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H. F. No. 1528

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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Education Innovation Policy

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to education; clarifying advanced placement and international
1.3 baccalaureate program requirements; appropriating money; amending Minnesota
1.4 Statutes 2014, section 120B.13, subdivisions 1, 4.

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

1.6 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 120B.13, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

1.7 Subdivision 1. **Program structure; training programs for teachers.** (a) The
1.8 advanced placement and international baccalaureate programs are well established
1.9 academic and career-related programs for grades pre-K to 12 students. These programs,
1.10 in addition to providing academic rigor, offer sound curricular design, accountability,
1.11 comprehensive external assessment, feedback to students and teachers, and the
1.12 opportunity for students to compete academically on a global level. Advanced placement
1.13 and international baccalaureate programs allow students to leave high school with the
1.14 academic skills and self-confidence to succeed in college and beyond. The advanced
1.15 placement and international baccalaureate programs help provide Minnesota students with
1.16 world-class workforce educational preparation.

1.17 (b) Critical to schools' educational success is ongoing advanced placement and
1.18 international baccalaureate-approved teacher training. A secondary teacher assigned
1.19 by a district to teach an advanced placement or international baccalaureate course or
1.20 other interested educator program may participate in a training program offered by The
1.21 College Board or International Baccalaureate North America, Inc Organization. The state
1.22 may pay a portion of the tuition, room, board, and out-of-state travel costs a teacher or
1.23 other interested educator incurs in participating in a training program. The commissioner
1.24 shall determine application procedures and deadlines, select teachers and other interested

2.1 educators to participate in the training program, and determine the payment process and
 2.2 amount of the subsidy. The procedures determined by the commissioner shall, to the
 2.3 extent possible, ensure that advanced placement and international baccalaureate courses
 2.4 and programs become available in all parts of the state and that a variety of course
 2.5 offerings and programs are available in school districts. This subdivision does not prevent
 2.6 teacher or other interested educator participation in training programs offered by The
 2.7 College Board or International Baccalaureate ~~North America, Inc.~~ Organization, when
 2.8 tuition is paid by a source other than the state.

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

2.10 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 120B.13, subdivision 4, is amended to read:

2.11 Subd. 4. **Rigorous course taking information; AP, IB, and PSEO.** The
 2.12 commissioner shall submit the following information on rigorous course taking to the
 2.13 education committees of the legislature each year by February 1:

2.14 (1) the number of pupils and alternative pupils enrolled in postsecondary enrollment
 2.15 options under section 124D.09, including concurrent enrollment, advanced placement, and
 2.16 international baccalaureate courses in each school district or nonpublic school;

2.17 (2) the number of teachers in each district and nonpublic school attending training
 2.18 programs offered by the college board, International Baccalaureate ~~North America, Inc.~~
 2.19 Organization, or Minnesota concurrent enrollment programs;

2.20 (3) the number of teachers in each district and nonpublic school participating in
 2.21 support programs;

2.22 (4) recent trends in the field of postsecondary enrollment options under section
 2.23 124D.09, including concurrent enrollment, advanced placement, and international
 2.24 baccalaureate programs;

2.25 (5) expenditures for each category in this section and under sections 124D.09 and
 2.26 124D.091; and

2.27 (6) other recommendations for the state program or the postsecondary enrollment
 2.28 options under section 124D.09, including concurrent enrollment.

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

2.30 Sec. 3. **ADVANCED PLACEMENT AND INTERNATIONAL**
 2.31 **BACCALAUREATE EXAMINATION FEES; TEACHER TRAINING AND**
 2.32 **SUPPORT PROGRAMS; APPROPRIATION.**

3.1 (a) The following sums in the designated years are appropriated from the general
 3.2 fund to the commissioner of education for students' advanced placement and international
 3.3 baccalaureate examination fees under Minnesota Statutes, section 120B.13, subdivision
 3.4 3, and the training and related costs for teachers and other interested educators under
 3.5 Minnesota Statutes, section 120B.13, subdivision 1:

3.6 \$ 8,500,000 2016

3.7 \$ 8,500,000 2017

3.8 (b) The advanced placement program shall receive 60 percent of the appropriation
 3.9 each year and the international baccalaureate program shall receive 40 percent of
 3.10 the appropriation each year. The Department of Education, in consultation with
 3.11 representatives of the advanced placement and international baccalaureate programs
 3.12 selected by the Advanced Placement Advisory Council and the Minnesota Association of
 3.13 IB World Schools, respectively, shall determine the amounts of the expenditures each year
 3.14 for examination fees and training and support programs for each program.

3.15 (c) Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes, section 120B.13, subdivision 1, at least
 3.16 \$2,000,000 each year is for teachers to attend training programs and follow-up support
 3.17 workshops approved by the advanced placement or international baccalaureate programs.

3.18 (d) The commissioner shall pay all public and nonpublic examination fees for all
 3.19 students of low-income families under Minnesota Statutes, section 120B.13, subdivision
 3.20 3, and to the extent of available appropriations shall also pay part or all of the examination
 3.21 fees for other students sitting for an advanced placement examination, international
 3.22 baccalaureate examination, or both.

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

3.24 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 1, 2015.