

1.1 Senator ..... moves to amend S.F. No. 4747 as follows:

1.2 Delete everything after the enacting clause and insert:

1.3 "Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 260C.007, subdivision 19, is amended to  
1.4 read:

1.5 Subd. 19. **Habitual truant.** "Habitual truant" means a child under the age of 17 years  
1.6 who is absent from attendance at school without lawful excuse for ~~seven~~ 15 school days  
1.7 per school year if the child is in elementary school or for one or more class periods on seven  
1.8 school days per school year if the child is in middle school, junior high school, or high  
1.9 school or a child who is 17 years of age who is absent from attendance at school without  
1.10 lawful excuse for one or more class periods on seven school days per school year and who  
1.11 has not lawfully withdrawn from school under section 120A.22, subdivision 8.

1.12 Sec. 2. [260E.091] REPORTING OF SCHOOL ATTENDANCE CONCERNS.

1.13 Subdivision 1. **Reports required.** (a) A person mandated to report under this chapter  
1.14 must immediately report to the local welfare agency or designated partner if the person  
1.15 knows or has reason to believe that a child required to be enrolled in school under section  
1.16 120A.22 has at least seven but less than 15 unexcused absences in the current school year  
1.17 and is at risk of educational neglect or truancy under section 260C.163, subdivision 11.

1.18 (b) Any person may make a voluntary report if the person knows or has reason to believe  
1.19 that a child required to be enrolled in school under section 120A.22 has at least seven but  
1.20 less than 15 unexcused absences in the current school year and is at risk of educational  
1.21 neglect or truancy under section 260C.163, subdivision 11.

1.22 (c) An oral report must be made immediately by telephone or otherwise. An oral report  
1.23 made by a person required to report under paragraph (a) must be followed within 72 hours,  
1.24 exclusive of weekends and holidays, by a report in writing to the local welfare agency. A  
1.25 report must sufficiently identify the child and the child's parent or guardian, the actual or  
1.26 estimated number of the child's unexcused absences in the current school year, the efforts  
1.27 made by school officials to resolve attendance concerns with the family, and the name and  
1.28 address of the reporter. A voluntary reporter under paragraph (b) may refuse to provide  
1.29 their name or address if the report is otherwise sufficient, and such a report must be accepted  
1.30 by the local welfare agency.

1.31 Subd. 2. **Local welfare agency.** (a) The local welfare agency or designated partner must  
1.32 conduct a child welfare response for a report made under this section. When conducting a

2.1 child welfare response under this section, the local welfare agency must offer services to  
2.2 the child and the child's family to address school attendance concerns and may partner with  
2.3 a county attorney's office, a community-based organization, or other community partner to  
2.4 provide the services. The services must be culturally and linguistically appropriate and  
2.5 tailored to the needs of the child and the child's family.

2.6 (b) Notwithstanding section 260C.007, subdivision 19, if the unexcused absences continue  
2.7 and the family has not engaged with services provided under paragraph (a) after multiple  
2.8 varied attempts were made to engage the child's family, a report of educational neglect must  
2.9 be made regardless of the number of unexcused absences the child has accrued. The local  
2.10 welfare agency must determine the response path assignment pursuant to section 260E.17  
2.11 and may proceed with the process outlined in section 260C.141.

2.12 **Sec. 3. APPROPRIATION; EDUCATIONAL NEGLECT AND CHILD WELFARE**  
2.13 **RESPONSE GRANTS.**

2.14 \$..... in fiscal year 2025 is appropriated from the general fund to the commissioner of  
2.15 human services for grants to fund child welfare response efforts under Minnesota Statutes,  
2.16 section 260E.091. The commissioner must make grants to local welfare agencies to support  
2.17 utilization of a community organization for the purpose of improving school attendance  
2.18 after receiving a report under Minnesota Statutes, section 260E.091."

2.19 Amend the title accordingly