioner, in the form and
149.3 manner prescribed by the commissioner, for direct payment of state aid. Upon receipt of
149.4 the application, the commissioner must pay each program directly for each approved
149.5 scholarship recipient enrolled under paragraph (c) according to the metered payment system
149.6 or another schedule established by the commissioner.

149.7 Sec. 6. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 124D.165, subdivision 4, is amended to read:

149.8 Subd. 4. **Early childhood program eligibility.** (a) In order to be eligible to accept an
149.9 early learning scholarship, a program must:

149.10 (1) participate in the quality rating and improvement system under section 124D.142;
149.11 and

149.12 (2) beginning July 1, ~~2016~~ 2020, have a three- or four-star rating in the quality rating
149.13 and improvement system.

149.14 (b) Any program accepting scholarships must use the revenue to supplement and not
149.15 supplant federal funding.

149.16 (c) Notwithstanding paragraph (a), all Minnesota early learning foundation scholarship
149.17 program pilot sites are eligible to accept an early learning scholarship under this section.

149.18 Sec. 7. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 124D.59, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

149.19 Subd. 2. **English learner.** (a) "English learner" means a pupil in kindergarten through
149.20 grade 12 or a prekindergarten student enrolled in an approved voluntary prekindergarten
149.21 program under section 124D.151 or a school readiness plus program who meets the
149.22 requirements under subdivision 2a or the following requirements:

149.23 (1) the pupil, as declared by a parent or guardian first learned a language other than
149.24 English, comes from a home where the language usually spoken is other than English, or
149.25 usually speaks a language other than English; and

149.26 (2) the pupil is determined by a valid assessment measuring the pupil's English language
149.27 proficiency and by developmentally appropriate measures, which might include observations,
149.28 teacher judgment, parent recommendations, or developmentally appropriate assessment
149.29 instruments, to lack the necessary English skills to participate fully in academic classes
149.30 taught in English.

150.1 (b) A pupil enrolled in a Minnesota public school in any grade 4 through 12 who in the
150.2 previous school year took a commissioner-provided assessment measuring the pupil's
150.3 emerging academic English, shall be counted as an English learner in calculating English
150.4 learner pupil units under section 126C.05, subdivision 17, and shall generate state English
150.5 learner aid under section 124D.65, subdivision 5, if the pupil scored below the state cutoff
150.6 score or is otherwise counted as a nonproficient participant on the assessment measuring
150.7 the pupil's emerging academic English, or, in the judgment of the pupil's classroom teachers,
150.8 consistent with section 124D.61, clause (1), the pupil is unable to demonstrate academic
150.9 language proficiency in English, including oral academic language, sufficient to successfully
150.10 and fully participate in the general core curriculum in the regular classroom.

150.11 (c) Notwithstanding paragraphs (a) and (b), a pupil in prekindergarten under section
150.12 124D.151, through grade 12 shall not be counted as an English learner in calculating English
150.13 learner pupil units under section 126C.05, subdivision 17, and shall not generate state English
150.14 learner aid under section 124D.65, subdivision 5, if:

150.15 (1) the pupil is not enrolled during the current fiscal year in an educational program for
150.16 English learners under sections 124D.58 to 124D.64; or

150.17 (2) the pupil has generated seven or more years of average daily membership in Minnesota
150.18 public schools since July 1, 1996.

150.19 Sec. 8. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 126C.05, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

150.20 Subdivision 1. **Pupil unit.** Pupil units for each Minnesota resident pupil under the age
150.21 of 21 or who meets the requirements of section 120A.20, subdivision 1, paragraph (c), in
150.22 average daily membership enrolled in the district of residence, in another district under
150.23 sections 123A.05 to 123A.08, 124D.03, 124D.08, or 124D.68; in a charter school under
150.24 chapter 124E; or for whom the resident district pays tuition under section 123A.18, 123A.22,
150.25 123A.30, 123A.32, 123A.44, 123A.488, 123B.88, subdivision 4, 124D.04, 124D.05, 125A.03
150.26 to 125A.24, 125A.51, or 125A.65, shall be counted according to this subdivision.

150.27 (a) A prekindergarten pupil with a disability who is enrolled in a program approved by
150.28 the commissioner and has an individualized education program is counted as the ratio of
150.29 the number of hours of assessment and education service to 825 times 1.0 with a minimum
150.30 average daily membership of 0.28, but not more than 1.0 pupil unit.

150.31 (b) A prekindergarten pupil who is assessed but determined not to be disabled is counted
150.32 as the ratio of the number of hours of assessment service to 825 times 1.0.

151.1 (c) A kindergarten pupil with a disability who is enrolled in a program approved by the
151.2 commissioner is counted as the ratio of the number of hours of assessment and education
151.3 services required in the fiscal year by the pupil's individualized education program to 875,
151.4 but not more than one.

151.5 (d) A prekindergarten pupil who is not included in paragraph (a) or (b) and is enrolled
151.6 in an approved voluntary prekindergarten program under section 124D.151 is counted as
151.7 the ratio of the number of hours of instruction to 850 times 1.0, but not more than 0.6 pupil
151.8 units.

151.9 (e) A kindergarten pupil who is not included in paragraph (c) is counted as 1.0 pupil
151.10 unit if the pupil is enrolled in a free all-day, every day kindergarten program available to
151.11 all kindergarten pupils at the pupil's school that meets the minimum hours requirement in
151.12 section 120A.41, or is counted as .55 pupil unit, if the pupil is not enrolled in a free all-day,
151.13 every day kindergarten program available to all kindergarten pupils at the pupil's school.

151.14 (f) A pupil who is in any of grades 1 to 6 is counted as 1.0 pupil unit.

151.15 (g) A pupil who is in any of grades 7 to 12 is counted as 1.2 pupil units.

151.16 (h) A pupil who is in the postsecondary enrollment options program is counted as 1.2
151.17 pupil units.

151.18 (i) For fiscal years 2018 and 2019 only, a prekindergarten pupil who;

151.19 (1) is not included in paragraphs (a), (b), or (d);

151.20 (2) is enrolled in a school readiness plus program; and

151.21 (3) has one or more of the risk factors specified by the eligibility requirements for a
151.22 school readiness plus program;

151.23 is counted as the ratio of the number of hours of instruction to 850 times 1.0, but not
151.24 more than 0.6 pupil units. A pupil qualifying under this paragraph must be counted in the
151.25 same manner as a voluntary prekindergarten student for all general education and other
151.26 school funding formulas.

151.27 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** Paragraph (i) of this section expires at the end of fiscal year 2019.

151.28 Sec. 9. **SCHOOL READINESS PLUS PROGRAM.**

151.29 Subdivision 1. **Establishment; purpose.** A district, a charter school, or a group of
151.30 districts and charter schools may establish a school readiness plus program for children age

152.1 four to kindergarten entrance. The purpose of a school readiness plus program is to prepare
152.2 children for success as they enter kindergarten in the following year.

152.3 Subd. 2. **Program Requirements.** A school readiness plus program provider must:

152.4 (1) assess each child's cognitive and language skills with a comprehensive child
152.5 assessment instrument when the child enters and again before the child leaves the program
152.6 to improve program planning and implementation, communicate with parents, and promote
152.7 kindergarten readiness;

152.8 (2) provide comprehensive program content and intentional instructional practice aligned
152.9 with the state early childhood learning guidelines and kindergarten standards and based on
152.10 early childhood research and professional practice that is focused on children's cognitive,
152.11 social, emotional, and physical skills and development and prepares children for the transition
152.12 to kindergarten, including early literacy and language skills;

152.13 (3) coordinate appropriate kindergarten transition with parents and kindergarten teachers;

152.14 (4) involve parents in program planning and decision making;

152.15 (5) coordinate with relevant community-based services;

152.16 (6) cooperate with adult basic education programs and other adult literacy programs;

152.17 (7) ensure staff-to-child ratios of one-to-ten and a maximum group size of 20 children
152.18 with at least one licensed teacher;

152.19 (8) have teachers knowledgeable in early childhood curriculum content, assessment,
152.20 native and English language development programs, and instruction; and

152.21 (9) provide instructional content and activities that are of sufficient length and intensity
152.22 to address learning needs including offering a program with at least 350 hours of instruction
152.23 per school year.

152.24 Subd. 3. **Mixed delivery of services.** A district or charter school may contract with a
152.25 charter school, Head Start or child care center, family child care program licensed under
152.26 Minnesota Statutes section 245A.03, or a community-based organization to provide eligible
152.27 children with developmentally appropriate services that meet the program requirements in
152.28 subdivision 2.

152.29 Subd. 4. **Eligibility.** (a) A child who is four years of age as of September 1 in the calendar
152.30 year in which the school year commences and has one or more of the risk factors under
152.31 paragraph (b) is eligible to participate in a school readiness plus program free of charge. A
152.32 child who is four years of age as of September 1 in the calendar year in which the school

153.1 year commences and does not have one or more of the risk factors under paragraph (b) may
153.2 participate on a fee-for-service basis. A district must adopt a sliding fee schedule based on
153.3 a family's income but must waive a fee for a participant unable to pay. School districts and
153.4 charter schools must use school readiness plus aid for eligible children. Each eligible child
153.5 must complete a health and developmental screening within 90 days of program enrollment
153.6 under Minnesota Statutes sections 121A.16 to 121A.19, and provide documentation of
153.7 required immunizations under section 121A.15.

153.8 (b) An at-risk four-year-old child may participate in the school readiness plus program
153.9 free of charge if the child:

153.10 (1) qualifies for free or reduced price lunch;

153.11 (2) is an English language learner;

153.12 (3) is homeless;

153.13 (4) has an individualized education program, or individual interagency intervention plan;

153.14 (5) is identified through health and developmental screening under Minnesota Statutes,
153.15 sections 121A.16 to 121.19, with a potential risk factor that may influence learning; or

153.16 (6) is in foster care.

153.17 Subd. 5. **Application process; priority for high poverty schools.** (a) For 2017-2018
153.18 school year, a school district or charter school that did not apply to participate in a voluntary
153.19 prekindergarten program under Minnesota Statutes, section 124D.151, may apply to the
153.20 commissioner by July 1, 2017 to participate in a school readiness plus program in the form
153.21 and manner specified by the commissioner. By June 15, 2017, the commissioner must notify
153.22 districts and charter schools of the availability of additional money for voluntary
153.23 prekindergarten and school readiness plus programs. A school district or charter school that
153.24 previously applied to participate in a voluntary prekindergarten program may amend its
153.25 application by July 1, 2017 to apply instead for school readiness plus. The commissioner
153.26 must review all applications for school readiness plus and notify applicant districts and
153.27 charter schools by August 1, 2017 whether they have been selected for participation.

153.28 (b) For the 2018-2019 school year, a school district or charter school may apply to the
153.29 commissioner by January 30, 2018, to participate in school readiness plus in the form and
153.30 manner specified by the commissioner.

153.31 (c) A district or charter school submitting an application under this section must include:

153.32 (1) a description of the proposed program, including the number of hours per week the
153.33 program will be offered at each school site or mixed-delivery location; (2) an estimate of

154.1 the number of eligible children to be served in the program at each school site or
154.2 mixed-delivery location; (3) the number of children being served that will be new to the
154.3 program; and (4) a statement of assurances signed by the superintendent or charter school
154.4 director that the proposed program meets the requirements of subdivision 2.

154.5 (d) The commissioner must award funding for school readiness plus programs across
154.6 school districts and charter schools in the same manner as for the voluntary prekindergarten
154.7 program.

154.8 (e) A school site or mixed-delivery site approved for aid under this subdivision remains
154.9 eligible for aid if the site continues to meet program requirements, regardless of changes in
154.10 the concentration of students eligible for free or reduced-price lunches.

154.11 Subd. 6. **No supplanting.** For a site first qualifying in fiscal year 2018 or 2019, mixed
154.12 delivery revenue, including voluntary prekindergarten and school readiness plus program
154.13 revenue, must be used to supplement not supplant existing state, federal, and local revenue
154.14 for prekindergarten activities.

154.15 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.

154.16 Sec. 10. **APPROPRIATIONS.**

154.17 Subdivision 1. **Department of Education.** The sums indicated in this section are
154.18 appropriated from the general fund to the Department of Education for the fiscal years
154.19 designated.

154.20 Subd. 2. **School readiness.** For revenue for school readiness programs under Minnesota
154.21 Statutes, sections 124D.15 and 124D.16:

154.22 \$ 33,683,000 2018

154.23 \$ 33,683,000 2019

154.24 The 2018 appropriation includes \$3,368,000 for 2017 and \$30,315,000 for 2018.

154.25 The 2019 appropriation includes \$3,368,000 for 2018 and \$30,315,000 for 2019.

154.26 Subd. 3. **Mixed delivery prekindergarten programs.** (a) For mixed delivery
154.27 prekindergarten programs and school readiness plus programs:

154.28 \$ 21,429,000 2018

154.29 \$ 28,571,000 2019

154.30 (b) The fiscal year 2018 appropriation includes \$0 for 2017 and \$21,429,000 for 2018.

155.1 (c) The fiscal year 2019 appropriation includes \$2,381,000 for 2018 and \$26,190,000
155.2 for 2019.

155.3 (d) The commissioner must proportionately allocate the amounts appropriated in this
155.4 subdivision among each education funding program affected by the enrollment of mixed
155.5 delivery system prekindergarten pupils.

155.6 (e) The appropriation under this subdivision is reduced by any other amounts specifically
155.7 appropriated for those purposes.

155.8 **Subd. 4. Early learning scholarships.** (a) For the early learning scholarship program
155.9 under Minnesota Statutes, section 124D.165:

155.10 \$ 70,209,000 2018

155.11 \$ 70,209,000 2019

155.12 (b) Up to \$950,000 each year is for administration of this program.

155.13 (c) Any balance in the first year does not cancel but is available in the second year.

155.14 (d) The base for fiscal year 2020 is \$70,709,000.

155.15 **Subd. 5. Head Start program.** For Head Start programs under Minnesota Statutes,
155.16 section 119A.52:

155.17 \$ 25,100,000 2018

155.18 \$ 25,100,000 2019

155.19 **Subd. 5. Early childhood family education aid.** For early childhood family education
155.20 aid under Minnesota Statutes, section 124D.135:

155.21 \$ 30,405,000 2018

155.22 \$ 31,977,000 2019

155.23 The 2018 appropriation includes \$2,904,000 for 2017 and \$27,501,000 for 2018.

155.24 The 2019 appropriation includes \$3,055,000 for 2018 and \$28,922,000 for 2019.

155.25 **Subd. 6. Developmental screening aid.** For developmental screening aid under
155.26 Minnesota Statutes, sections 121A.17 and 121A.19:

155.27 \$ 3,606,000 2018

155.28 \$ 3,629,000 2019

155.29 The 2018 appropriation includes \$358,000 for 2017 and \$3,248,000 for 2018.

155.30 The 2019 appropriation includes \$360,000 for 2018 and \$3,269,000 for 2019.

155.31 **Subd. 7. Parent-child home program.** For a grant to the parent-child home program:

156.1 \$ 900,000 2018

156.2 \$ 900,000 2019

156.3 The grant must be used for an evidence-based and research-validated early childhood
156.4 literacy and school readiness program for children ages 16 months to four years at its existing
156.5 suburban program location. The program must include urban and rural program locations
156.6 for fiscal years 2018 and 2019.

156.7 The base for this program for fiscal year 2020 and later is \$900,000.

156.8 Subd. 8. **Kindergarten entrance assessment initiative and intervention program.**

156.9 For the kindergarten entrance assessment initiative and intervention program under Minnesota
156.10 Statutes, section 124D.162:

156.11 \$ 281,000 2018

156.12 \$ 281,000 2019

156.13 Subd. 9. **Quality rating and improvement system.** (a) For transfer to the commissioner
156.14 of human services for the purposes of expanding the quality rating and improvement system
156.15 under Minnesota Statutes, section 124D.142, in greater Minnesota and increasing supports
156.16 for providers participating in the quality rating and improvement system:

156.17 \$ 1,750,000 2018

156.18 \$ 1,750,000 2019

156.19 (b) The amounts in paragraph (a) must be in addition to any federal funding under the
156.20 child care and development block grant authorized under Public Law 101-508 in that year
156.21 for the system under Minnesota Statutes, section 124D.142.

156.22 (c) Any balance in the first year does not cancel but is available in the second year.

156.23 (d) The base for this program in fiscal year 2020 and later is \$1,750,000.

156.24 Subd. 10. **Early childhood programs at tribal schools.** For early childhood family
156.25 education programs at tribal contract schools under Minnesota Statutes, section 124D.83,
156.26 subdivision 4:

156.27 \$ 68,000 2018

156.28 \$ 68,000 2019

156.29 Subd. 11. **Educate parents partnership.** For the educate parents partnership under
156.30 Minnesota Statutes, section 124D.129:

156.31 \$ 49,000 2018

156.32 \$ 49,000 2019

157.1 Subd. 12. **Home visiting aid.** For home visiting aid under Minnesota Statutes, section
157.2 124D.135:

157.3 \$ 527,000 2018

157.4 \$ 571,000 2019

157.5 The 2018 appropriation includes \$0 for 2017 and \$527,000 for 2018.

157.6 The 2019 appropriation includes \$58,000 for 2018 and \$513,000 for 2019.

ARTICLE 9

COMMUNITY EDUCATION AND PREVENTION

Section 1. [124D.99] EDUCATION PARTNERSHIPS COALITION FUND.

157.10 Subdivision 1. Program establishment. The commissioner of education shall establish
157.11 a program supporting a coalition of coordinated, aligned education partnerships as specified
157.12 in this section, for a comprehensive network of evidence-based support services designed
157.13 to close opportunity gaps by improving educational and developmental outcomes of children
157.14 and their families within communities experiencing poverty and impediments to economic
157.15 viability.

157.16 Subd. 2. Definitions. (a) For purposes of this section the terms defined in this subdivision

157.17 have the meanings given them.

157.18 (b) "Tier 1 grant" means a sustaining grant for the ongoing operation, stability, and
157.19 expansion of existing education partnership program locations.

157.20 (c) "Tier 2 grant" means an implementation grant for expanding activity in education
157.21 partnership program locations.

157.22 Subd. 3. **Administration; design.** (a) The commissioner shall establish program
157.23 requirements, an application process and timeline for each tier of grants specified in
157.24 subdivision 4, criteria for evaluation of applications, and a grant awards process. The
157.25 commissioner's process must minimize administrative costs, minimize burdens for applicants
157.26 and grant recipients, and provide a framework that permits flexibility in program design
157.27 and implementation among grant recipients.

157.28 (b) To the extent practicable, the commissioner shall design the program to align with
157.29 programs implemented or proposed by organizations in Minnesota that:

157.30 (1) identify and increase the capacity of organizations that are focused on achieving
157.31 data-driven, locally controlled positive outcomes for children and youth throughout an entire

- 158.1 neighborhood or geographic area through programs such as Strive Together, Promise
158.2 Neighborhood, and the Education Partnerships Coalition members;
- 158.3 (2) build a continuum of educational family and community supports with academically
158.4 rigorous schools at the center;
- 158.5 (3) maximize program efficiencies by integrating programmatic activities and eliminating
158.6 administrative barriers;
- 158.7 (4) develop local infrastructure needed to sustain and scale up proven and effective
158.8 solutions beyond the initial neighborhood or geographic area; and
- 158.9 (5) utilize appropriate outcome measures based on unique community needs and interests
158.10 and apply rigorous evaluation on a periodic basis to be used to both monitor outcomes and
158.11 allow for continuous improvements to systems.
- 158.12 (c) A grant recipient's supportive services programming must address:
- 158.13 (1) kindergarten readiness and youth development;
158.14 (2) grade 3 reading proficiency;
158.15 (3) high school graduation;
158.16 (4) postsecondary educational attainment;
158.17 (5) physical and mental health;
158.18 (6) development of career skills and readiness;
158.19 (7) parental engagement and development;
158.20 (8) community engagement and programmatic alignment; and
158.21 (9) reduction of remedial education.
- 158.22 (d) The commissioner, in consultation with grant recipients, must:
- 158.23 (1) develop and revise core indicators of progress toward outcomes specifying impacts
158.24 for each tier identified under subdivision 4;
- 158.25 (2) establish a reporting system for grant recipients to measure program outcomes using
158.26 data sources and program goals; and
- 158.27 (3) evaluate effectiveness based on the core indicators established by each partnership
158.28 for each tier.
- 158.29 Subd. 4. Requirements. A grant recipient's program in the planning, development, or
158.30 implementation phase must include:

159.1 (1) integrated supportive services programming, as specified in paragraph (b), within a
159.2 specific community or geographic area for all ages of children and youth and their families
159.3 within that area, provided that services may be phased in to all ages over time; and

159.4 (2) a system for evaluating goals and outcomes as provided under subdivision 3,
159.5 paragraph (c).

159.6 Subd. 5. **Grants.** The commissioner shall award Tier 1 and Tier 2 grants to qualifying
159.7 recipients that can demonstrate a nonstate source of funds, including in-kind contributions.

159.8 Subd. 6. **Legislative report.** By December 15 of each odd-numbered year, the
159.9 commissioner shall submit a report on the education partnership program to the chairs and
159.10 ranking minority members of the legislative committees having jurisdiction over kindergarten
159.11 through grade 12 education, early childhood education, economic development, and human
159.12 services. At a minimum, the report must summarize grantee activities, identify grant
159.13 recipients and awards, analyze program performance measures and outcomes, and make
159.14 any recommendations for legislative changes.

159.15 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 1, 2017, and subdivision 6 applies
159.16 to reports due starting in calendar year 2019.

159.17 Sec. 2. **APPROPRIATIONS.**

159.18 Subdivision 1. **Department of Education.** The sums indicated in this section are
159.19 appropriated from the general fund to the Department of Education for the fiscal years
159.20 designated.

159.21 Subd. 2. **Community education aid.** For community education aid under Minnesota
159.22 Statutes, section 124D.20:

159.23 \$ 483,000 2018

159.24 \$ 393,000 2019

159.25 The 2018 appropriation includes \$53,000 for 2017 and \$430,000 for 2018.

159.26 The 2019 appropriation includes \$47,000 for 2018 and \$346,000 for 2019.

159.27 Subd. 3. **Adults with disabilities program aid.** For adults with disabilities programs
159.28 under Minnesota Statutes, section 124D.56:

159.29 \$ 710,000 2018

159.30 \$ 710,000 2019

159.31 The 2018 appropriation includes \$71,000 for 2017 and \$639,000 for 2018.

- 160.1 The 2019 appropriation includes \$71,000 for 2018 and \$639,000 for 2019.
- 160.2 Subd. 4. **Hearing-impaired adults.** For programs for hearing-impaired adults under
160.3 Minnesota Statutes, section 124D.57:
- 160.4 \$ 70,000 2018
160.5 \$ 70,000 2019
- 160.6 Subd. 5. **School-age care aid.** For school-age care aid under Minnesota Statutes, section
160.7 124D.22:
- 160.8 \$ 1,000 2018
160.9 \$ 1,000 2019
- 160.10 The 2018 appropriation includes \$0 for 2017 and \$1,000 for 2018.
- 160.11 The 2019 appropriation includes \$0 for 2018 and \$1,000 for 2019.
- 160.12 Subd. 6. **Tier 1 grants.** (a) For education partnership program Tier 1 sustaining grants
160.13 under Minnesota Statutes, section 124D.99:
- 160.14 \$ 2,600,000 2018
160.15 \$ 2,600,000 2019
- 160.16 (b) Of the amounts in paragraph (a), \$1,300,000 each year is for the Northside
160.17 Achievement Zone and \$1,300,000 each year is for the St. Paul Promise Neighborhood.
- 160.18 (c) The base funding for Tier 1 sustaining grants is \$2,600,000.
- 160.19 (d) Any balance in the first year does not cancel but is available in the second year.
- 160.20 Subd. 7. **Tier 2 implementing grants.** (a) For Tier 2 implementing grants under
160.21 Minnesota Statutes, section 124D.99:
- 160.22 \$ 480,000 2018
160.23 \$ 480,000 2019
- 160.24 (b) For fiscal years 2018 and 2019 only, \$160,000 each year is for the Northfield Healthy
160.25 Community Initiative in Northfield; \$160,000 is for the Jones Family Foundation for the
160.26 Every Hand Joined program in Red Wing; and \$160,000 is for the United Way of Central
160.27 Minnesota for the Partners for Student Success program.
- 160.28 (c) The base funding for Tier 2 implementing grants is \$480,000. The commissioner
160.29 must competitively award all grants under this subdivision for fiscal year 2020 and later.
- 160.30 (d) Any balance in the first year does not cancel but is available in the second year.

ARTICLE 10

SELF-SUFFICIENCY AND LIFELONG LEARNING

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 124D.52, subdivision 7, is amended to read:

Subd. 7. **Performance tracking system.** (a) By July 1, 2000, each approved adult basic education program must develop and implement a performance tracking system to provide information necessary to comply with federal law and serve as one means of assessing the effectiveness of adult basic education programs. For required reporting, longitudinal studies, and program improvement, the tracking system must be designed to collect data on the following core outcomes for learners, including English learners, who have completed participating in the adult basic education program:

(1) demonstrated improvements in literacy skill levels in reading, writing, speaking the English language, numeracy, problem solving, English language acquisition, and other literacy skills;

(2) placement in, retention in, or completion of postsecondary education, training, unsubsidized employment, or career advancement;

(3) receipt of a secondary school diploma or its recognized equivalent; and

(4) reduction in participation in the diversionary work program, Minnesota family investment program; and food support education and training program.

(b) A district, group of districts, state agency, or private nonprofit organization providing an adult basic education program may meet this requirement by developing a tracking system based on either or both of the following methodologies:

(1) conducting a reliable follow-up survey; or

(2) submitting student information, including collected Social Security numbers for data matching.

~~Data related to obtaining employment must be collected in the first quarter following program completion or can be collected while the student is enrolled, if known. Data related to employment retention must be collected in the third quarter following program exit.~~ Data related to any other of the specified ~~outcome~~ outcomes may be collected at any time during a program year.

(c) When a student in a program is requested to provide the student's Social Security number, the student must be notified in a written form easily understandable to the student that:

162.1 (1) providing the Social Security number is optional and no adverse action may be taken
162.2 against the student if the student chooses not to provide the Social Security number;

162.3 (2) the request is made under section 124D.52, subdivision 7;

162.4 (3) if the student provides the Social Security number, it will be used to assess the
162.5 effectiveness of the program by tracking the student's subsequent career; and

162.6 (4) the Social Security number will be shared with the Department of Education;
162.7 Minnesota State Colleges and Universities; Office of Higher Education; Department of
162.8 Human Services; and Department of Employment and Economic Development in order to
162.9 accomplish the purposes described in paragraph (a) and will not be used for any other
162.10 purpose or reported to any other governmental entities.

162.11 (d) Annually a district, group of districts, state agency, or private nonprofit organization
162.12 providing programs under this section must forward the tracking data collected to the
162.13 Department of Education. For the purposes of longitudinal studies on the employment status
162.14 of former students under this section, the Department of Education must forward the Social
162.15 Security numbers to the Department of Employment and Economic Development to
162.16 electronically match the Social Security numbers of former students with wage detail reports
162.17 filed under section 268.044. The results of data matches must, for purposes of this section
162.18 and consistent with the requirements of the ~~United States Code, title 29, section 2871, of~~
162.19 ~~the Workforce Investment Act of 1998~~ Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act, be
162.20 compiled in a longitudinal form by the Department of Employment and Economic
162.21 Development and released to the Department of Education in the form of summary data
162.22 that does not identify the individual students. The Department of Education may release
162.23 this summary data. State funding for adult basic education programs must not be based on
162.24 the number or percentage of students who decline to provide their Social Security numbers
162.25 or on whether the program is evaluated by means of a follow-up survey instead of data
162.26 matching.

162.27 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 124D.549, is amended to read:

162.28 **124D.549 GENERAL EDUCATION DEVELOPMENT (GED) TESTS RULES;**
162.29 **COMMISSIONER COMMISSIONER-SELECTED HIGH SCHOOL EQUIVALENCY**
162.30 **TEST.**

162.31 The commissioner ~~may amend rules to reflect changes in the national minimum standard~~
162.32 ~~score for passing the general education development (GED) tests, in consultation with adult~~
162.33 basic education stakeholders, must select a high school equivalency test. The commissioner

163.1 may issue a high school equivalency diploma to a Minnesota resident 19 years of age or
163.2 older who has not earned a high school diploma, who has not previously been issued a
163.3 general education development (GED) certification, and who has exceeded or achieved a
163.4 minimum passing score on the equivalency test established by the publisher. The
163.5 commissioner of education may waive the minimum age requirement if supportive evidence
163.6 is provided by an employer or a recognized education or rehabilitation provider.

163.7 Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 124D.55, is amended to read:

163.8 **124D.55 GENERAL EDUCATION DEVELOPMENT (GED)**
163.9 **COMMISSIONER-SELECTED HIGH SCHOOL EQUIVALENCY TEST FEES.**

163.10 The commissioner shall pay 60 percent of the fee that is charged to an eligible individual
163.11 for the full battery of ~~general education development (GED)~~ the commissioner-selected
163.12 high school equivalency tests, but not more than \$40 for an eligible individual.

163.13 For fiscal year 2017 only, the commissioner shall pay 100 percent of the fee charged to
163.14 an eligible individual for the full battery of general education development (GED) tests, but
163.15 not more than the cost of one full battery of tests per year for any individual.

163.16 Sec. 4. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 256J.08, subdivision 38, is amended to read:

163.17 Subd. 38. **Full-time student.** "Full-time student" means a person who is enrolled in a
163.18 graded or ungraded primary, intermediate, secondary, ~~GED~~ commissioner of
163.19 education-selected high school equivalency preparatory, trade, technical, vocational, or
163.20 postsecondary school, and who meets the school's standard for full-time attendance.

163.21 Sec. 5. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 256J.08, subdivision 39, is amended to read:

163.22 Subd. 39. ~~General educational development or GED~~ Commissioner of
163.23 education-selected high school equivalency. "General educational development" or "GED"
163.24 "Commissioner of education-selected high school equivalency" means the ~~general educational~~
163.25 ~~development~~ high school equivalency certification issued by the commissioner of education
163.26 as an equivalent to a secondary school diploma under Minnesota Rules, part 3500.3100,
163.27 ~~subpart 4~~ section 124D.549.

163.28 Sec. 6. **APPROPRIATIONS.**

163.29 Subdivision 1. Department of Education. The sums indicated in this section are
163.30 appropriated from the general fund to the Department of Education for the fiscal years
163.31 designated.

164.1 Subd. 2. **Adult basic education aid.** For adult basic education aid under Minnesota
164.2 Statutes, section 124D.531:

164.3 \$ 50,010,000 2018

164.4 \$ 51,497,000 2019

164.5 The 2018 appropriation includes \$4,881,000 for 2017 and \$45,129,000 for 2018.

164.6 The 2019 appropriation includes \$5,014,000 for 2018 and \$46,483,000 for 2019.

164.7 Subd. 3. **High school equivalency tests.** For payment of 60 percent of the costs of the
164.8 commissioner-selected high school equivalency tests under Minnesota Statutes, section
164.9 124D.55:

164.10 \$ 125,000 2018

164.11 \$ 125,000 2019

164.12 Sec. 7. **REVISOR'S INSTRUCTION.**

164.13 In Minnesota Statutes and Minnesota Rules, the revisor of statutes shall substitute the
164.14 term "commissioner-selected high school equivalency" or similar term for "general education
164.15 development," "GED," or similar terms for wherever the term refers to the tests or programs
164.16 leading to a certification issued by the commissioner of education as an equivalency to a
164.17 secondary diploma.

164.18 Sec. 8. **REPEALER.**

164.19 Minnesota Rules, part 3500.3100, subpart 4, is repealed.

164.20 **ARTICLE 11**

164.21 **STATE AGENCIES**

164.22 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 122A.14, subdivision 9, is amended to read:

164.23 Subd. 9. **Fee.** Each person licensed by the Board of School Administrators shall pay
164.24 the board a fee of \$75, collected each fiscal year. When transmitting notice of the license
164.25 fee, the board also must notify the licensee of the penalty for failing to pay the fee within
164.26 the time specified by the board. The board may provide a lower fee for persons on retired
164.27 or inactive status. After receiving notice from the board, any licensed school administrator
164.28 who does not pay the fee in the given fiscal year shall have all administrative licenses held
164.29 by the person automatically suspended, without the right to a hearing, until the fee has been
164.30 paid to the board. If the board suspends a licensed school administrator for failing to pay
164.31 the fee, it must immediately notify the district currently employing the school administrator

165.1 of the school administrator's suspension. The executive secretary shall deposit the fees in
165.2 the educator licensure account in the special revenue fund in the state treasury.

165.3 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 1, 2019.

165.4 Sec. 2. **[122A.175] SPECIAL REVENUE FUND ACCOUNTS; EDUCATOR**
165.5 **LICENSURE AND BACKGROUND CHECKS.**

165.6 **Subdivision 1. Educator licensure account.** An educator licensure account is created
165.7 in the special revenue fund. Applicant licensure fees received by the Department of
165.8 Education, the Board of Teaching, or the Board of School Administrators must be deposited
165.9 in the educator licensure account. Any funds appropriated from this account that remain
165.10 unexpended at the end of the biennium cancel to the educator licensure account in the special
165.11 revenue fund.

165.12 **Subd. 2. Background check account.** An educator licensure background check account
165.13 is created in the special revenue fund. The Department of Education, the Board of Teaching,
165.14 and the Board of School Administrators must deposit all payments submitted by license
165.15 applicants for criminal background checks conducted by the Bureau of Criminal
165.16 Apprehension in the educator licensure background check account. Amounts in the account
165.17 are annually appropriated to the commissioner of education for payment to the superintendent
165.18 of the Bureau of Criminal Apprehension for the costs of background checks on applicants
165.19 for licensure.

165.20 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 1, 2019.

165.21 Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 122A.18, subdivision 7c, is amended to read:

165.22 **Subd. 7c. Temporary military license.** The Board of Teaching shall establish a
165.23 temporary license in accordance with section 197.4552 for teaching. The fee for a temporary
165.24 license under this subdivision shall be \$87.90 for an online application or \$86.40 for a paper
165.25 application. The board must deposit the fees received from applicants in the educator
165.26 licensure account in the special revenue fund.

165.27 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 1, 2019.

165.28 Sec. 4. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 122A.18, subdivision 8, is amended to read:

165.29 **Subd. 8. Background checks.** (a) The Board of Teaching and the commissioner of
165.30 education must request a criminal history background check from the superintendent of the

166.1 Bureau of Criminal Apprehension on all first-time teaching applicants for licenses under
166.2 their jurisdiction. Applicants must include with their licensure applications:

166.3 (1) an executed criminal history consent form, including fingerprints; and

166.4 (2) ~~a money order or cashier's check payable to the Bureau of Criminal Apprehension~~
166.5 ~~for the fee for conducting payment to conduct~~ the criminal history background check. The
166.6 Board of Teaching and the commissioner of education must deposit payments received
166.7 under this subdivision in the educator licensure background check account in the special
166.8 revenue fund.

166.9 (b) The superintendent of the Bureau of Criminal Apprehension shall perform the
166.10 background check required under paragraph (a) by retrieving criminal history data as defined
166.11 in section 13.87 and shall also conduct a search of the national criminal records repository.
166.12 The superintendent is authorized to exchange fingerprints with the Federal Bureau of
166.13 Investigation for purposes of the criminal history check. The superintendent shall recover
166.14 the cost to the bureau of a background check through the fee charged to the applicant under
166.15 paragraph (a).

166.16 (c) The Board of Teaching or the commissioner of education may issue a license pending
166.17 completion of a background check under this subdivision, but must notify the individual
166.18 that the individual's license may be revoked based on the result of the background check.

166.19 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 1, 2019.

166.20 Sec. 5. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 122A.21, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

166.21 Subdivision 1. **Licensure applications.** Each applicant submitting an application for
166.22 the issuance, renewal, or extension of to the Board of Teaching to issue, renew, or extend
166.23 a teaching license to teach, including applications for licensure via portfolio under subdivision
166.24 2, must be accompanied by include a processing fee of \$57. The processing fee for a teacher's
166.25 license and for the licenses of supervisory personnel must be paid to the executive secretary
166.26 of the appropriate board and deposited in the educator licensure account in the special
166.27 revenue fund. The executive secretary of the board shall deposit the fees with the
166.28 commissioner of management and budget. The fees as set by the board are nonrefundable
166.29 for applicants not qualifying for a license. However, a fee must be refunded by the
166.30 commissioner of management and budget must refund a fee in any case in which the applicant
166.31 already holds a valid unexpired license. The board may waive or reduce fees for applicants
166.32 who apply at the same time for more than one license.

166.33 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 1, 2019.

167.1 Sec. 6. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 122A.21, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

167.2 Subd. 2. **Licensure via portfolio.** (a) An eligible candidate may use licensure via portfolio
167.3 to obtain a professional five-year teaching license or to add a licensure field, consistent with
167.4 applicable Board of Teaching licensure rules.

167.5 (b) A candidate for a professional five-year teaching license must submit to the Educator
167.6 Licensing Division at the department one portfolio demonstrating pedagogical competence
167.7 and one portfolio demonstrating content competence.

167.8 (c) A candidate seeking to add a licensure field must submit to the Educator Licensing
167.9 Division at the department one portfolio demonstrating content competence.

167.10 (d) The Board of Teaching must notify a candidate who submits a portfolio under
167.11 paragraph (b) or (c) within 90 calendar days after the portfolio is received whether or not
167.12 the portfolio was approved. If the portfolio was not approved, the board must immediately
167.13 inform the candidate how to revise the portfolio to successfully demonstrate the requisite
167.14 competence. The candidate may resubmit a revised portfolio at any time and the Educator
167.15 Licensing Division at the department must approve or disapprove the portfolio within 60
167.16 calendar days of receiving it.

167.17 (e) A candidate must pay to the executive secretary of the Board of Teaching a \$300 fee
167.18 for the first portfolio submitted for review and a \$200 fee for any portfolio submitted
167.19 subsequently. The revenue generated from Board of Teaching executive secretary must
167.20 deposit the fee must be deposited in an education the educator licensure portfolio account
167.21 in the special revenue fund. The fees set by the Board of Teaching are nonrefundable for
167.22 applicants not qualifying for a license. The Board of Teaching may waive or reduce fees
167.23 for candidates based on financial need.

167.24 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 1, 2019.

167.25 Sec. 7. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 122A.21, is amended by adding a subdivision to
167.26 read:

167.27 Subd. 3. **Annual appropriations.** (a) The amounts collected under subdivision 2 and
167.28 deposited in the educator licensure account in the special revenue fund are annually
167.29 appropriated to the Board of Teaching.

167.30 (b) The appropriations in paragraph (a) must be reduced by the amount of any money
167.31 specifically appropriated for the same purposes in any year from any state fund.

167.32 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 1, 2019.

168.1 **Sec. 8. TRANSFERS.**

168.2 Subdivision 1. **Portfolio account.** On July 1, 2019, the commissioner of management
168.3 and budget shall transfer any balances in the educator licensure portfolio account in the
168.4 special revenue fund to the educator licensure account in the special revenue fund.

168.5 Subd. 2. **Background check.** Any balance in an account that holds fees collected under
168.6 Minnesota Statutes, section 122A.18, subdivision 8, is transferred to the educator licensure
168.7 background check account in the special revenue fund under Minnesota Statutes, section
168.8 122A.175, subdivision 2. On July 2, 2019, \$80,000 is transferred from the educator licensure
168.9 background check account in the special revenue fund to the educator licensure account in
168.10 the special revenue fund.

168.11 **Sec. 9. APPROPRIATIONS; DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION.**

168.12 Subdivision 1. **Department of Education.** Unless otherwise indicated, the sums indicated
168.13 in this section are appropriated from the general fund to the Department of Education for
168.14 the fiscal years designated.

168.15 Subd. 2. **Department.** (a) For the Department of Education:

168.16 \$ 27,158,000 2018

168.17 \$ 24,874,000 2019

168.18 Of these amounts:

168.19 (1) \$231,000 each year is for the Board of School Administrators, and beginning in fiscal
168.20 year 2020, the amount indicated is from the educator licensure account in the special revenue
168.21 fund;

168.22 (2) \$1,000,000 each year is for regional centers of excellence under Minnesota Statutes,
168.23 section 120B.115;

168.24 (3) \$500,000 each year is for the school safety technical assistance center under Minnesota
168.25 Statutes, section 127A.052;

168.26 (4) \$250,000 each year is for the School Finance Division to enhance financial data
168.27 analysis;

168.28 (5) \$720,000 each year is for implementing Minnesota's Learning for English Academic
168.29 Proficiency and Success Act under Laws 2014, chapter 272, article 1, as amended;

168.30 (6) \$2,750,000 in fiscal year 2018 and \$500,000 in fiscal year 2019 are for the Department
168.31 of Education's mainframe update;

- 169.1 (7) \$123,000 each year is for a dyslexia specialist; and
- 169.2 (8) \$2,000,000 each year is for legal fees and costs associated with litigation.
- 169.3 (b) Any balance in the first year does not cancel but is available in the second year.
- 169.4 (c) None of the amounts appropriated under this subdivision may be used for Minnesota's
169.5 Washington, D.C. office.
- 169.6 (d) The expenditures of federal grants and aids as shown in the biennial budget document
169.7 and its supplements are approved and appropriated and shall be spent as indicated.
- 169.8 (e) This appropriation includes funds for information technology project services and
169.9 support subject to the provisions of Minnesota Statutes, section 16E.0466. Any ongoing
169.10 information technology costs will be incorporated into the service level agreement and will
169.11 be paid to the Office of MN.IT Services by the Department of Education under the rates
169.12 and mechanism specified in that agreement.
- 169.13 (f) The agency's base is \$22,054,000 for fiscal year 2020 and \$21,965,000 for 2021.

169.14 **Sec. 10. APPROPRIATIONS; BOARD OF TEACHING.**

169.15 Subdivision 1. **Board of Teaching.** (a) The sums indicated in this section are appropriated
169.16 from the general fund to the Board of Teaching or any successor organization for the fiscal
169.17 years designated:

169.18	\$	<u>3,481,000</u>	<u>.....</u>	<u>2018</u>
169.19	\$	<u>3,493,000</u>	<u>.....</u>	<u>2019</u>

- 169.20 (b) This appropriation includes funds for information technology project services and
169.21 support subject to Minnesota Statutes, section 16E.0466. Any ongoing information
169.22 technology costs will be incorporated into an interagency agreement and will be paid to the
169.23 Office of MN.IT Services by the Board of Teaching under the mechanism specified in that
169.24 agreement.
- 169.25 (c) Any balance in the first year does not cancel but is available in the second year.
- 169.26 (d) Beginning in fiscal year 2020, the amounts indicated are appropriated from the
169.27 educator licensure account in the special revenue fund or, if the amount in the educator
169.28 licensure account is insufficient, from the general fund to the Board of Teaching or any
169.29 successor organization. If a successor organization is established, the Department of
169.30 Administration must provide administrative support to the successor organization under
169.31 Minnesota Statutes, section 16B.371. The commissioner of administration must assess the
169.32 board for services provided under this section.

170.1 (e) The base for fiscal year 2020 is \$2,734,000 and \$2,709,000 for fiscal year 2021.

170.2 Subd. 2. **Licensure by portfolio.** For licensure by portfolio:

170.3 \$ 34,000 2018

170.4 \$ 34,000 2019

170.5 This appropriation is from the educator licensure portfolio account in the special revenue
170.6 fund.

170.7 Sec. 11. **APPROPRIATIONS; MINNESOTA STATE ACADEMIES.**

170.8 (a) The sums indicated in this section are appropriated from the general fund to the
170.9 Minnesota State Academies for the Deaf and the Blind for the fiscal years designated:

170.10 \$ 14,026,000 2018

170.11 \$ 14,352,000 2019

170.12 (b) Any balance in the first year does not cancel but is available in the second year.

170.13 (c) The base for fiscal year 2020 and later is \$13,186,000.

170.14 Sec. 12. **APPROPRIATIONS; PERPICH CENTER FOR ARTS EDUCATION.**

170.15 (a) The sums in this section are appropriated from the general fund to the Perpich Center
170.16 for Arts Education for the fiscal years designated:

170.17 \$ 8,173,000 2018

170.18 \$ 6,973,000 2019

170.19 (b) Of the amounts appropriated in paragraph (a), \$370,000 is for fiscal years 2018 or
170.20 2019 only for arts integration and Turnaround Arts programs.

170.21 (c) \$1,200,000 in fiscal year 2018 is for severance payments related to the closure of
170.22 Crosswinds school and is available until June 30, 2019.

170.23 Sec. 13. **CROSSWINDS DISPOSITION COSTS.**

170.24 \$162,000 in fiscal year 2018 only is appropriated from the general fund to the Perpich
170.25 Center for Arts Education. The amount appropriated in this section is for transfer to the
170.26 commissioner of administration for costs related to the sale of the Crosswinds school and
170.27 is available until June 30, 2019.

ARTICLE 12

PROFESSIONAL EDUCATOR LICENSING AND STANDARDS BOARD

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 122A.06, is amended to read:

122A.06 DEFINITIONS.

Subdivision 1. **Scope.** For the purpose of sections 122A.05 to ~~122A.09~~ 122A.093, the terms defined in this section have the meanings given them, unless another meaning is clearly indicated.

Subd. 2. **Teacher.** "Teacher" means a classroom teacher or other similar professional employee required to hold a license from the Professional Educator Licensing and Standards Board of Teaching.

Subd. 3. **Board.** "Board" means the Professional Educator Licensing and Standards Board of Teaching.

Subd. 4. **Comprehensive, scientifically based reading instruction.** (a) "Comprehensive, scientifically based reading instruction" includes a program or collection of instructional practices that is based on valid, replicable evidence showing that when these programs or practices are used, students can be expected to achieve, at a minimum, satisfactory reading progress. The program or collection of practices must include, at a minimum, effective, balanced instruction in all five areas of reading: phonemic awareness, phonics, fluency, vocabulary development, and reading comprehension.

Comprehensive, scientifically based reading instruction also includes and integrates instructional strategies for continuously assessing, evaluating, and communicating the student's reading progress and needs in order to design and implement ongoing interventions so that students of all ages and proficiency levels can read and comprehend text, write, and apply higher level thinking skills. For English learners developing literacy skills, districts are encouraged to use strategies that teach reading and writing in the students' native language and English at the same time.

(b) "Fluency" is the ability of students to read text with speed, accuracy, and proper expression.

(c) "Phonemic awareness" is the ability of students to notice, think about, and manipulate individual sounds in spoken syllables and words.

(d) "Phonics" is the understanding that there are systematic and predictable relationships between written letters and spoken words. Phonics instruction is a way of teaching reading

172.1 that stresses learning how letters correspond to sounds and how to apply this knowledge in
172.2 reading and spelling.

172.3 (e) "Reading comprehension" is an active process that requires intentional thinking
172.4 during which meaning is constructed through interactions between text and reader.
172.5 Comprehension skills are taught explicitly by demonstrating, explaining, modeling, and
172.6 implementing specific cognitive strategies to help beginning readers derive meaning through
172.7 intentional, problem-solving thinking processes.

172.8 (f) "Vocabulary development" is the process of teaching vocabulary both directly and
172.9 indirectly, with repetition and multiple exposures to vocabulary items. Learning in rich
172.10 contexts, incidental learning, and use of computer technology enhance the acquiring of
172.11 vocabulary.

172.12 (g) Nothing in this subdivision limits the authority of a school district to select a school's
172.13 reading program or curriculum.

172.14 Subd. 5. **Field.** A "field" or "subject area" means the content area in which a teacher
172.15 may become licensed to teach.

172.16 Subd. 6. **Shortage area.** "Shortage area" means:

172.17 (1) licensure fields and economic development regions reported by the commissioner
172.18 of education or the Professional Educator Licensing and Standards Board as experiencing
172.19 a teacher shortage; and

172.20 (2) economic development regions where there is a shortage of licensed teachers who
172.21 reflect the racial or ethnic diversity of students in the region.

172.22 Subd. 7. **Teacher preparation program.** "Teacher preparation program" means a
172.23 program approved by the Professional Educator Licensing and Standards Board for the
172.24 purpose of preparing individuals for a specific teacher licensure field in Minnesota. Teacher
172.25 preparation programs include traditional programs delivered by postsecondary institutions,
172.26 alternative teacher preparation programs, and nonconventional teacher preparation programs.

172.27 Subd. 8. **Teacher preparation program provider.** "Teacher preparation program
172.28 provider" or "unit" means an entity that has primary responsibility for overseeing and
172.29 delivering a teacher preparation program.

172.30 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective January 1, 2018.

173.1 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 122A.07, is amended to read:

173.2 **122A.07 BOARD OF TEACHING PROFESSIONAL EDUCATOR LICENSING**
173.3 **AND STANDARDS BOARD MEMBERSHIP.**

173.4 Subdivision 1. **Appointment of members.** The Professional Educator Licensing and
173.5 Standards Board of Teaching consists of 11 members appointed by the governor, with the
173.6 advice and consent of the senate. Membership terms, compensation of members, removal
173.7 of members, the filling of membership vacancies, and fiscal year and reporting requirements
173.8 are as provided in sections 214.07 to 214.09. No member may be reappointed for more than
173.9 one additional term.

173.10 Subd. 2. **Eligibility; board composition.** ~~Except for the representatives of higher~~
173.11 ~~education and the public, to be eligible for appointment to the Board of Teaching a person~~
173.12 ~~must be a teacher currently teaching in a Minnesota school and fully licensed for the position~~
173.13 ~~held and have at least five years teaching experience in Minnesota, including the two years~~
173.14 ~~immediately preceding nomination and appointment.~~ Each nominee, other than a public
173.15 nominee, must be selected on the basis of professional experience and knowledge of teacher
173.16 education, accreditation, and licensure. The board must be composed of:

173.17 (1) six teachers who are currently teaching in a Minnesota school or who were teaching
173.18 at the time of the appointment ~~and who do not qualify under clause (2) or (3), at least four~~
173.19 ~~of whom must be teaching in a public school;~~ have at least five years of teaching experience,
173.20 and were not serving in an administrative function at a school district or school when
173.21 appointed. The six teachers must include the following:

173.22 (i) one teacher in a charter school;

173.23 (ii) one teacher from the seven-county metropolitan area, as defined in section 473.121,
173.24 subdivision 2;

173.25 (iii) one teacher from outside the seven-county metropolitan area;

173.26 (iv) one teacher from a related service category licensed by the board;

173.27 (v) one special education teacher; and

173.28 (vi) one teacher from a teacher preparation program;

173.29 (2) ~~one higher education representative, who must be a faculty member preparing teachers~~
173.30 one superintendent that alternates each term between a superintendent from the seven-county
173.31 metropolitan area, as defined in section 473.121, subdivision 2, and a superintendent from
173.32 outside the metropolitan area;

- 174.1 (3) one school administrator district human resources director; and
- 174.2 (4) ~~three members of the public, two of whom must be present or former members of~~
- 174.3 ~~school boards~~ one administrator of a cooperative unit under section 123A.24, subdivision
- 174.4 2, who oversees a special education program;
- 174.5 (5) one principal that alternates each term between an elementary and a secondary school
- 174.6 principal; and
- 174.7 (6) one member of the public that may be a current or former school board member.
- 174.8 Subd. 2a. **First appointments.** (a) The governor shall nominate all members to the
- 174.9 Professional Educator Licensing and Standards Board. The terms of the initial board members
- 174.10 must be as follows:
- 174.11 (1) two members must be appointed for terms that expire January 1, 2019;
- 174.12 (2) three members must be appointed for terms that expire January 1, 2020;
- 174.13 (3) three members must be appointed for terms that expire January 1, 2021; and
- 174.14 (4) three members must be appointed for terms that expire January 1, 2022.
- 174.15 (b) Members of the Board of Teaching as of January 1, 2017, are ineligible for first
- 174.16 appointments to the Professional Educator Licensing and Standards Board for four years
- 174.17 from the effective date of this section, except that two members of the Board of Teaching
- 174.18 as of January 1, 2017, are eligible for appointment under paragraph (a), clause (1).
- 174.19 Subd. 3. **Vacant position.** With the exception of a teacher who retires from teaching
- 174.20 during the course of completing a board term, the position of a member who leaves Minnesota
- 174.21 or whose employment status changes to a category different from that from which appointed
- 174.22 is deemed vacant.
- 174.23 Subd. 4. **Administration; Terms, compensation; removal; vacancies.** The provision
- 174.24 ~~of staff, administrative services and office space; the review and processing of complaints;~~
- 174.25 the setting of fees; the selection and duties of an executive secretary director to serve the
- 174.26 board; and other provisions relating to board operations not provided in this chapter are as
- 174.27 provided in chapter 214. Membership terms, except as provided in subdivision 2a,
- 174.28 compensation of members, removal of members, the filling of membership vacancies, and
- 174.29 fiscal year and reporting requirements are as provided in sections 214.07 to 214.09.
- 174.30 Subd. 4a. **Administration.** (a) The executive director of the board shall be the chief
- 174.31 administrative officer for the board but shall not be a member of the board. The executive
- 174.32 director shall maintain the records of the board, account for all fees received by the board,

175.1 supervise and direct employees servicing the board, and perform other services as directed
175.2 by the board.

175.3 (b) The Department of Administration must provide administrative support in accordance
175.4 with section 16B.371. The commissioner of administration must assess the board for services
175.5 it provides under this section.

175.6 (c) The Department of Education must provide suitable offices and other space to the
175.7 board at reasonable cost until January 1, 2020. Thereafter, the board may contract with
175.8 either the Department of Education or the Department of Administration for the provision
175.9 of suitable offices and other space, joint conference and hearing facilities, and examination
175.10 rooms.

175.11 Subd. 5. **District reimbursement for costs of substitute teachers.** The Professional
175.12 Educator Licensing and Standards Board may reimburse local school districts for the costs
175.13 of substitute teachers employed when regular teachers are providing professional assistance
175.14 to the state by serving on the board or on a committee or task force appointed by the board
175.15 and charged to make recommendations concerning standards for teacher licensure in this
175.16 state.

175.17 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective September 1, 2017.

175.18 Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 122A.08, is amended to read:

175.19 **122A.08 MEETINGS.**

175.20 Subdivision 1. **Meetings.** The Professional Educator Licensing and Standards Board of
175.21 Teaching must meet regularly at the times and places as the board determines. Meetings
175.22 must be called by the chair or at the written request of any eight members.

175.23 Subd. 2. **Executive ~~secretary~~ director.** The Professional Educator Licensing and
175.24 Standards Board of Teaching must have an executive ~~secretary~~ director who is in the
175.25 unclassified civil service and who is not a member of the board. The executive director must
175.26 fulfill the duties provided in section 122A.09, subdivision 6. The board must review the
175.27 performance of the executive director and set the salary of the executive director, not to
175.28 exceed the limit for a position listed in section 15A.0815, subdivision 2.

175.29 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective January 1, 2018.

176.1 Sec. 4. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 122A.09, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

176.2 Subdivision 1. **Code of ethics.** The Professional Educator Licensing and Standards
176.3 Board of Teaching must develop by rule a code of ethics covering standards of professional
176.4 teaching practices, including areas of ethical conduct and professional performance and
176.5 methods of enforcement.

176.6 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective January 1, 2018.

176.7 Sec. 5. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 122A.09, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

176.8 Subd. 2. **Advise members of profession.** The Professional Educator Licensing and
176.9 Standards Board must act in an advisory capacity to members of the profession in matters
176.10 of interpretation of the code of ethics.

176.11 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective January 1, 2018.

176.12 Sec. 6. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 122A.09, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

176.13 Subd. 3. **Election of chair and officers.** The Professional Educator Licensing and
176.14 Standards Board shall elect a chair and such other officers as it may deem necessary.

176.15 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective January 1, 2018.

176.16 Sec. 7. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 122A.09, subdivision 4, is amended to read:

176.17 Subd. 4. ~~**License and rules Licensing.**~~ (a) The Professional Educator Licensing and
176.18 Standards Board must ~~adopt rules to license public school teachers and interns subject to~~
176.19 ~~chapter 14. license teachers, as defined in section 122A.15, subdivision 1, except for~~
176.20 ~~supervisory personnel, as defined in section 122A.15, subdivision 2. The board must not~~
176.21 ~~delegate its authority to make all licensing decisions with respect to candidates for teacher~~
176.22 ~~licensure. The board must evaluate candidates for compliance with statutory or rule~~
176.23 ~~requirements for licensure and develop licensure verification requirements.~~

176.24 (b) ~~The board must require all candidates for teacher licensure to demonstrate a passing~~
176.25 ~~score on a board-adopted skills examination in reading, writing, and mathematics, as a~~
176.26 ~~requirement for an initial professional five-year teaching license, except that the board may~~
176.27 ~~issue up to four initial professional one-year teaching licenses to an otherwise qualified~~
176.28 ~~candidate who has not yet passed the board-adopted skills exam. The board must require~~
176.29 ~~colleges and universities offering a board-approved teacher preparation program to provide~~
176.30 ~~remedial assistance to persons who did not achieve a qualifying score on the board-adopted~~
176.31 ~~skills examination, including those for whom English is a second language. The requirement~~

177.1 to pass a board-adopted reading, writing, and mathematics skills examination does not apply
177.2 to nonnative English speakers, as verified by qualified Minnesota school district personnel
177.3 or Minnesota higher education faculty, who, after meeting the content and pedagogy
177.4 requirements under this subdivision, apply for a teaching license to provide direct instruction
177.5 in their native language or world language instruction under section 120B.022, subdivision
177.6 1. The Board of Teaching and the entity administering the content, pedagogy, and skills
177.7 examinations must allow any individual who produces documentation of a disability in the
177.8 form of an evaluation, 504 plan, or individual education program (IEP) to receive the same
177.9 testing accommodations on the content, pedagogy, and skills examinations that the applicant
177.10 received during their secondary or postsecondary education.

177.11 (c) The board must adopt rules to approve teacher preparation programs. The board,
177.12 upon the request of a postsecondary student preparing for teacher licensure or a licensed
177.13 graduate of a teacher preparation program, shall assist in resolving a dispute between the
177.14 person and a postsecondary institution providing a teacher preparation program when the
177.15 dispute involves an institution's recommendation for licensure affecting the person or the
177.16 person's credentials. At the board's discretion, assistance may include the application of
177.17 chapter 14.

177.18 (d) The board must provide the leadership and adopt rules for the redesign of teacher
177.19 education programs to implement a research-based, results-oriented curriculum that focuses
177.20 on the skills teachers need in order to be effective. Among other components, teacher
177.21 preparation programs may use the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities program model
177.22 to provide a school-year-long student teaching program that combines clinical opportunities
177.23 with academic coursework and in-depth student teaching experiences to offer students
177.24 ongoing mentorship, coaching, and assessment, help to prepare a professional development
177.25 plan, and structured learning experiences. The board shall implement new systems of teacher
177.26 preparation program evaluation to assure program effectiveness based on proficiency of
177.27 graduates in demonstrating attainment of program outcomes. Teacher preparation programs
177.28 including alternative teacher preparation programs under section 122A.245, among other
177.29 programs, must include a content-specific, board-approved, performance-based assessment
177.30 that measures teacher candidates in three areas: planning for instruction and assessment;
177.31 engaging students and supporting learning; and assessing student learning. The board's
177.32 redesign rules must include creating flexible, specialized teaching licenses, credentials, and
177.33 other endorsement forms to increase students' participation in language immersion programs,
177.34 world language instruction, career development opportunities, work-based learning, early

178.1 college courses and careers, career and technical programs, Montessori schools, and project
178.2 and place-based learning, among other career and college ready learning offerings.

178.3 (e) The board must adopt rules requiring candidates for professional five-year teaching
178.4 licenses to pass an examination of general pedagogical knowledge and examinations of
178.5 licensure-specific teaching skills. The rules shall be effective by September 1, 2001. The
178.6 rules under this paragraph also must require candidates for initial licenses to teach
178.7 prekindergarten or elementary students to pass, as part of the examination of
178.8 licensure-specific teaching skills, test items assessing the candidates' knowledge, skill, and
178.9 ability in comprehensive, scientifically based reading instruction under section 122A.06,
178.10 subdivision 4, and their knowledge and understanding of the foundations of reading
178.11 development, the development of reading comprehension, and reading assessment and
178.12 instruction, and their ability to integrate that knowledge and understanding.

178.13 (f) The board must adopt rules requiring teacher educators to work directly with
178.14 elementary or secondary school teachers in elementary or secondary schools to obtain
178.15 periodic exposure to the elementary or secondary teaching environment.

178.16 (g) The board must grant licenses to interns and to candidates for professional five-year
178.17 teaching licenses based on appropriate professional competencies that are aligned with the
178.18 board's licensing system and students' diverse learning needs. All teacher candidates must
178.19 have preparation in English language development and content instruction for English
178.20 learners in order to be able to effectively instruct the English learners in their classrooms.
178.21 The board must include these licenses in a statewide differentiated licensing system that
178.22 creates new leadership roles for successful experienced teachers premised on a collaborative
178.23 professional culture dedicated to meeting students' diverse learning needs in the 21st century;
178.24 recognizes the importance of cultural and linguistic competencies, including the ability to
178.25 teach and communicate in culturally competent and aware ways, and formalizes mentoring
178.26 and induction for newly licensed teachers provided through a teacher support framework.

178.27 (h) The board must design and implement an assessment system which requires a
178.28 candidate for an initial license and first continuing license to demonstrate the abilities
178.29 necessary to perform selected, representative teaching tasks at appropriate levels.

178.30 (i) The board must receive recommendations from local committees as established by
178.31 the board for the renewal of teaching licenses. The board must require a licensed teacher
178.32 who is renewing a professional five-year teaching license to include in the renewal
178.33 requirements further preparation in English language development and specially designed
178.34 content instruction in English for English learners.

179.1 (j) ~~The board must grant life licenses to those who qualify according to requirements~~
179.2 ~~established by the board, and suspend or revoke licenses pursuant to sections 122A.20 and~~
179.3 ~~214.10. The board must not establish any expiration date for application for life licenses.~~

179.4 (k) ~~The board must adopt rules that require all licensed teachers who are renewing their~~
179.5 ~~professional five-year teaching licenses to include in their renewal requirements further~~
179.6 ~~preparation in the areas of using positive behavior interventions and in accommodating,~~
179.7 ~~modifying, and adapting curricula, materials, and strategies to appropriately meet the needs~~
179.8 ~~of individual students and ensure adequate progress toward the state's graduation rule.~~

179.9 (l) ~~In adopting rules to license public school teachers who provide health-related services~~
179.10 ~~for disabled children, the board shall adopt rules consistent with license or registration~~
179.11 ~~requirements of the commissioner of health and the health-related boards who license~~
179.12 ~~personnel who perform similar services outside of the school.~~

179.13 (m) ~~The board must adopt rules that require all licensed teachers who are renewing their~~
179.14 ~~professional five-year teaching licenses to include in their renewal requirements further~~
179.15 ~~reading preparation, consistent with section 122A.06, subdivision 4. The rules do not take~~
179.16 ~~effect until they are approved by law. Teachers who do not provide direct instruction~~
179.17 ~~including, at least, counselors, school psychologists, school nurses, school social workers,~~
179.18 ~~audiovisual directors and coordinators, and recreation personnel are exempt from this section.~~

179.19 (n) ~~The board must adopt rules that require all licensed teachers who are renewing their~~
179.20 ~~professional five-year teaching licenses to include in their renewal requirements at least~~
179.21 ~~one hour of suicide prevention best practices in each licensure renewal period that are based~~
179.22 ~~on nationally recognized evidence-based programs and practices, among the continuing~~
179.23 ~~education credits required to renew a license under this paragraph, and further preparation,~~
179.24 ~~first, in understanding the key warning signs of early-onset mental illness in children and~~
179.25 ~~adolescents and then, during subsequent licensure renewal periods, preparation may include~~
179.26 ~~providing a more in-depth understanding of students' mental illness trauma, accommodations~~
179.27 ~~for students' mental illness, parents' role in addressing students' mental illness, Fetal Alcohol~~
179.28 ~~Spectrum Disorders, autism, the requirements of section 125A.0942 governing restrictive~~
179.29 ~~procedures, and de-escalation methods, among other similar topics.~~

179.30 (o) ~~The board must adopt rules by January 1, 2016, to license applicants under sections~~
179.31 ~~122A.23 and 122A.245. The rules must permit applicants to demonstrate their qualifications~~
179.32 ~~through the board's recognition of a teaching license from another state in a similar content~~
179.33 ~~field, completion of a state-approved teacher preparation program, teaching experience as~~
179.34 ~~the teacher of record in a similar licensure field, depth of content knowledge, depth of~~

180.1 content methods or general pedagogy, subject-specific professional development and
180.2 contribution to the field, or classroom performance as determined by documented student
180.3 growth on normed assessments or documented effectiveness on evaluations. The rules must
180.4 adopt criteria for determining a "similar content field" and "similar licensure area."

180.5 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 1, 2018.

180.6 Sec. 8. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 122A.09, subdivision 4a, is amended to read:

180.7 Subd. 4a. ~~Teacher and administrator preparation and performance data; report~~
180.8 **Reports.** (a) ~~The Board of Teaching and the Board of School Administrators, in cooperation~~
180.9 ~~with the Minnesota Association of Colleges of Teacher Education and Minnesota colleges~~
180.10 ~~and universities offering board-adopted teacher or administrator preparation programs,~~
180.11 ~~annually must collect and report summary data on teacher and administrator preparation~~
180.12 ~~and performance outcomes, consistent with this subdivision. The Board of Teaching and~~
180.13 ~~the Board of School Administrators annually by June 1 must update and post the reported~~
180.14 ~~summary preparation and performance data on teachers and administrators from the preceding~~
180.15 ~~school years on a Web site hosted jointly by the boards. The Professional Educator Licensing~~
180.16 ~~and Standards Board must provide reports in accordance with section 122A.091.~~

180.17 (b) ~~Publicly reported summary data on teacher preparation programs must include:~~
180.18 ~~student entrance requirements for each Board of Teaching approved program, including~~
180.19 ~~grade point average for enrolling students in the preceding year; the average board-adopted~~
180.20 ~~skills examination or ACT or SAT scores of students entering the program in the preceding~~
180.21 ~~year; summary data on faculty qualifications, including at least the content areas of faculty~~
180.22 ~~undergraduate and graduate degrees and their years of experience either as kindergarten~~
180.23 ~~through grade 12 classroom teachers or school administrators; the average time resident~~
180.24 ~~and nonresident program graduates in the preceding year needed to complete the program;~~
180.25 ~~the current number and percent of students by program who graduated, received a standard~~
180.26 ~~Minnesota teaching license, and were hired to teach full time in their licensure field in a~~
180.27 ~~Minnesota district or school in the preceding year; the number of content area credits and~~
180.28 ~~other credits by undergraduate program that students in the preceding school year needed~~
180.29 ~~to complete to graduate; students' pass rates on skills and subject matter exams required for~~
180.30 ~~graduation in each program and licensure area in the preceding school year; survey results~~
180.31 ~~measuring student and graduate satisfaction with the program in the preceding school year;~~
180.32 ~~a standard measure of the satisfaction of school principals or supervising teachers with the~~
180.33 ~~student teachers assigned to a school or supervising teacher; and information under~~
180.34 ~~paragraphs (d) and (e). Program reporting must be consistent with subdivision 11.~~

181.1 (c) Publicly reported summary data on administrator preparation programs approved by
181.2 the Board of School Administrators must include: summary data on faculty qualifications,
181.3 including at least the content areas of faculty undergraduate and graduate degrees and their
181.4 years of experience either as kindergarten through grade 12 classroom teachers or school
181.5 administrators; the average time program graduates in the preceding year needed to complete
181.6 the program; the current number and percent of students who graduated, received a standard
181.7 Minnesota administrator license, and were employed as an administrator in a Minnesota
181.8 school district or school in the preceding year; the number of credits by graduate program
181.9 that students in the preceding school year needed to complete to graduate; survey results
181.10 measuring student, graduate, and employer satisfaction with the program in the preceding
181.11 school year; and information under paragraphs (f) and (g). Program reporting must be
181.12 consistent with section 122A.14, subdivision 10.

181.13 (d) School districts annually by October 1 must report to the Board of Teaching the
181.14 following information for all teachers who finished the probationary period and accepted
181.15 a continuing contract position with the district from September 1 of the previous year through
181.16 August 31 of the current year: the effectiveness category or rating of the teacher on the
181.17 summative evaluation under section 122A.40, subdivision 8, or 122A.41, subdivision 5;
181.18 the licensure area in which the teacher primarily taught during the three-year evaluation
181.19 cycle; and the teacher preparation program preparing the teacher in the teacher's primary
181.20 areas of instruction and licensure.

181.21 (e) School districts annually by October 1 must report to the Board of Teaching the
181.22 following information for all probationary teachers in the district who were released or
181.23 whose contracts were not renewed from September 1 of the previous year through August
181.24 31 of the current year: the licensure areas in which the probationary teacher taught; and the
181.25 teacher preparation program preparing the teacher in the teacher's primary areas of instruction
181.26 and licensure.

181.27 (f) School districts annually by October 1 must report to the Board of School
181.28 Administrators the following information for all school principals and assistant principals
181.29 who finished the probationary period and accepted a continuing contract position with the
181.30 district from September 1 of the previous year through August 31 of the current year: the
181.31 effectiveness category or rating of the principal or assistant principal on the summative
181.32 evaluation under section 123B.147, subdivision 3; and the principal preparation program
181.33 providing instruction to the principal or assistant principal.

181.34 (g) School districts annually by October 1 must report to the Board of School
181.35 Administrators all probationary school principals and assistant principals in the district who

182.1 were released or whose contracts were not renewed from September 1 of the previous year
182.2 through August 31 of the current year.

182.3 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 1, 2018.

182.4 Sec. 9. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 122A.09, subdivision 6, is amended to read:

182.5 Subd. 6. **Register of persons licensed.** The executive secretary director of the
182.6 Professional Educator Licensing and Standards Board of Teaching ~~shall~~ must keep a record
182.7 of the proceedings of and a register of all persons licensed pursuant to the provisions of this
182.8 chapter. The register must show the name, address, license number and the renewal of the
182.9 license. The board must on July 1, of each year or as soon thereafter as is practicable, compile
182.10 a list of such duly licensed teachers ~~and transmit a copy of the list to the board.~~ A copy of
182.11 the register must be available during business hours at the office of the board to any interested
182.12 person.

182.13 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective January 1, 2018.

182.14 Sec. 10. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 122A.09, subdivision 7, is amended to read:

182.15 Subd. 7. ~~Commissioner's assistance;~~ **Professional Educator Licensing and Standards**
182.16 **Board money.** ~~The commissioner shall provide all necessary materials and assistance for~~
182.17 ~~the transaction of the business of the Board of Teaching and~~ All moneys received by the
182.18 Professional Educator Licensing and Standards Board of Teaching shall be paid into the
182.19 state treasury as provided by law. The expenses of administering sections 120B.363, 122A.01,
182.20 122A.05 to 122A.09, 122A.15, 122A.16, 122A.17, 122A.18, 122A.181, 122A.182, 122A.183,
182.21 122A.184, 122A.185, 122A.186, 122A.187, 122A.188, 122A.20, 122A.21, 122A.22,
182.22 122A.23, 122A.2451, 122A.26, 122A.30, 122A.40, 122A.41, 122A.42, 122A.45, 122A.49,
182.23 122A.54, 122A.55, 122A.56, 122A.57, and 122A.58 which are incurred by the Professional
182.24 Educator Licensing and Standards Board of Teaching shall be paid for from appropriations
182.25 made to the Professional Educator Licensing and Standards Board of Teaching.

182.26 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective January 1, 2018.

182.27 Sec. 11. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 122A.09, subdivision 9, is amended to read:

182.28 Subd. 9. **Professional Educator Licensing and Standards Board may must adopt**
182.29 **rules.** (a) The Professional Educator Licensing and Standards Board of Teaching may must
182.30 adopt rules subject to the provisions of chapter 14 to implement sections 120B.363, 122A.05
182.31 to 122A.09, 122A.092, 122A.16, 122A.17, 122A.18, 122A.181, 122A.182, 122A.183,

183.1 122A.184, 122A.185, 122A.186, 122A.187, 122A.188, 122A.20, 122A.21, and 122A.23,
183.2 122A.26, 122A.28, and 122A.29.

183.3 (b) The board must adopt rules relating to fields of licensure, including a process for
183.4 granting permission to a licensed teacher to teach in a field that is different from the teacher's
183.5 field of licensure without change to the teacher's license tier level.

183.6 (c) The board must adopt rules relating to the grade levels that a licensed teacher may
183.7 teach.

183.8 (d) If a rule adopted by the board is in conflict with a session law or statute, the law or
183.9 statute prevails. Terms adopted in rule must be clearly defined and must not be construed
183.10 to conflict with terms adopted in statute or session law.

183.11 (e) The board must include a description of a proposed rule's probable effect on teacher
183.12 supply and demand in the board's statement of need and reasonableness under section 14.131.

183.13 (f) The board must adopt rules only under the specific statutory authority.

183.14 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective January 1, 2018.

183.15 Sec. 12. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 122A.09, subdivision 10, is amended to read:

183.16 Subd. 10. **Permissions.** (a) Notwithstanding subdivision 9 and sections 14.055 and
183.17 14.056, the Professional Educator Licensing and Standards Board of Teaching may grant
183.18 waivers to its rules upon application by a school district or a charter school for purposes of
183.19 implementing experimental programs in learning or management.

183.20 (b) To enable a school district or a charter school to meet the needs of students enrolled
183.21 in an alternative education program and to enable licensed teachers instructing those students
183.22 to satisfy content area licensure requirements, the Professional Educator Licensing and
183.23 Standards Board of Teaching annually may permit a licensed teacher teaching in an
183.24 alternative education program to instruct students in a content area for which the teacher is
183.25 not licensed, consistent with paragraph (a).

183.26 (c) A special education license permission issued by the Professional Educator Licensing
183.27 and Standards Board of Teaching for a primary employer's low-incidence region is valid
183.28 in all low-incidence regions.

183.29 ~~(d) The Board of Teaching may issue a one-year professional license under paragraph~~
183.30 ~~(a), which the board may renew two times, to allow a person holding a full credential from~~
183.31 ~~the American Montessori Society, a diploma from Association Montessori Internationale,~~
183.32 ~~or a certificate of completion from a program accredited by the Montessori Accreditation~~

184.1 Council for Teacher Education to teach in a Montessori program operated by a school district
184.2 or charter school.

184.3 (e) The Board of Teaching may grant a one-year waiver, renewable two times, to allow
184.4 individuals who hold a bachelor's degree from an accredited postsecondary institution,
184.5 demonstrate occupational competency based on at least three years of full-time work
184.6 experience in business or industry, and enroll and make satisfactory progress in an alternative
184.7 preparation program leading to certification as a career and technical education instructor
184.8 to teach career and technical education courses offered by a school district or charter school.

184.9 (d) A candidate that has obtained career and technical education certification may apply for
184.10 a Tier 1 license under section 122A.181. Consistent with this paragraph and section 136F.361,
184.11 the Professional Educator Licensing and Standards Board of Teaching must strongly
184.12 encourage approved college or university-based teacher preparation programs and institutions
184.13 throughout Minnesota to develop alternative pathways for certifying and licensing high
184.14 school career and technical education instructors and teachers, allowing such candidates to
184.15 meet certification and licensure standards that demonstrate their content knowledge,
184.16 classroom experience, and pedagogical practices and their qualifications based on a
184.17 combination of occupational testing, professional certification or licensure, and long-standing
184.18 work experience.

184.19 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 1, 2018.

184.20 Sec. 13. **[122A.091] REPORTS.**

184.21 **Subdivision 1. Teacher and administrator preparation and performance data;**
184.22 **report.** (a) The Professional Educator Licensing and Standards Board and the Board of
184.23 School Administrators, in cooperation with board-adopted teacher or administrator
184.24 preparation programs, annually must collect and report summary data on teacher and
184.25 administrator preparation and performance outcomes, consistent with this subdivision. The
184.26 Professional Educator Licensing and Standards Board and the Board of School Administrators
184.27 annually by June 1 must update and post the reported summary preparation and performance
184.28 data on teachers and administrators from the preceding school years on a Web site hosted
184.29 jointly by the boards.

184.30 (b) Publicly reported summary data on teacher preparation programs must include:

184.31 (1) student entrance requirements for each Professional Educator Licensing and Standards
184.32 Board-approved program, including grade point average for enrolling students in the
184.33 preceding year;

185.1 (2) the average board-adopted skills examination or ACT or SAT scores of students
185.2 entering the program in the preceding year;

185.3 (3) summary data on faculty qualifications, including at least the content areas of faculty
185.4 undergraduate and graduate degrees and their years of experience either as kindergarten
185.5 through grade 12 classroom teachers or school administrators;

185.6 (4) the average time resident and nonresident program graduates in the preceding year
185.7 needed to complete the program;

185.8 (5) the current number and percentage of students by program who graduated, received
185.9 a standard Minnesota teaching license, and were hired to teach full time in their licensure
185.10 field in a Minnesota district or school in the preceding year disaggregated by race, except
185.11 when disaggregation would not yield statistically reliable results or would reveal personally
185.12 identifiable information about an individual;

185.13 (6) the number of content area credits and other credits by undergraduate program that
185.14 students in the preceding school year needed to complete to graduate;

185.15 (7) students' pass rates on skills and subject matter exams required for graduation in
185.16 each program and licensure area in the preceding school year;

185.17 (8) survey results measuring student and graduate satisfaction with the program in the
185.18 preceding school year disaggregated by race, except when disaggregation would not yield
185.19 statistically reliable results or would reveal personally identifiable information about an
185.20 individual;

185.21 (9) a standard measure of the satisfaction of school principals or supervising teachers
185.22 with the student teachers assigned to a school or supervising teacher; and

185.23 (10) information under subdivision 3, paragraphs (a) and (b).

185.24 Program reporting must be consistent with subdivision 2.

185.25 (c) Publicly reported summary data on administrator preparation programs approved by
185.26 the Board of School Administrators must include:

185.27 (1) summary data on faculty qualifications, including at least the content areas of faculty
185.28 undergraduate and graduate degrees and the years of experience either as kindergarten
185.29 through grade 12 classroom teachers or school administrators;

185.30 (2) the average time program graduates in the preceding year needed to complete the
185.31 program;

186.1 (3) the current number and percentage of students who graduated, received a standard
186.2 Minnesota administrator license, and were employed as an administrator in a Minnesota
186.3 school district or school in the preceding year disaggregated by race, except when
186.4 disaggregation would not yield statistically reliable results or would reveal personally
186.5 identifiable information about an individual;

186.6 (4) the number of credits by graduate program that students in the preceding school year
186.7 needed to complete to graduate;

186.8 (5) survey results measuring student, graduate, and employer satisfaction with the
186.9 program in the preceding school year disaggregated by race, except when disaggregation
186.10 would not yield statistically reliable results or would reveal personally identifiable
186.11 information about an individual; and

186.12 (6) information under subdivision 3, paragraphs (c) and (d).

186.13 Program reporting must be consistent with section 122A.14, subdivision 10.

186.14 Subd. 2. **Teacher preparation program reporting.** (a) By December 31, 2018, and
186.15 annually thereafter, the Professional Educator Licensing and Standards Board shall report
186.16 and publish on its Web site the cumulative summary results of at least three consecutive
186.17 years of data reported to the board under subdivision 1, paragraph (b). Where the data are
186.18 sufficient to yield statistically reliable information and the results would not reveal personally
186.19 identifiable information about an individual teacher, the board shall report the data by teacher
186.20 preparation program.

186.21 (b) The Professional Educator Licensing and Standards Board must report annually to
186.22 the chairs and ranking minority members of the legislative committees with jurisdiction
186.23 over kindergarten through grade 12 education, the following information:

186.24 (1) the total number of teacher candidates during the most recent school year taking a
186.25 board-adopted skills examination;

186.26 (2) the number who achieve a qualifying score on the examination;

186.27 (3) the number who do not achieve a qualifying score on the examination; and

186.28 (4) the candidates who have not passed a content or pedagogy exam.

186.29 The information reported under this paragraph must be disaggregated by categories of race,
186.30 ethnicity, and eligibility for financial aid. The report must be submitted in accordance with
186.31 section 3.195.

187.1 Subd. 3. School district reports. (a) School districts annually by October 1 must report
187.2 to the Professional Educator Licensing and Standards Board the following information for
187.3 all teachers who finished the probationary period and accepted a continuing contract position
187.4 with the district from September 1 of the previous year through August 31 of the current
187.5 year:

187.6 (1) the effectiveness category or rating of the teacher on the summative evaluation under
187.7 section 122A.40, subdivision 8, or 122A.41, subdivision 5;

187.8 (2) the licensure area in which the teacher primarily taught during the three-year
187.9 evaluation cycle; and

187.10 (3) the teacher preparation program preparing the teacher in the teacher's primary areas
187.11 of instruction and licensure.

187.12 (b) School districts annually by October 1 must report to the Professional Educator
187.13 Licensing and Standards Board the following information for all probationary teachers in
187.14 the district who were released or whose contracts were not renewed from September 1 of
187.15 the previous year through August 31 of the current year:

187.16 (1) the licensure areas in which the probationary teacher taught; and

187.17 (2) the teacher preparation program preparing the teacher in the teacher's primary areas
187.18 of instruction and licensure.

187.19 (c) School districts annually by October 1 must report to the Board of School
187.20 Administrators the following information for all school principals and assistant principals
187.21 who finished the probationary period and accepted a continuing contract position with the
187.22 district from September 1 of the previous year through August 31 of the current year:

187.23 (1) the effectiveness category or rating of the principal or assistant principal on the
187.24 summative evaluation under section 123B.147, subdivision 3; and

187.25 (2) the principal preparation program providing instruction to the principal or assistant
187.26 principal.

187.27 (d) School districts annually by October 1 must report to the Board of School
187.28 Administrators all probationary school principals and assistant principals in the district who
187.29 were released or whose contracts were not renewed from September 1 of the previous year
187.30 through August 31 of the current year.

187.31 Subd. 4. State reports. The Professional Educator Licensing and Standards Board must
187.32 prepare reports in accordance with section 214.07.

188.1 Subd. 5. **Survey of districts.** (a) The Professional Educator Licensing and Standards
188.2 Board must survey the state's school districts and teacher preparation programs and report
188.3 to the education committees of the legislature by February 1, 2019, and each odd-numbered
188.4 year thereafter, on the status of teacher early retirement patterns, the access to effective and
188.5 more diverse teachers who reflect the students under section 120B.35, subdivision 3,
188.6 paragraph (b), clause (2), enrolled in a district or school, the teacher shortage, and the
188.7 substitute teacher shortage, including patterns and shortages in licensure field areas and the
188.8 economic development regions of the state.

188.9 (b) The report must also include:

188.10 (1) aggregate data on teachers' self-reported race and ethnicity;

188.11 (2) data on how districts are making progress in hiring teachers and substitute teachers
188.12 in the areas of shortage; and

188.13 (3) a five-year projection of teacher demand for each district, taking into account the
188.14 students under section 120B.35, subdivision 3, paragraph (b), clause (2), expected to enroll
188.15 in the district during that five-year period.

188.16 Subd. 6. **Implementation report.** By January 1, 2019, the Professional Educator
188.17 Licensing and Standards Board must prepare a report to the legislature on the implementation
188.18 of the teacher licensure system established under sections 122A.18 to 122A.184. The report
188.19 must include the number of applicants for licensure in each tier, the number of applications
188.20 granted and denied, summary data on the reasons applications were denied, and the status
188.21 of the board's rulemaking process for all licensure related rules.

188.22 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective January 1, 2018.

188.23 Sec. 14. **[122A.092] TEACHER PREPARATION PROGRAMS.**

188.24 Subdivision 1. **Rules.** The board must adopt rules to approve teacher preparation
188.25 programs, including alternative teacher preparation programs under section 122A.2451,
188.26 nonconventional programs, and Montessori teacher training programs.

188.27 Subd. 2. **Requirements for board approval.** Teacher preparation programs must
188.28 demonstrate the following to obtain board approval:

188.29 (1) the program has implemented a research-based, results-oriented curriculum that
188.30 focuses on the skills teachers need in order to be effective;

188.31 (2) the program provides a student teaching program;

189.1 (3) the program demonstrates effectiveness based on proficiency of graduates in
189.2 demonstrating attainment of program outcomes;

189.3 (4) the program includes a common core of teaching knowledge and skills. This common
189.4 core shall meet the standards developed by the Interstate New Teacher Assessment and
189.5 Support Consortium in its 1992 model standards for beginning teacher licensing and
189.6 development. Amendments to standards adopted under this clause are subject to chapter
189.7 14. The Professional Educator Licensing and Standards Board shall report annually to the
189.8 education committees of the legislature on the performance of teacher candidates on common
189.9 core assessments of knowledge and skills under this clause during the most recent school
189.10 year;

189.11 (5) the program includes instruction on the knowledge and skills needed to provide
189.12 appropriate instruction to English learners to support and accelerate their academic literacy,
189.13 including oral academic language and achievement in content areas in a regular classroom
189.14 setting; and

189.15 (6) the program includes culturally competent training in instructional strategies consistent
189.16 with section 120B.30, subdivision 1, paragraph (q).

189.17 Subd. 3. **Specialized credentials.** The board must adopt rules creating flexible,
189.18 specialized teaching licenses, credentials, and other endorsement forms to increase students'
189.19 participation in language immersion programs, world language instruction, career
189.20 development opportunities, work-based learning, early college courses and careers, career
189.21 and technical programs, Montessori schools, and project- and place-based learning, among
189.22 other career and college readiness learning offerings.

189.23 Subd. 4. **Teacher educators.** The board must adopt rules requiring teacher educators
189.24 to work directly with elementary or secondary school teachers in elementary or secondary
189.25 schools to obtain periodic exposure to the elementary and secondary teaching environments.

189.26 Subd. 5. **Reading strategies.** (a) All colleges and universities approved by the
189.27 Professional Educator Licensing and Standards Board to prepare persons for classroom
189.28 teacher licensure must include in their teacher preparation programs research-based best
189.29 practices in reading, consistent with section 122A.06, subdivision 4, that enables the licensure
189.30 candidate to teach reading in the candidate's content areas. Teacher candidates must be
189.31 instructed in using students' native languages as a resource in creating effective differentiated
189.32 instructional strategies for English learners developing literacy skills. These colleges and
189.33 universities also must prepare early childhood and elementary teacher candidates for Tier
189.34 3 and Tier 4 teaching licenses under sections 122A.183 and 122A.184, respectively, for the

190.1 portion of the examination under section 122A.185, subdivision 1, paragraph (c), covering
190.2 assessment of reading instruction.

190.3 (b) Board-approved teacher preparation programs for teachers of elementary education
190.4 must require instruction in applying comprehensive, scientifically based, and balanced
190.5 reading instruction programs that:

190.6 (1) teach students to read using foundational knowledge, practices, and strategies
190.7 consistent with section 122A.06, subdivision 4, so that all students achieve continuous
190.8 progress in reading; and

190.9 (2) teach specialized instruction in reading strategies, interventions, and remediations
190.10 that enable students of all ages and proficiency levels to become proficient readers.

190.11 (c) Nothing in this section limits the authority of a school district to select a school's
190.12 reading program or curriculum.

190.13 Subd. 6. **Technology strategies.** All colleges and universities approved by the
190.14 Professional Educator Licensing and Standards Board to prepare persons for classroom
190.15 teacher licensure must include in their teacher preparation programs the knowledge and
190.16 skills teacher candidates need to engage students with technology and deliver digital and
190.17 blended learning and curriculum.

190.18 Subd. 7. **Student teaching program.** A teacher preparation program may provide a
190.19 year-long student teaching program that combines clinical opportunities with academic
190.20 coursework and in-depth student teaching experiences to offer students:

190.21 (1) ongoing mentorship;

190.22 (2) coaching;

190.23 (3) assessment;

190.24 (4) help to prepare a professional development plan; and

190.25 (5) structured learning experiences.

190.26 Subd. 8. **Existing programs.** The approval of teacher preparation programs approved
190.27 by the Board of Teaching before the effective date of this section must remain in effect
190.28 unless and until the Professional Educator Licensing and Standards Board denies approval
190.29 or reapproves the program.

190.30 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 1, 2018.

191.1 Sec. 15. [122A.093] FRAUD; GROSS MISDEMEANOR.

191.2 A person who claims to be a licensed teacher without a valid existing license issued by
191.3 the board or any person who employs fraud or deception in applying for or securing a license
191.4 is guilty of a gross misdemeanor.

191.5 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective January 1, 2018.

191.6 Sec. 16. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 122A.22, is amended to read:

191.7 **122A.22 DISTRICT VERIFICATION OF TEACHER LICENSES.**

191.8 No person shall be accounted a qualified teacher until the school district or charter school
191.9 contracting with the person for teaching services verifies through the Minnesota education
191.10 licensing system available on the ~~department~~ Professional Educator Licensing and Standards
191.11 Board Web site that the person is a qualified teacher, consistent with sections 122A.16 and
191.12 122A.44, subdivision 1.

191.13 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective January 1, 2018.

191.14 Sec. 17. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 127A.05, subdivision 6, is amended to read:

191.15 Subd. 6. **Survey of districts.** The commissioner of education shall survey the state's
191.16 school districts and teacher preparation programs and report to the education committees
191.17 of the legislature by February 1 of each odd-numbered year until 2018 on the status of
191.18 teacher early retirement patterns, the access to effective and more diverse teachers who
191.19 reflect the students under section 120B.35, subdivision 3, paragraph (b), clause (2), enrolled
191.20 in a district or school, the teacher shortage, and the substitute teacher shortage, including
191.21 patterns and shortages in subject areas and the economic development regions of the state.
191.22 The report must also include: aggregate data on teachers' self-reported race and ethnicity;
191.23 data on how districts are making progress in hiring teachers and substitutes in the areas of
191.24 shortage; and a five-year projection of teacher demand for each district, taking into account
191.25 the students under section 120B.35, subdivision 3, paragraph (b), clause (2), expected to
191.26 enroll in the district during that five-year period.

191.27 Sec. 18. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 214.04, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

191.28 Subdivision 1. **Services provided.** ~~The commissioner of education with respect to the~~
191.29 ~~Board of Teaching; the commissioner of public safety with respect to the Board of Private~~
191.30 Detective and Protective Agent Services; the Board of Peace Officer Standards and Training;
191.31 and the commissioner of revenue with respect to the Board of Assessors, shall provide

192.1 suitable offices and other space, joint conference and hearing facilities, examination rooms,
192.2 and the following administrative support services: purchasing service, accounting service,
192.3 advisory personnel services, consulting services relating to evaluation procedures and
192.4 techniques, data processing, duplicating, mailing services, automated printing of license
192.5 renewals, and such other similar services of a housekeeping nature as are generally available
192.6 to other agencies of state government. Investigative services shall be provided the boards
192.7 by employees of the Office of Attorney General. The commissioner of health with respect
192.8 to the health-related licensing boards shall provide mailing and office supply services and
192.9 may provide other facilities and services listed in this subdivision at a central location upon
192.10 request of the health-related licensing boards. The commissioner of commerce with respect
192.11 to the remaining non-health-related licensing boards shall provide the above facilities and
192.12 services at a central location for the remaining non-health-related licensing boards. The
192.13 legal and investigative services for the boards shall be provided by employees of the attorney
192.14 general assigned to the departments servicing the boards. Notwithstanding the foregoing,
192.15 the attorney general shall not be precluded by this section from assigning other attorneys
192.16 to service a board if necessary in order to insure competent and consistent legal
192.17 representation. Persons providing legal and investigative services shall to the extent
192.18 practicable provide the services on a regular basis to the same board or boards.

192.19 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 1, 2018.

192.20 Sec. 19. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 214.045, is amended to read:

192.21 **214.045 COORDINATION WITH PROFESSIONAL EDUCATOR LICENSING**
192.22 **AND STANDARDS BOARD OF TEACHING.**

192.23 The commissioner of health and the health-related licensing boards must coordinate
192.24 with the Professional Educator Licensing and Standards Board of Teaching when modifying
192.25 licensure requirements for regulated persons in order to have consistent regulatory
192.26 requirements for personnel who perform services in schools.

192.27 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective January 1, 2018.

192.28 Sec. 20. **TRANSFER OF POWERS.**

192.29 (a) The creation of the Professional Educator Licensing and Standards Board shall be
192.30 considered a transfer by law of the responsibilities of the Board of Teaching and the
192.31 Minnesota Department of Education with respect to licensure and credentialing of teachers
192.32 and school personnel to the Professional Educator Licensing and Standards Board for
192.33 purposes of Minnesota Statutes, section 15.039. All classified and unclassified positions

193.1 associated with the responsibilities being transferred to the Professional Educator Licensing
193.2 and Standards Board are transferred with their incumbents to the new agency pursuant to
193.3 Minnesota Statutes, section 15.039, subdivision 7, except as otherwise provided in Minnesota
193.4 Statutes, section 122A.07.

193.5 (b) The responsibilities of the Minnesota Department of Education with respect to
193.6 licensure of school administrators are transferred by law to the Board of School
193.7 Administrators for purposes of section 15.039.

193.8 (c) The responsibilities of the Minnesota Department of Education with respect to the
193.9 survey of districts under section 127A.05, subdivision 6, and the staff automated reporting
193.10 (STAR) system, are transferred by law to the Professional Educator Licensing and Standards
193.11 Board for purposes of section 15.039.

193.12 (d) The Professional Educator Licensing and Standards Board must review all rules
193.13 adopted by the Board of Teaching and amend or repeal rules not consistent with statute.
193.14 The Professional Educator Licensing and Standards Board must review all teacher preparation
193.15 programs approved by the Board of Teaching to determine whether the approved programs
193.16 meet the needs of schools in Minnesota.

193.17 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective January 1, 2018.

193.18 **Sec. 21. FIRST APPOINTMENTS TO THE PROFESSIONAL EDUCATOR**
193.19 **LICENSING AND STANDARDS BOARD.**

193.20 (a) The governor shall make appointments to the Professional Educator Licensing and
193.21 Standards Board by September 1, 2017, for terms that begin January 1, 2018. The governor
193.22 shall designate one member of the board to convene the first meeting by February 1, 2018,
193.23 and to act as chair until the board elects a chair at its first meeting. The first superintendent
193.24 appointed under Minnesota Statutes, section 122A.07, subdivision 2, clause (2), must be
193.25 from outside the metropolitan area. The governor is encouraged to consider eligible
193.26 candidates that have previously served on the Board of Teaching for appointment to the
193.27 Professional Educator Licensing and Standards Board.

193.28 (b) The terms of the first members appointed to the board do not count towards the term
193.29 limit under Minnesota Statutes, section 122A.07, subdivision 1, if the term expires before
193.30 2022.

193.31 (c) Beginning October 2, 2017, the board members appointed by the governor under
193.32 paragraph (a) may informally organize and prepare for their terms. The appointee representing
193.33 the superintendent member must convene the first transition meeting. At the first meeting,

194.1 the appointees must select a chairperson to lead the transition meetings. Between October
194.2 2, 2017, and January 1, 2018, the board members must begin the selection process for the
194.3 executive director under Minnesota Statutes, section 122A.08, subdivision 2. The board
194.4 members' transition meetings are subject to the Open Meeting Law under Minnesota Statutes,
194.5 chapter 13D.

194.6 Sec. 22. **REVISOR INSTRUCTION.**

194.7 In Minnesota Statutes and Minnesota Rules, the revisor of statutes shall substitute the
194.8 term "Professional Educator Licensing and Standards Board" for "Board of Teaching"
194.9 wherever the term refers to the powers, duties, and responsibilities of the Board of Teaching.
194.10 The revisor shall also make grammatical changes related to the change in terms.

194.11 Sec. 23. **REPEALER.**

194.12 Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 122A.09, subdivisions 5, 8, and 11, are repealed.

194.13 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective January 1, 2018.

194.14 **ARTICLE 13**

194.15 **FORECAST ADJUSTMENTS**

194.16 **A. GENERAL EDUCATION**

194.17 Section 1. Laws 2015, First Special Session chapter 3, article 1, section 27, subdivision
194.18 2, as amended by Laws 2016, chapter 189, article 27, section 17, is amended to read:

194.19 Subd. 2. **General education aid.** For general education aid under Minnesota Statutes,
194.20 section 126C.13, subdivision 4:

194.21 \$ 6,649,435,000 2016

194.22 6,815,372,000

194.23 \$ 6,848,521,000 2017

194.24 The 2016 appropriation includes \$622,908,000 for 2015 and 6,026,524,000 for 2016.

194.25 The 2017 appropriation includes \$641,412,000 for 2016 and ~~\$6,173,962,000~~

194.26 \$6,207,109,000 for 2017.

194.27 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.

195.1 Sec. 2. Laws 2015, First Special Session chapter 3, article 1, section 27, subdivision 3, is
195.2 amended to read:

195.3 Subd. 3. **Enrollment options transportation.** For transportation of pupils attending
195.4 postsecondary institutions under Minnesota Statutes, section 124D.09, or for transportation
195.5 of pupils attending nonresident districts under Minnesota Statutes, section 124D.03:

195.6	\$	39,000	.....	2016
195.7		42,000		
195.8	\$	<u>26,000</u>	.....	2017

195.9 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.

195.10 Sec. 3. Laws 2015, First Special Session chapter 3, article 1, section 27, subdivision 4, as
195.11 amended by Laws 2016, chapter 189, article 34, section 1, is amended to read:

195.12 Subd. 4. **Abatement revenue.** For abatement aid under Minnesota Statutes, section
195.13 127A.49:

195.14	\$	3,051,000	.....	2016
195.15		3,425,000		
195.16	\$	<u>2,666,000</u>	.....	2017

195.17 The 2016 appropriation includes \$278,000 for 2015 and \$2,773,000 for 2016.

195.18 The 2017 appropriation includes \$308,000 for 2016 and ~~\$3,117,000~~ \$2,358,000 for
195.19 2017.

195.20 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.

195.21 Sec. 4. Laws 2015, First Special Session chapter 3, article 1, section 27, subdivision 6, as
195.22 amended by Laws 2016, chapter 189, article 34, section 3, is amended to read:

195.23 Subd. 6. **Nonpublic pupil education aid.** For nonpublic pupil education aid under
195.24 Minnesota Statutes, sections 123B.40 to 123B.43 and 123B.87:

195.25	\$	16,759,000	.....	2016
195.26		17,235,000		
195.27	\$	<u>16,879,000</u>	.....	2017

195.28 The 2016 appropriation includes \$1,575,000 for 2015 and \$15,184,000 for 2016.

195.29 The 2017 appropriation includes \$1,687,000 for 2016 and ~~\$15,548,000~~ \$15,192,000 for
195.30 2017.

195.31 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.

196.1 Sec. 5. Laws 2015, First Special Session chapter 3, article 1, section 27, subdivision 7, as
196.2 amended by Laws 2016, chapter 189, article 34, section 4, is amended to read:

196.3 Subd. 7. **Nonpublic pupil transportation.** For nonpublic pupil transportation aid under
196.4 Minnesota Statutes, section 123B.92, subdivision 9:

196.5	\$	17,673,000	.....	2016
196.6		18,103,000		
196.7	\$	<u>18,278,000</u>	.....	2017

196.8 The 2016 appropriation includes \$1,816,000 for 2015 and \$15,857,000 for 2016.

196.9 The 2017 appropriation includes \$1,761,000 for 2016 and ~~\$16,342,000~~ \$16,517,000 for
196.10 2017.

196.11 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.

196.12 Sec. 6. Laws 2015, First Special Session chapter 3, article 1, section 27, subdivision 9, as
196.13 amended by Laws 2016, chapter 189, article 34, section 5, is amended to read:

196.14 Subd. 9. **Career and technical aid.** For career and technical aid under Minnesota
196.15 Statutes, section 124D.4531, subdivision 1b:

196.16	\$	5,922,000	.....	2016
196.17		4,262,000		
196.18	\$	<u>4,806,000</u>	.....	2017

196.19 The 2016 appropriation includes \$574,000 for 2015 and \$5,348,000 for 2016.

196.20 The 2017 appropriation includes \$517,000 for 2016 and ~~\$3,745,000~~ \$4,289,000 for
196.21 2017.

196.22 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.

196.23 **B. EDUCATION EXCELLENCE**

196.24 Sec. 7. Laws 2015, First Special Session chapter 3, article 2, section 70, subdivision 2, as
196.25 amended by Laws 2016, chapter 189, article 25, section 44, is amended to read:

196.26 Subd. 2. **Alternative compensation.** For alternative teacher compensation aid under
196.27 Minnesota Statutes, section 122A.415, subdivision 4:

196.28	\$	78,907,000	.....	2016
196.29		89,049,000		
196.30	\$	<u>88,137,000</u>	.....	2017

196.31 The 2016 appropriation includes \$7,766,000 for 2015 and \$71,141,000 for 2016.

197.1 The 2017 appropriation includes \$7,876,000 for 2016 and ~~\$81,173,000~~ \$80,261,000 for
197.2 2017.

197.3 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.

197.4 Sec. 8. Laws 2015, First Special Session chapter 3, article 2, section 70, subdivision 3, as
197.5 amended by Laws 2016, chapter 189, article 25, section 45, is amended to read:

197.6 Subd. 3. **Achievement and integration aid.** For achievement and integration aid under
197.7 Minnesota Statutes, section 124D.862:

197.8 \$ 65,439,000 2016

197.9 ~~69,372,000~~

197.10 \$ 67,091,000 2017

197.11 The 2016 appropriation includes \$6,382,000 for 2015 and \$59,057,000 for 2016.

197.12 The 2017 appropriation includes \$6,561,000 for 2016 and ~~\$62,811,000~~ \$60,530,000 for
197.13 2017.

197.14 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.

197.15 Sec. 9. Laws 2015, First Special Session chapter 3, article 2, section 70, subdivision 4, as
197.16 amended by Laws 2016, chapter 189, article 34, section 6, is amended to read:

197.17 Subd. 4. **Literacy incentive aid.** For literacy incentive aid under Minnesota Statutes,
197.18 section 124D.98:

197.19 \$ 44,538,000 2016

197.20 ~~45,855,000~~

197.21 \$ 45,803,000 2017

197.22 The 2016 appropriation includes \$4,683,000 for 2015 and \$39,855,000 for 2016.

197.23 The 2017 appropriation includes \$4,428,000 for 2016 and ~~\$41,427,000~~ \$41,375,000 for
197.24 2017.

197.25 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.

197.26 Sec. 10. Laws 2015, First Special Session chapter 3, article 2, section 70, subdivision 5,
197.27 as amended by Laws 2016, chapter 189, article 34, section 7, is amended to read:

197.28 Subd. 5. **Interdistrict desegregation or integration transportation grants.** For
197.29 interdistrict desegregation or integration transportation grants under Minnesota Statutes,
197.30 section 124D.87:

197.31 \$ 14,423,000 2016

198.1 ~~15,193,000~~
198.2 \$ 13,496,000 2017

198.3 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.

198.4 Sec. 11. Laws 2015, First Special Session chapter 3, article 2, section 70, subdivision 7,
198.5 as amended by Laws 2016, chapter 189, article 34, section 8, is amended to read:

198.6 Subd. 7. **Tribal contract schools.** For tribal contract school aid under Minnesota Statutes,
198.7 section 124D.83:

198.8 \$ 3,539,000 2016

198.9 ~~3,715,000~~

198.10 \$ 3,278,000 2017

198.11 The 2016 appropriation includes \$204,000 for 2015 and \$3,335,000 for 2016.

198.12 The 2017 appropriation includes \$370,000 for 2016 and ~~\$3,345,000~~ \$2,908,000 for
198.13 2017.

198.14 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.

198.15 Sec. 12. Laws 2015, First Special Session chapter 3, article 2, section 70, subdivision 11,
198.16 as amended by Laws 2016, chapter 189, article 34, section 9, is amended to read:

198.17 Subd. 11. **American Indian education aid.** For American Indian education aid under
198.18 Minnesota Statutes, section 124D.81, subdivision 2a:

198.19 \$ 7,740,000 2016

198.20 ~~8,878,000~~

198.21 \$ 8,838,000 2017

198.22 The 2016 appropriation includes \$0 for 2015 and \$7,740,000 for 2016.

198.23 The 2017 appropriation includes \$860,000 for 2016 and ~~\$8,018,000~~ \$7,978,000 for
198.24 2017.

198.25 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.

198.26 Sec. 13. Laws 2015, First Special Session chapter 3, article 4, section 9, subdivision 2, as
198.27 amended by Laws 2016, chapter 189, article 28, section 10, is amended to read:

198.28 Subd. 2. **Charter school building lease aid.** For building lease aid under Minnesota
198.29 Statutes, section 124E.22:

198.30 \$ 63,540,000 2016

198.31 ~~70,132,000~~

198.32 \$ 68,046,000 2017

199.1 The 2016 appropriation includes \$6,032,000 for 2015 and \$57,508,000 for 2016.

199.2 The 2017 appropriation includes \$6,389,000 for 2016 and ~~\$63,743,000~~ \$61,657,000 for

199.3 2017.

199.4 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.

199.5 C. SPECIAL EDUCATION

199.6 Sec. 14. Laws 2015, First Special Session chapter 3, article 5, section 30, subdivision 2,
199.7 as amended by Laws 2016, chapter 189, article 29, section 15, is amended to read:

199.8 Subd. 2. **Special education; regular.** For special education aid under Minnesota Statutes,
199.9 section 125A.75:

199.10 \$ 1,183,619,000 2016

199.11	1,247,107,000
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199.12 \$ 1,258,250,000 2017

199.13 The 2016 appropriation includes \$137,932,000 for 2015 and \$1,045,687,000 for 2016.

199.14 The 2017 appropriation includes \$147,202,000 for 2016 and \$1,099,905,000

199.15 \$1,111,048,000 for 2017.

199.16 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.

199.17 Sec. 15. Laws 2015, First Special Session chapter 3, article 5, section 30, subdivision 3,

199.18 as amended by Laws 2016, chapter 189, article 34, section 10, is amended to read:

199.19 Subd. 3. **Travel for home-based services.** For aid for teacher travel for home-based
199.20 services under Minnesota Statutes, section 125A.75, subdivision 1:

199.21 \$ 416,000 2016

199.22	435,000
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199.23 \$ 482,000 2017

199.24 The 2016 appropriation includes \$35,000 for 2015 and \$381,000 for 2016.

199.25 The 2017 appropriation includes \$42,000 for 2016 and ~~\$393,000~~ \$440,000 for 2017.

199.26 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.

200.1 Sec. 16. Laws 2015, First Special Session chapter 3, article 5, section 30, subdivision 5,
200.2 as amended by Laws 2016, chapter 189, article 34, section 11, is amended to read:

200.3 Subd. 5. **Aid for children with disabilities.** For aid under Minnesota Statutes, section
200.4 125A.75, subdivision 3, for children with disabilities placed in residential facilities within
200.5 the district boundaries for whom no district of residence can be determined:

200.6	\$	1,307,000	.....	2016
200.7		1,516,000		
200.8	\$	<u>1,390,000</u>	.....	2017

200.9 If the appropriation for either year is insufficient, the appropriation for the other year is
200.10 available.

200.11 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.

200.12 Sec. 17. Laws 2015, First Special Session chapter 3, article 5, section 30, subdivision 6,
200.13 is amended to read:

200.14 Subd. 6. **Court-placed special education revenue.** For reimbursing serving school
200.15 districts for unreimbursed eligible expenditures attributable to children placed in the serving
200.16 school district by court action under Minnesota Statutes, section 125A.79, subdivision 4:

200.17	\$	56,000	.....	2016
200.18		57,000		
200.19	\$	<u>45,000</u>	.....	2017

200.20 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.

200.21 **D. FACILITIES AND TECHNOLOGY**

200.22 Sec. 18. Laws 2015, First Special Session chapter 3, article 6, section 13, subdivision 2,
200.23 as amended by Laws 2016, chapter 189, article 30, section 23, is amended to read:

200.24 Subd. 2. **Long-term facilities maintenance equalization equalized aid.** For long-term
200.25 facilities maintenance equalization equalized aid under Minnesota Statutes, section 123B.595:

200.26	\$	0	.....	2016
200.27		52,844,000		
200.28	\$	<u>50,571,000</u>	.....	2017

200.29 The 2017 appropriation includes \$0 for 2016 and ~~\$52,844,000~~ \$50,571,000 for 2017.

200.30 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.

201.1 Sec. 19. Laws 2015, First Special Session chapter 3, article 6, section 13, subdivision 3,
201.2 as amended by Laws 2016, chapter 189, article 34, section 12, is amended to read:

201.3 Subd. 3. **Debt service equalization.** For debt service aid according to Minnesota Statutes,
201.4 section 123B.53, subdivision 6:

201.5	\$	20,349,000	.....	2016
201.6		22,926,000		
201.7	\$	<u>20,406,000</u>	.....	2017

201.8 The 2016 appropriation includes \$2,295,000 for 2015 and \$18,054,000 for 2016.

201.9 The 2017 appropriation includes \$2,005,000 for 2016 and ~~\$20,921,000~~ \$18,401,000 for
201.10 2017.

201.11 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.

201.12 **E. NUTRITION**

201.13 Sec. 20. Laws 2015, First Special Session chapter 3, article 7, section 7, subdivision 2, as
201.14 amended by Laws 2016, chapter 189, article 27, section 18, is amended to read:

201.15 Subd. 2. **School lunch.** For school lunch aid according to Minnesota Statutes, section
201.16 124D.111, and Code of Federal Regulations, title 7, section 210.17:

201.17	\$	16,251,000	.....	2016
201.18		16,775,000		
201.19	\$	<u>16,234,000</u>	.....	2017

201.20 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.

201.21 Sec. 21. Laws 2015, First Special Session chapter 3, article 7, section 7, subdivision 3, as
201.22 amended by Laws 2016, chapter 189, article 27, section 19, is amended to read:

201.23 Subd. 3. **School breakfast.** For traditional school breakfast aid under Minnesota Statutes,
201.24 section 124D.1158:

201.25	\$	9,457,000	.....	2016
201.26		10,365,000		
201.27	\$	<u>9,869,000</u>	.....	2017

201.28 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.

202.1 Sec. 22. Laws 2015, First Special Session chapter 3, article 7, section 7, subdivision 4, as
202.2 amended by Laws 2016, chapter 189, article 34, section 15, is amended to read:

202.3 Subd. 4. **Kindergarten milk.** For kindergarten milk aid under Minnesota Statutes,
202.4 section 124D.118:

202.5	\$	788,000	.....	2016
202.6		788,000		
202.7	\$	<u>758,000</u>	.....	2017

202.8 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.

202.9 **F. EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION**

202.10 Sec. 23. Laws 2015, First Special Session chapter 3, article 9, section 8, subdivision 5, as
202.11 amended by Laws 2016, chapter 189, article 34, section 16, is amended to read:

202.12 Subd. 5. **Early childhood family education aid.** For early childhood family education
202.13 aid under Minnesota Statutes, section 124D.135:

202.14	\$	27,948,000	.....	2016
202.15		29,336,000		
202.16	\$	<u>28,944,000</u>	.....	2017

202.17 The 2016 appropriation includes \$2,713,000 for 2015 and \$25,235,000 for 2016.

202.18 The 2017 appropriation includes \$2,803,000 for 2016 and ~~\$26,533,000~~ \$26,141,000 for
202.19 2017.

202.20 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.

202.21 Sec. 24. Laws 2015, First Special Session chapter 3, article 9, section 8, subdivision 6, as
202.22 amended by Laws 2016, chapter 189, article 34, section 17, is amended to read:

202.23 Subd. 6. **Developmental screening aid.** For developmental screening aid under
202.24 Minnesota Statutes, sections 121A.17 and 121A.19:

202.25	\$	3,477,000	.....	2016
202.26		3,488,000		
202.27	\$	<u>3,573,000</u>	.....	2017

202.28 The 2016 appropriation includes \$338,000 for 2015 and \$3,139,000 for 2016.

202.29 The 2017 appropriation includes \$348,000 for 2016 and ~~\$3,140,000~~ \$3,225,000 for
202.30 2017.

202.31 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.

203.1 Sec. 25. Laws 2015, First Special Session chapter 3, article 10, section 3, subdivision 2,
203.2 as amended by Laws 2016, chapter 189, article 34, section 18, is amended to read:

203.3 Subd. 2. **Community education aid.** For community education aid under Minnesota
203.4 Statutes, section 124D.20:

203.5	\$	790,000	.....	2016
203.6		553,000		
203.7	\$	<u>555,000</u>	.....	2017

203.8 The 2016 appropriation includes \$107,000 for 2015 and \$683,000 for 2016.

203.9 The 2017 appropriation includes \$75,000 for 2016 and ~~\$478,000~~ \$480,000 for 2017.

203.10 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.

203.11 **G. SELF-SUFFICIENCY AND LIFELONG LEARNING**

203.12 Sec. 26. Laws 2015, First Special Session chapter 3, article 11, section 3, subdivision 2,
203.13 as amended by Laws 2016, chapter 189, article 34, section 19, is amended to read:

203.14 Subd. 2. **Adult basic education aid.** For adult basic education aid under Minnesota
203.15 Statutes, section 124D.531:

203.16	\$	48,231,000	.....	2016
203.17		49,683,000		
203.18	\$	<u>48,762,000</u>	.....	2017


203.19 The 2016 appropriation includes \$4,782,000 for 2015 and \$43,449,000 for 2016.

203.20 The 2017 appropriation includes \$4,827,000 for 2016 and ~~\$44,856,000~~ \$43,935,000 for
203.21 2017.

203.22 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.

This bill was passed in conformity to the rules of each house and the joint rules of the two houses
as required by the Constitution of the State of Minnesota.


Kurt L. Daudt
Speaker of the House of Representatives


Michelle L. Fischbach
President of the Senate

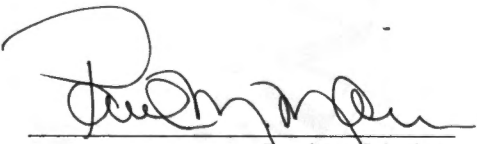
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Patrick D. Murphy
Chief Clerk, House of Representatives

Passed the Senate on May 25, 2017.


Cal R. Ludeman
Secretary of the Senate

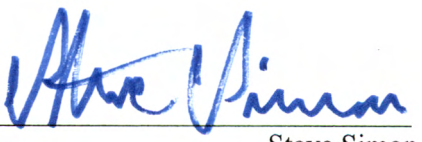
This bill is properly enrolled and was presented to
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Paul M. Marinac
Revisor of Statutes

Approved on May 30, 2017, at 4:31 P.M.


Mark Dayton
Governor

Filed on May 31, 2017.


Steve Simon
Secretary of State