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State of Minnesota
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Education Finance

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to education; providing for identification of students eligible for free meals
1.3 under the Community Eligibility Provision; requiring a report; proposing coding
1.4 for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 124D.

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

1.6 Section 1. [124D.1112] COMMUNITY ELIGIBILITY PROVISION.

1.7 Subdivision 1. Department duties. (a) By April 1 of each year, the Department of
1.8 Education must identify schools and districts participating in the national school lunch
1.9 program that have an identified student percentage of 40 percent or higher under federal
1.10 guidelines for the Community Eligibility Provision.

1.11 (b) The department must communicate potential eligibility for the Community Eligibility
1.12 Provision to every participant and provide technical application assistance.

1.13 (c) The department must track whether a participant applies or declines to apply for the
1.14 Community Eligibility Provision.

1.15 Subd. 2. Participant duties. By July 1 of each year, every potentially eligible participant
1.16 that declines to apply for federal resources from the Community Eligibility Provision must
1.17 report to the department the number of new students that could be served free meals under
1.18 the Community Eligibility Provision and the participant's specific reasons for declining
1.19 participation.

1.20 Subd. 3. Report. By January 1 of each year, the department must provide a report to
1.21 the chairs and ranking minority members of the legislative committees with jurisdiction
1.22 over kindergarten through grade 12 education that includes a list of potentially eligible

- 2.1 schools and districts that have not applied for federal resources from the Community
- 2.2 Eligibility Provision. The department must include in its report the reasons provided for
- 2.3 nonparticipation and the calculated amount of potential federal resources that have been
- 2.4 declined.
- 2.5 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 1, 2018.