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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Education Policy

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to education; establishing a working group on special education licensure
1.3 reciprocity; requiring a report.

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

1.5 Section 1. SPECIAL EDUCATION LICENSURE RECIPROCALITY WORKING
1.6 GROUP.

1.7 Subdivision 1. Working group established. The Professional Educator Licensing and
1.8 Standards Board must establish a working group on special education licensure reciprocity.

1.9 Subd. 2. Members. (a) The board must consult with the organizations identified in
1.10 paragraph (b) before naming appointed members to the working group.

1.11 (b) By October 1, 2024, the board must appoint the following members to the working
1.12 group:

1.13 (1) the executive director of the board or the executive director's designee;

1.14 (2) one representative from the board;

1.15 (3) two representatives from the Minnesota Administrators for Special Education,
1.16 consisting of one member from the seven-county metropolitan area and one member from
1.17 outside the metropolitan area;

1.18 (4) two representatives from the Minnesota Association of School Administrators,
1.19 consisting of one member from the seven-county metropolitan area and one member from
1.20 outside the metropolitan area;

2.1 (5) two representatives from the Minnesota School Boards Association, consisting of
2.2 one member from the seven-county metropolitan area and one member from outside the
2.3 metropolitan area;

2.4 (6) two representatives from Education Minnesota, consisting of one member from the
2.5 seven-county metropolitan area and one member from outside the metropolitan area;

2.6 (7) two licensed special education teachers, consisting of one member from the
2.7 seven-county metropolitan area and one member from outside the metropolitan area;

2.8 (8) two representatives from the Minnesota Association of Colleges for Teacher
2.9 Education; and

2.10 (9) two representatives from alternative teacher preparation programs.

2.11 Subd. 3. **Duties.** The working group must meet on a regular basis and review current
2.12 statutory and rule requirements for persons with a special education license from another
2.13 state to qualify for a special education license in Minnesota, and make recommendations
2.14 on statutory or rule changes necessary to streamline requirements for out-of-state applicants.
2.15 The working group must submit its recommendations to the board for consideration for
2.16 inclusion in the board's legislative priorities, and by February 1, 2025, must submit a report
2.17 to the legislative committees with jurisdiction over kindergarten through grade 12 education.

2.18 Subd. 4. **Administrative provisions.** (a) The executive director of the board, or the
2.19 director's designee, must convene the initial meeting of the working group. Upon request
2.20 of the working group, the board must provide meeting space and administrative services
2.21 for the group.

2.22 (b) Members of the working group serve without compensation or payment of expenses.

2.23 (c) The working group expires February 1, 2025, or upon submission of the report to
2.24 the legislature required under subdivision 3, whichever is earlier.

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