

CHAPTER 7—S.F.No. 1499

An act relating to education; ensuring students' ability to participate in league-sponsored activities after completing licensed treatment programs; amending Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 128C.02, subdivision 5.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 128C.02, subdivision 5, is amended to read:

Subd. 5. **Rules for open enrollees.** (a) The league shall adopt league rules and regulations governing the athletic participation of pupils attending school in a nonresident district under section 124D.03.

(b) Notwithstanding other law or league rule or regulation to the contrary, when a student enrolls in or is readmitted to a recovery-focused high school after successfully completing a licensed program for treatment of alcohol or substance abuse, mental illness, or emotional disturbance, the student is immediately eligible to participate on the same basis as other district students in the league-sponsored activities of the student's resident school district. Nothing in this paragraph prohibits the league or school district from enforcing a league or district penalty resulting from the student violating a league or district rule.

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

Presented to the governor March 19, 2007

Signed by the governor March 20, 2007, 2:45 p.m.