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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; requiring school performance report cards to indicate both
1.3 the cut score and the corresponding percent of items students must answer
1.4 correctly at set performance levels; amending Minnesota Statutes 2006, section
1.5 120B.36, subdivision 1.

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

1.7 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 120B.36, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

1.8 Subdivision 1. **School performance report cards.** (a) The commissioner shall
1.9 use objective criteria based on levels of student performance to identify four to six
1.10 designations applicable to high and low performing public schools. The objective criteria
1.11 shall include at least student academic performance, school safety, and staff characteristics,
1.12 with a value-added growth component added by the 2006-2007 school year.

1.13 (b) The commissioner shall develop, annually update, and post on the department
1.14 Web site school performance report cards. A school's designation must be clearly stated
1.15 on each school performance report card. The performance report cards must indicate both
1.16 the cut scores and the corresponding percentages of items students must answer correctly
1.17 at each set performance level adopted for the statewide tests the commissioner uses to
1.18 determine school designations under this section.

1.19 (c) The commissioner must make available the first school designations and school
1.20 performance report cards by November 2003, and during the beginning of each school
1.21 year thereafter.

1.22 (d) A school or district may appeal in writing a designation under this section to the
1.23 commissioner within 30 days of receiving the designation. The commissioner's decision
1.24 to uphold or deny an appeal is final.

2.1 (c) School performance report cards are nonpublic data under section 13.02,
2.2 subdivision 9, until not later than ten days after the appeal procedure described in
2.3 paragraph (d) concludes. The department shall annually post school performance report
2.4 cards to its public Web site no later than September 1.

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