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H. F. No. **2444**

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

1.1 A bill for an act  
1.2 relating to education finance; authorizing certain nonpublic students to enroll in  
1.3 postsecondary enrollment options in 10th grade; appropriating money; amending  
1.4 Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 124D.09, subdivision 4.

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

1.6 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 124D.09, subdivision 4, is amended to read:

1.7 Subd. 4. **Alternative pupil.** (a) "Alternative pupil" means an 11th or 12th grade student  
1.8 not enrolled in a public school district, and includes students attending nonpublic schools  
1.9 and students who are home schooled.

1.10 (b) "Alternative pupil" includes a 10th grade student who:

1.11 (1) is not enrolled in a public school district, including a student attending a nonpublic  
1.12 school or who is home schooled;

1.13 (2) is applying to enroll in a career or technical education course offered by a Minnesota  
1.14 state college or university; and

1.15 (3) has received a passing score on the 8th grade Minnesota Comprehensive Assessment,  
1.16 or if the student did not take the 8th grade Minnesota Comprehensive Assessment in reading,  
1.17 another reading assessment accepted by the enrolling postsecondary institution.

1.18 The alternative 10th grade pupil's enrollment in courses is subject to the same conditions  
1.19 and restrictions as applies to all other 10th grade students under this section.

1.20 (c) An alternative pupil is considered a pupil for purposes of this section only. An  
1.21 alternative pupil must register with the commissioner of education before participating in  
1.22 the postsecondary enrollment options program. The commissioner shall prescribe the form

2.1 and manner of the registration, in consultation with the Nonpublic Education Council under  
2.2 section 123B.445, and may request any necessary information from the alternative pupil.

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

2.4 Sec. 2. **APPROPRIATION; POSTSECONDARY ENROLLMENT OPTIONS**

2.5 **ADDITIONAL ENROLLMENT.**

2.6 \$..... in fiscal year 2018 is appropriated from the general fund to the commissioner of  
2.7 education for additional general education aid payments required under section 1.