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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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H. F. No. 2621

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

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to education; establishing requirements for adopting social studies
1.3 standards; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 120B.

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

1.5 Section 1. [120B.025] SOCIAL STUDIES.

1.6 In adopting the social studies standards and benchmarks under sections 120B.021 and
1.7 120B.023, the commissioner must include essential knowledge and skills that develop each
1.8 student's civic knowledge, including an understanding of:

1.9 (1) the fundamental moral, political, and intellectual foundations of the American
1.10 experiment in self-government, as well as the history, qualities, traditions, and features of
1.11 civic engagement in the United States;

1.12 (2) the structure, function, and processes of government institutions at the federal, state,
1.13 and local levels; and

1.14 (3) the founding documents of the United States, including the Declaration of
1.15 Independence, the United States Constitution, the Federalist Papers, including but not limited
1.16 to essays 10 and 51, excerpts from Alexis de Tocqueville's *Democracy in America*, the first
1.17 Lincoln-Douglas debate, and the writings of the founding fathers of the United States.