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 The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on E-12 Education
 February 21, 2008
 Committee Recommendation and Adoption of Report:
 To Pass as Amended
 Read Second Time

1.1 A bill for an act
 1.2 relating to education; establishing a conflict of interest exception for certain
 1.3 contracts requiring school board approval; amending Minnesota Statutes 2006,
 1.4 section 471.88, by adding a subdivision.

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

1.6 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 471.88, is amended by adding a
 1.7 subdivision to read:

1.8 Subd. 21. **Contract with no bids required.** Notwithstanding subdivision 1, a local
 1.9 school board may contract with a class of school district employees such as teachers
 1.10 or custodians where the spouse of a school board member is a member of the class
 1.11 of employees contracting with the school board and the employee spouse receives no
 1.12 special monetary or other benefit that is substantially different from the benefits that
 1.13 other members of the class receive under the employment contract. A school board
 1.14 invoking this exception must have a majority of disinterested school board members vote
 1.15 to approve the contract, direct the school board member spouse to abstain from voting to
 1.16 approve the contract, and publicly set out the essential facts of the contract at the meeting
 1.17 where the contract is approved.

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