A bill for an act

relating to education; amending the Pupil Fair Dismissal Act; limiting dismissals for certain pupils; amending Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 121A.45, subdivision 2.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 121A.45, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

Subd. 2. Grounds for dismissal. A school district must not dismiss a child participating or enrolled in a prekindergarten program or a pupil in kindergarten through grade 12 except as provided in this subdivision. A school district may dismiss a pupil in grade 3 through 5 for willful conduct that endangers the pupil or other pupils or surrounding persons, including school district employees. A school district may dismiss a pupil in grade 6 through 12 for any of the following grounds:

(a) willful violation of any reasonable school board regulation. Such regulation must be clear and definite to provide notice to pupils that they must conform their conduct to its requirements;

(b) willful conduct that significantly disrupts the rights of others to an education, or the ability of school personnel to perform their duties, or school sponsored extracurricular activities; or

(c) willful conduct that endangers the pupil or other pupils, or surrounding persons, including school district employees, or property of the school.

EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective for the 2019-2020 school year and later.