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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NINETY-FIRST SESSION

H. F. No. 1785

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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Early Childhood Finance and Policy Division

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to education; amending the Pupil Fair Dismissal Act; limiting dismissals
1.3 for certain pupils; amending Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 121A.45, subdivision
1.4 2.

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

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

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

1.13 (a) (1) willful violation of any reasonable school board regulation. Such regulation must
1.14 be clear and definite to provide notice to pupils that they must conform their conduct to its
1.15 requirements;

1.16 (b) (2) willful conduct that significantly disrupts the rights of others to an education, or
1.17 the ability of school personnel to perform their duties, or school sponsored extracurricular
1.18 activities; or

1.19 (c) (3) willful conduct that endangers the pupil or other pupils, or surrounding persons,
1.20 including school district employees, or property of the school.

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