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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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H. F. No. 3393

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

1.1 A bill for an act  
1.2 relating to education; modifying exceptions to requirement that school years  
1.3 begin after Labor Day; amending Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 120A.40.  
1.4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

1.5 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 120A.40, is amended to read:

1.6 **120A.40 SCHOOL CALENDAR.**

1.7 (a) Except for learning programs during summer, ~~flexible learning year programs~~  
1.8 ~~authorized under sections 124D.12 to 124D.127~~, and learning year programs under section  
1.9 124D.128, a district must not commence an elementary or secondary school year before  
1.10 Labor Day, except as provided under paragraph (b). Days devoted to teachers' workshops  
1.11 may be held before Labor Day. Districts that enter into cooperative agreements are  
1.12 encouraged to adopt similar school calendars.

1.13 (b) A district may begin the school year on any day before Labor Day:

1.14 (1) to accommodate a capital construction or remodeling project of ~~\$400,000~~  
1.15 \$1,000,000 or more affecting a district classroom school facility;

1.16 (2) if the district has an agreement under section 123A.30, 123A.32, or 123A.35  
1.17 with a district that qualifies under clause (1); or

1.18 (3) if the district agrees to the same schedule with a school district in an adjoining  
1.19 state.