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State of Minnesota  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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H. F. No. 1699

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

1.1 A bill for an act  
1.2 relating to education; making students' economic circumstances a criterion for  
1.3 arranging competitive interscholastic conferences and determining competitive  
1.4 classifications; amending Minnesota Statutes 2012, sections 128C.02,  
1.5 subdivision 3; 128C.05, subdivision 2.

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

1.7 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2012, section 128C.02, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

1.8 Subd. 3. **Criteria for conference arrangements.** (a) To arrange competitive  
1.9 interscholastic conferences, the board must consider, in addition to the criteria under  
1.10 paragraph (b), students' economic circumstances including the number and percentage of  
1.11 students eligible to receive a free or reduced-price lunch in the school and district, the  
1.12 per capita income of persons residing in the district, the amount of the referendum levy  
1.13 in the district, and the district referendum market value.

1.14 (b) Consistent with paragraph (a), the board must develop criteria for the league to  
1.15 use when it is asked to arrange for membership in an interscholastic conference by a  
1.16 league member under section 128C.07. The league must give notice and an opportunity  
1.17 for league members to be heard before adopting the criteria. The criteria must include,  
1.18 at least, the distance to be traveled by competing schools, the relative enrollments of the  
1.19 schools, and the comparability of extracurricular activities in the schools.

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

1.21 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2012, section 128C.05, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

1.22 Subd. 2. **Classes.** The league shall determine the number of competitive classes  
1.23 in all interscholastic athletic activities under its jurisdiction based on students' economic

2.1 circumstances including the number and percentage of students eligible to receive a free or  
2.2 reduced-price lunch in the school and district, the per capita income of persons residing in  
2.3 the district, the amount of the referendum levy in the district, and the district referendum  
2.4 market value, among other relevant criteria.

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