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

1.1 A bill for an act  
1.2 relating to education; establishing temporary, alternative graduation requirements  
1.3 for high school seniors who do not receive a passing score on a state GRAD test;  
1.4 authorizing notations of high student achievement; amending Minnesota Statutes  
1.5 2008, section 120B.30, by adding a subdivision.

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

1.7 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2008, section 120B.30, is amended by adding a  
1.8 subdivision to read:

1.9 Subd. 1b. **Temporary alternative GRAD test requirements; notations of high**  
1.10 **student achievement.** (a) For the 2009-2010 through 2011-2012 school years only, a high  
1.11 school senior who does not receive a passing score on the state reading or math GRAD  
1.12 test may graduate if the senior student meets the following criteria:

1.13 (1) took the state reading and math GRAD tests each time the tests were offered  
1.14 when the student was eligible to take the tests;

1.15 (2) completed with a passing score or grade all course work and credits required for  
1.16 graduation by the school board granting the student his or her diploma; and

1.17 (3) participated in the academic remediation available to the student in the student's  
1.18 school in those subject areas in which the student did not receive a passing GRAD test  
1.19 score.

1.20 (b) A school board may formally decide to include a notation of high achievement  
1.21 on the high school diplomas of those graduating seniors who, according to school board  
1.22 criteria, demonstrate exemplary academic achievement during high school. A school  
1.23 board that decides to include such notations must immediately report its decision to the  
1.24 department and must annually report to the department the number and percent of students  
1.25 who receive the notation.

- 2.1 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment
- 2.2 and applies to the 2009-2010 through 2011-2012 school years only.