A bill for an act

relating to education; providing for outdoor education as an elective standard; amending Minnesota Statutes 2007 Supplement, section 120B.022, subdivision 1.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2007 Supplement, section 120B.022, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

Subdivision 1. **Elective standards.** (a) A district must establish its own standards in the following subject areas:

(1) vocational and technical education; ~~and~~

(2) world languages; and

(3) outdoor education.

A school district must offer courses in all elective subject areas.

(b) World languages teachers and other school staff should develop and implement world languages programs that acknowledge and reinforce the language proficiency and cultural awareness that non-English language speakers already possess, and encourage students' proficiency in multiple world languages. Programs under this paragraph must encompass indigenous American Indian languages and cultures, among other world languages and cultures. The department shall consult with postsecondary institutions in developing related professional development opportunities.