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

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Committee Recommendation and Adoption of Report:
To Pass and re-referred to the Committee on Finance

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to education; providing for teacher training to better integrate the use of
1.3 learning technologies into K-12 classrooms; appropriating money.

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

1.5 Section 1. **TEACHER TRAINING TO INTEGRATE LEARNING**
1.6 **TECHNOLOGIES INTO K-12 CLASSROOMS.**

1.7 (a) The commissioner of education must contract with the University of Minnesota
1.8 for qualified experts to provide teacher training in effectively using computers and
1.9 related technologies in kindergarten through grade 12 classrooms. The experts must
1.10 provide professional development opportunities to teachers throughout the state and
1.11 enable participants to successfully use technology-related instructional resources to help
1.12 diverse students meet state and local academic standards and graduation requirements and
1.13 achieve educational excellence, and enhance teachers' learning and curriculum content
1.14 and instruction. The experts also must enable participants to serve as master teachers to
1.15 provide professional development to other teachers interested in better integrating the
1.16 use of learning technologies into K-12 classrooms. Participants who serve as master
1.17 teachers may co-teach teacher workshops with other qualified professional development
1.18 providers and participate in professional development workshops as part of school
1.19 districts' professional development programs.

1.20 (b) The commissioner of education must provide for an evaluation of the
1.21 effectiveness of the teacher training program under paragraph (a) and recommend to the
1.22 education policy and finance committees of the legislature by February 15, 2010, whether
1.23 or not to make the program available statewide.

2.1 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.

2.2 Sec. 2. **APPROPRIATION; TEACHER TRAINING TO INTEGRATE**
2.3 **LEARNING TECHNOLOGIES.**

2.4 \$..... is appropriated from the general fund in fiscal year 2008 to the commissioner
2.5 of education for teacher training to integrate learning technologies into K-12 classrooms
2.6 under section 1. The commissioner may use up to five percent of the appropriation for an
2.7 evaluation of the training. This appropriation is available until June 30, 2009.

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