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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 students in grades 1 through 4 to attend language
1.3 immersion summer school; appropriating money; proposing coding for new law
1.4 in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 120B.

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

1.6 Section 1. [120B.122] LANGUAGE IMMERSION SUMMER SCHOOL.

1.7 (a) Recognizing that young children can readily learn a second language, each
1.8 public school student in grades 1 through 4 must attend a minimum of six weeks of
1.9 half-day language immersion summer school, consistent with a school district's locally
1.10 developed world languages standards. Districts are encouraged to implement a language
1.11 immersion curriculum that:

1.12 (1) develops students' proficiency in the foreign language;

1.13 (2) develops students' positive attitudes toward those who speak that language and
1.14 toward that culture;

1.15 (3) develops students' language skills appropriate to their age and ability; and

1.16 (4) allows students to gain skills and knowledge in related content areas.

1.17 When providing a language immersion summer school, districts must: ensure that
1.18 administrative support, qualified teachers who are fluent in the oral and written forms of
1.19 the language and have a knowledge of the culture, appropriate foreign language materials,
1.20 teacher preparation time, and ongoing staff development training are available; and foster
1.21 parent and community support for the program.

1.22 (b) Consistent with section 120B.021, subdivision 1, school districts must facilitate
1.23 students' continued growth in the foreign language throughout the school year and in later
1.24 grades through an integrated curriculum and enrichment activities.

2.1 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective for the 2008-2009 school year and
2.2 later.

2.3 Sec. 2. **APPROPRIATION.**

2.4 \$..... is appropriated in fiscal year 2008 from the general fund to the commissioner
2.5 of education for the purposes of enabling school districts to implement Minnesota
2.6 Statutes, section 120B.122. Any unexpended funds in fiscal year 2008 do not cancel and
2.7 are available in fiscal year 2009.

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