

SENATE
STATE OF MINNESOTA
EIGHTY-EIGHTH SESSION

S.F. No. 2597

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DATE	D-PG	OFFICIAL STATUS
03/12/2014	6165	Introduction and first reading Referred to Education
03/17/2014	6225	Comm report: To pass and re-referred to Finance

1.1 A bill for an act
 1.2 relating to education; providing for English learners with interrupted formal
 1.3 education; amending Minnesota Statutes 2012, section 124D.59, by adding a
 1.4 subdivision.

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

1.6 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2012, section 124D.59, is amended by adding a
 1.7 subdivision to read:

1.8 Subd. 2a. **English learner with interrupted formal education.** (a) "English
 1.9 learner with interrupted formal education" means an English learner who meets the
 1.10 following requirements:

1.11 (1) the pupil comes from a home where the language usually spoken is other than
 1.12 English or usually speaks a language other than English;

1.13 (2) the pupil enters school in the United States after grade 6;

1.14 (3) the pupil has at least two years less schooling than peers;

1.15 (4) the pupil functions at least two years below expected grade level in reading
 1.16 and mathematics; and

1.17 (5) the pupil may be preliterate in the pupil's native language.

1.18 (b) Notwithstanding section 120A.20, subdivision 1, a pupil who meets the
 1.19 requirements of paragraph (a) must be counted as an English learner in calculating English
 1.20 learner pupil units under section 126C.05, subdivision 17, and shall generate state English
 1.21 learner aid under section 124D.65, subdivision 5, until the end of the school year when
 1.22 the student becomes 23 years old.