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

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to education finance; increasing the funding for gifted and talented
1.3 programming; requiring school districts to identify gifted and talented students;
amending Minnesota Statutes 2006, sections 120B.15; 126C.10, subdivision 2b.

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

1.6 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 120B.15, is amended to read:

1.7 **120B.15 GIFTED AND TALENTED STUDENTS PROGRAMS.**

1.8 School districts ~~may~~ must identify students, locally develop programs, provide
1.9 staff development, and evaluate programs to provide gifted and talented students with
1.10 challenging educational programs.

1.11 School districts may adopt guidelines for assessing and identifying students for
1.12 participation in gifted and talented programs. The guidelines should include the use of:

- 1.13 (1) multiple and objective criteria; and
- 1.14 (2) assessments and procedures that are valid and reliable, fair, and based on current
1.15 theory and research.

1.16 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 1, 2007.

1.17 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 126C.10, subdivision 2b, is amended to read:

1.18 Subd. 2b. **Gifted and talented revenue.** Gifted and talented revenue for each
1.19 district equals ~~\$4 times~~ the district's adjusted marginal cost pupil units for ~~fiscal year~~
1.20 ~~2006 and \$9 for fiscal year 2007 and later~~ that school year times \$18. A school district
1.21 must reserve gifted and talented revenue and, consistent with section 120B.15, must
1.22 spend the revenue only to:

- 1.23 (1) identify gifted and talented students;

- 2.1 (2) provide education programs for gifted and talented students; or
- 2.2 (3) provide staff development to prepare teachers to best meet the unique needs
- 2.3 of gifted and talented students.

2.4 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective for revenue for fiscal year 2008.