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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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H. F. No. 2981

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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary Finance and Civil Law

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to civil law; providing limits to liability for businesses and schools related
1.3 to COVID-19 transmission; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes,
1.4 chapter 604A.

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

1.6 Section 1. 604A.52] LIMITED LIABILITY; COVID-19.

1.7 Subdivision 1. Definitions. (a) For purposes of this section, the following terms have
1.8 the meanings given in this subdivision.

1.9 (b) "Person" means: (1) an individual, association, for-profit or nonprofit entity, religious
1.10 organization, or charitable organization and the individual, association, for-profit or nonprofit
1.11 entity, religious organization, or charitable organization's officials, agents, and employees;
1.12 and (2) schools, including private and public schools.

1.13 (c) "Government guidance" means policies, procedures, regulations, or executive orders
1.14 related to COVID-19 issued by the federal government or the state government as guidance
1.15 to avoid contracting COVID-19.

1.16 Subd. 2. Effect of compliance on liability. A person in Minnesota is not liable in a civil
1.17 action for injury, damage, death of a person, or economic loss related to COVID-19 if the
1.18 act or omission at issue complied or was consistent with government guidance applicable
1.19 at the time of the alleged act or omission.

1.20 EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective retroactively from March 13, 2020, and
1.21 applies to causes of action accruing on or after that date.