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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 public health; creating a pilot project to make Minneapolis schools
1.3 fragrance-free.

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

1.5 Section 1. **FRAGRANCE-FREE SCHOOLS PILOT PROJECT.**

1.6 Subdivision 1. **Purpose.** Recognizing that scented products may trigger asthma or
1.7 chemical sensitivity reactions in students, which contribute to learning and breathing
1.8 problems, the commissioner of health shall develop a fragrance-free schools pilot project.

1.9 Subd. 2. **Education.** The commissioner of health, in collaboration with the
1.10 commissioner of education, and the Minneapolis Board of Education, shall establish an
1.11 education campaign in Minneapolis public schools to inform students and parents about
1.12 the harmful effects of the use of fragrant products in schools.

1.13 Subd. 3. **Fragrance-free.** The commissioner of health, in collaboration with
1.14 the commissioner of education and the Minneapolis school district, shall create a
1.15 fragrance-free environment in the Minneapolis public schools. This fragrance ban
1.16 includes, but is not limited to, the following products: perfumes, air fresheners, scented
1.17 lotions, and scented cleaning products. The commissioner of health shall conduct an
1.18 evaluation of the effect of this pilot program and report back to the legislature by January
1.19 1, 2008, with advice as to whether to ban fragrances in schools statewide.

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