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

03/20/2013 Adoption of Report: Pass as Amended and re-referred to the Committee on Government Operations

04/02/2013 Adoption of Report: Pass and re-referred to the Committee on Education Finance

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to education; establishing a special education case loads task force;
1.3 requiring a report.

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

1.5 Section 1. **SPECIAL EDUCATION CASE LOADS TASK FORCE.**

1.6 Subdivision 1. **Members.** The commissioner shall establish and appoint a special
1.7 education case loads task force consisting of at least ten members who will provide equal
1.8 representation from school districts, including special education teachers, and advocacy
1.9 organizations, including parents of children with disabilities.

1.10 Subd. 2. **Duties.** The special education case loads task force shall develop
1.11 recommendations for the appropriate numbers of students with disabilities that may be
1.12 assigned to a teacher both with and without paraprofessional support in the classroom and
1.13 for cost-effective and efficient strategies and structures for improving student outcomes.

1.14 Subd. 3. **Report.** The task force must submit a report by February 15, 2014, to the
1.15 education policy and finance committees of the legislature recommending appropriate
1.16 case loads for teachers of school-age children in all federal settings, including educational
1.17 service alternatives, and for early childhood special education and program alternatives.

1.18 Subd. 4. **Expiration.** The task force expires February 16, 2014.