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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 finance; authorizing the creation of five charter schools
1.3 focused on medical technology; amending Minnesota Statutes 2006, section
1.4 126C.05, subdivision 1.

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

1.6 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 126C.05, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

1.7 Subdivision 1. Pupil unit. Pupil units for each Minnesota resident pupil under the
1.8 age of 21 or who meets the requirements of section 120A.20, subdivision 1, paragraph
1.9 (c), in average daily membership enrolled in the district of residence, in another district
1.10 under sections 123A.05 to 123A.08, 124D.03, 124D.06, 124D.07, 124D.08, or 124D.68;
1.11 in a charter school under section 124D.10; or a MedTech charter school under section
1.12 124D.105; or for whom the resident district pays tuition under section 123A.18, 123A.22,
1.13 123A.30, 123A.32, 123A.44, 123A.488, 123B.88, subdivision 4, 124D.04, 124D.05,
1.14 125A.03 to 125A.24, 125A.51, or 125A.65, shall be counted according to this subdivision.

1.15 (a) A prekindergarten pupil with a disability who is enrolled in a program approved
1.16 by the commissioner and has an individual education plan is counted as the ratio of the
1.17 number of hours of assessment and education service to 825 times 1.25 with a minimum
1.18 average daily membership of 0.28, but not more than 1.25 pupil units.

1.19 (b) A prekindergarten pupil who is assessed but determined not to be disabled is
1.20 counted as the ratio of the number of hours of assessment service to 825 times 1.25.

1.21 (c) A kindergarten pupil with a disability who is enrolled in a program approved
1.22 by the commissioner is counted as the ratio of the number of hours of assessment and
1.23 education services required in the fiscal year by the pupil's individual education program
1.24 plan to 875, but not more than one.

2.1 (d) A kindergarten pupil who is not included in paragraph (c) is counted as .557 of a
 2.2 pupil unit for fiscal year 2000 and thereafter.

2.3 (e) A pupil who is in any of grades 1 to 3 is counted as 1.115 pupil units for fiscal
 2.4 year 2000 and thereafter.

2.5 (f) A pupil who is any of grades 4 to 6 is counted as 1.06 pupil units for fiscal
 2.6 year 1995 and thereafter.

2.7 (g) A pupil who is in any of grades 7 to 12 is counted as 1.3 pupil units.

2.8 (h) A pupil who is in the postsecondary enrollment options program is counted
 2.9 as 1.3 pupil units.

2.10 (i) A pupil who is in grade 13 who is enrolled in a MedTech charter school is
 2.11 counted as 1.3 pupil units.

2.12 **Sec. 2. MEDTECH CHARTER SCHOOLS.**

2.13 Subdivision 1. **Schools established.** Up to five MedTech charter schools may be
 2.14 established. The schools must be sponsored by a postsecondary institution eligible to
 2.15 sponsor a charter school under Minnesota Statutes, section 124D.10, subdivision 3.

2.16 Subd. 2. **Schools commissioner chooses.** In order to be qualified as a MedTech
 2.17 charter school, the proposed school must meet the qualifications of a charter school
 2.18 under Minnesota Statutes, section 124D.10, and the sponsor must separately submit an
 2.19 application to the commissioner of education in the form and manner and according
 2.20 to the timelines established by the commissioner. If more than five schools submit an
 2.21 application, the commissioner must select MedTech programs to reflect the geographic
 2.22 diversity of the state.

2.23 Subd. 3. **MedTech program characteristics.** A MedTech charter school must:

2.24 (1) offer a five-year program and serve students in grades 9 through 13;

2.25 (2) have a curriculum that meets both the Minnesota curriculum standards under
 2.26 Minnesota Statutes, chapter 120B, and the requirements the sponsoring institution has in
 2.27 place for an associate of arts degree in a medical or health care related field; and

2.28 (3) provide students with internship options throughout the students' course of study.

2.29 Subd. 4. **Admission requirements.** A MedTech charter school may enroll up to 375
 2.30 students in grades 9 through 13. Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes, section 124D.10,
 2.31 subdivision 9, a MedTech charter school must provide enrollment preference to a student
 2.32 whose family qualifies for free or reduced-price meals or whose mother or father has not
 2.33 graduated from college.

2.34 Subd. 5. **Student internship.** A student enrolled in a MedTech charter school must
 2.35 complete the internship program required by the school.

3.1 Subd. 6. **Funding.** A MedTech charter school is funded in the same manner as other
3.2 charter schools under Minnesota Statutes, section 124D.11, except that a MedTech charter
3.3 school pupil that has finished grade 12 is eligible for additional funding according to
3.4 Minnesota Statutes, section 126C.05, subdivision 1, provided that the student continues to
3.5 meet the MedTech school's attendance policy and maintains an academic record consistent
3.6 with the school's academic standards.