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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 districts and charter schools to allow
1.3 certain pupils with a disability who have not completed the special instruction
1.4 and services to attend their high school graduation ceremonies; amending
1.5 Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 125A.04.

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

1.7 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 125A.04, is amended to read:

1.8 **125A.04 HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA; GRADUATION CEREMONY.**

1.9 (a) Upon completion of secondary school or the equivalent, a pupil with a disability
1.10 who satisfactorily attains the objectives in the pupil's individual education plan must be
1.11 granted a high school diploma that is identical to the diploma granted to a pupil without a
1.12 disability.

1.13 (b) A school district or charter school must allow a pupil with a disability, whose
1.14 individual education plan prescribes continued special instruction and services beyond the
1.15 fourth year of high school, to participate fully in school sponsored and directed graduation
1.16 ceremonies and activities with the pupil's graduating class. The pupil shall receive a
1.17 certificate of attendance at the graduation ceremony, provided that the pupil has met all of
1.18 the school's nonacademic standards for students to be eligible to participate in graduation
1.19 ceremonies regardless of whether the pupil has completed the special instruction and
1.20 services in the pupil's individual education plan. Nothing in this paragraph precludes a
1.21 pupil with a disability from receiving a high school diploma under paragraph (a).

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