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## Bill Summary

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### Overview

Under current Minnesota law, classroom teachers and other school district employees with a legitimate educational interest must be notified when students with a history of violent behavior are placed in teachers' classrooms. This requirement is intended to keep classroom teachers and other school staff informed about circumstances that may pose a risk to the safety and welfare of the people in the school. Disciplinary data on student misbehavior are kept in students' education records and access to such data is limited by state and federal data practices laws. In addition, it is not always possible to ensure that every classroom teacher and other district employees with a legitimate educational interest are notified. This bill proposes to immunize school districts and district employees who comply in good faith with the statutory requirement to provide notice about the students with a history of violent behavior who are placed in teachers' classrooms.

#### Section

- 1 Notification; teachers' legitimate educational interest.** (c) Declares that school districts and district employees are immune from civil, administrative and criminal liability when acting in good faith to notify teachers and other district employees about the students with a history of violent behavior who are placed in teachers' classrooms.

Makes this section immediately effective.

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- 2**      **Immunity from liability.** Amends a statutory section governing the receipt and sharing of juvenile justice data to indicate that school districts and district employees are immune from civil, administrative and criminal liability when acting in good faith to notify teachers and other district employees about the students with a history of violent behavior who are placed in teachers' classrooms.

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