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Introduction and first reading  
 Referred to Education Finance and Policy

OFFICIAL STATUS

- 1.1 A bill for an act
- 1.2 relating to education; modifying graduation requirements to include personal
- 1.3 finance; amending Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 120B.024, subdivision 1.
- 1.4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:
- 1.5 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 120B.024, subdivision 1, is amended to read:
- 1.6 Subdivision 1. **Graduation requirements.** (a) Students beginning 9th grade in the
- 1.7 2011-2012 school year and later must successfully complete the following high school level
- 1.8 credits for graduation:
- 1.9 (1) four credits of language arts sufficient to satisfy all of the academic standards in
- 1.10 English language arts;
- 1.11 (2) three credits of mathematics, including an algebra II credit or its equivalent, sufficient
- 1.12 to satisfy all of the academic standards in mathematics;
- 1.13 (3) an algebra I credit by the end of 8th grade sufficient to satisfy all of the 8th grade
- 1.14 standards in mathematics;
- 1.15 (4) three credits of science, including at least one credit of biology, one credit of chemistry
- 1.16 or physics, and one elective credit of science. The combination of credits under this clause
- 1.17 must be sufficient to satisfy (i) all of the academic standards in either chemistry or physics
- 1.18 and (ii) all other academic standards in science;
- 1.19 (5) three and one-half credits of social studies, encompassing at least United States
- 1.20 history, geography, government and citizenship, world history, and either economics or
- 1.21 personal finance sufficient to satisfy all of the academic standards in social studies;

2.1 (6) one credit of the arts sufficient to satisfy all of the state or local academic standards  
2.2 in the arts; and

2.3 (7) a minimum of seven elective credits.

2.4 (b) A school district is encouraged to offer a course for credit in government and  
2.5 citizenship to 11th or 12th grade students who begin 9th grade in the 2020-2021 school year  
2.6 and later, that satisfies the government and citizenship requirement in paragraph (a), clause  
2.7 (5).