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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Finance

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to education finance; authorizing a community schools grant to
1.3 Independent School District No. 286, Brooklyn Center; appropriating money.

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

1.5 Section 1. **COMMUNITY SCHOOLS PILOT PROGRAM.**

1.6 Subdivision 1. Policy and purpose. The purpose of this act is to provide a
1.7 sustainable and transferable framework for school districts to use to develop and
1.8 implement full-service community schools. The pilot program must document the steps
1.9 for the planning, implementation, and operation of a pilot full-service community school
1.10 district.

1.11 Subd. 2. Program goals. The goals of the community schools pilot program include:

1.12 (1) improving the coordination, availability, and effectiveness of services for
1.13 children and families;

1.14 (2) enabling principals and teachers to complement and enrich efforts to help all
1.15 children reach proficiency in math and reading;

1.16 (3) ensuring that children come to school ready to learn every day;

1.17 (4) enabling families to participate in the education of their children;

1.18 (5) enabling more efficient use of all federal, state, local, and private sector resources
1.19 that serve children and families;

1.20 (6) facilitating the coordination of programs operated by community-based
1.21 organizations, nonprofit organizations, and state and local government;

1.22 (7) engaging students as resources to their communities;

1.23 (8) engaging the business community and other community organizations as partners
1.24 in the development of full-service community schools;

2.1 (9) developing a model that can be replicated throughout the state as district wide or
2.2 individual building level full-service community schools; and

2.3 (10) providing support for other public schools in the implementation of full-service
2.4 community schools.

2.5 Subd. 3. **Full-service community schools.** A school building intending to
2.6 become a full-service community school must participate in a community-based effort
2.7 to provide educational, developmental, family, health, and other comprehensive services
2.8 through community-based organizations and public and private partnerships. The
2.9 community-based effort must provide access to the range of community services for
2.10 students, families, and others in the community.

2.11 Subd. 4. **Structural requirements.** The pilot program community school district
2.12 must provide a set of scientifically-based performance measures which will assist in a
2.13 comprehensive formative and summative evaluation of full-service community schools.
2.14 The pilot program must develop a strategy for establishing sustainability of a full-service
2.15 community school district.

2.16 Subd. 5. **School calendar.** The pilot program community school district must
2.17 establish a district calendar and student school day that maximizes the efficient delivery of
2.18 educational and community-based services.

2.19 Subd. 6. **Licensure.** Independent School District No. 286, Brooklyn Center, upon
2.20 approval from the commissioner of education, may request licensure waivers from the
2.21 Board of Teaching and the Board of Administrators for flexibility to hire or contract with
2.22 otherwise qualified community partners to deliver educational and community services.

2.23 Subd. 7. **Reporting.** The pilot program must disseminate information on the
2.24 full-service community schools to other public school districts in Minnesota and must
2.25 report the results of its activities to the education committees of the Minnesota legislature
2.26 by January 15, 2011. The report must also include a list of any state law or rule that
2.27 impedes the effective delivery of services or the sharing of information between the school
2.28 district and its community partners.

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

2.30 **Sec. 2. APPROPRIATIONS.**

2.31 \$350,000 is appropriated in fiscal year 2010 from the general fund to the
2.32 commissioner of education for a community schools pilot grant under section 1 to
2.33 Independent School District No. 286, Brooklyn Center.

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