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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on E-12 Education

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to education; allowing school districts to grant required course credits
1.3 to students who satisfactorily complete science, math, or arts courses as part of
1.4 a career and technical education program; amending Minnesota Statutes 2006,
1.5 section 120B.024.

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

1.7 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 120B.024, is amended to read:

1.8 **120B.024 GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS; COURSE CREDITS.**

1.9 (a) Students beginning 9th grade in the 2004-2005 school year and later must
1.10 successfully complete the following high school level course credits for graduation:

1.11 (1) four credits of language arts;

1.12 (2) three credits of mathematics, encompassing at least algebra, geometry, statistics,
1.13 and probability sufficient to satisfy the academic standard;

1.14 (3) three credits of science, including at least one credit in biology;

1.15 (4) three and one-half credits of social studies, encompassing at least United
1.16 States history, geography, government and citizenship, world history, and economics or
1.17 three credits of social studies encompassing at least United States history, geography,
1.18 government and citizenship, and world history, and one-half credit of economics taught in
1.19 a school's social studies, agriculture education, or business department;

1.20 (5) one credit in the arts; and

1.21 (6) a minimum of seven elective course credits.

1.22 A course credit is equivalent to a student successfully completing an academic
1.23 year of study or a student mastering the applicable subject matter, as determined by the
1.24 local school district.

2.1 (b) An agriculture science course may fulfill a science credit requirement in addition
2.2 to the specified science credits in biology and chemistry or physics under paragraph (a),
2.3 clause (3).

2.4 (c) A school district may grant a science, mathematics, or arts credit required under
2.5 this section to a student who successfully completes a science, mathematics, or arts
2.6 standard as part of a career and technical education program.

2.7 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective for the 2007-2008 school year and
2.8 later.