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Introduction and first reading
Referred to Education Policy

OFFICIAL STATUS

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to education; allowing a parent to opt their child out of a face covering
1.3 requirement; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 121A.

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

1.5 Section 1. **[121A.80] FACE COVERING OPT OUT.**

1.6 A school district or charter school that requires students to wear face coverings in school
1.7 buildings or on school grounds must allow a parent to opt their child out of the face covering
1.8 requirement. A parent may opt their child out of a face covering requirement by notifying
1.9 the school board, principal, or a person having administrative control of a school site. A
1.10 school district or charter school must not require a parent to provide a reason for the parent's
1.11 election or to provide any evidence regarding any fact related to the child's health or education
1.12 status. A school district or charter school must not discipline or otherwise treat differently
1.13 any child whose parent has opted their child out of a face covering requirement.

1.14 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.