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

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to public safety; establishing a task force to review and evaluate the
1.3 standards and training of school resource officers and the relationship between
1.4 schools and officers; requiring a report.

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

1.6 Section 1. **SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICERS TASK FORCE.**

1.7 Subdivision 1. **Establishment.** The School Resource Officers Task Force
1.8 is established to identify, review, evaluate, and recommend standards and training
1.9 requirements for school resource officers.

1.10 Subd. 2. **Membership; meetings; staff.** (a) The task force shall be composed of
1.11 22 members:

1.12 (1) the director of the Minnesota School Safety Center;

1.13 (2) the commissioner of education or the commissioner's designee;

1.14 (3) one member appointed by the Board of Peace Officer Standards and Training;

1.15 (4) one sheriff appointed by the governor;

1.16 (5) one peace officer appointed by the Minnesota Chiefs of Police Association;

1.17 (6) one school administrator appointed by the Minnesota Association of School

1.18 Administrators;

1.19 (7) two school resource officers appointed by the Minnesota Police and Peace
1.20 Officers Association;

1.21 (8) two licensed teachers, one from a traditional kindergarten through grade 12
1.22 public school setting and one from an intermediate school district or public alternative
1.23 learning center or program, appointed by Education Minnesota;

1.24 (9) one school counselor appointed by the Minnesota School Counselors Association;

- (10) one attorney appointed by the Minnesota Disability Law Center;
- (11) one licensed practitioner appointed by the National Association of Mental
Illness Minnesota;
- (12) one elementary school principal appointed by the Minnesota Elementary
School Principals' Association;
- (13) one secondary school principal appointed by the Minnesota Association of
Secondary School Principals;
- (14) one member appointed by the governor representing the Minnesota Native
American community;
- (15) one member appointed by the governor representing the Minnesota
African-American community;
- (16) one member appointed by the governor representing the Minnesota Latino
community;
- (17) one member appointed by the governor representing the Minnesota
Asian-Pacific community; and
- (18) three students or recent students who have graduated from a Minnesota
public high school within five years of the effective date of this act, one each from a
rural, suburban, and urban area of the state, appointed by the Juvenile Justice Advisory
Committee.
- (b) Members must be appointed by the appointing authority by July 1, 2016, and
serve at the pleasure of the appointing authority. A vacancy shall be filled by appointment
of the appointing authority for the vacating member.
- (c) The commissioner of public safety, at the request of the task force, shall provide
staff and technical assistance necessary for the task force to carry out its duties.
- (d) The director of the Minnesota School Safety Center shall convene the first
meeting of the task force by August 1, 2016. The task force shall elect a chair from its
members at the first meeting.
- (e) The Department of Public Safety may use existing resources to compensate
members of the task force under Minnesota Statutes, section 15.059, subdivision 3.
- Subd. 3. Duties.** (a) The duties of the task force shall, at a minimum, include:
- (1) recommending strategies to increase diversity among school resource officers by
considering how to assign school resource officers so that the demographic characteristics
of the officer reflect the demographic characteristics of the majority of students attending
the school served by the officer;
- (2) reviewing and evaluating the 2014 Department of Public Safety statewide
survey of state resource officers entitled "Law Enforcement in Minnesota Schools: A

Statewide Survey of School Resource Officers" and considering if and how to implement recommendations made in the report;

(3) recommending statewide standards as to how and when school resource officers should participate in student discipline in school, including but not limited to student dismissal from school under Minnesota Statutes, sections 121A.40 to 121A.56, among other student discipline provisions in chapter 121A;

(4) reviewing and recommending a written operating protocol in the memorandum of understanding between a school and a law enforcement agency;

(5) reviewing and recommending criteria for selecting school resource officers;

(6) developing and recommending a training protocol; and

(7) reviewing and recommending best practices for school resource officers.

(b) At its discretion, the task force may examine other related issues consistent with this section.

Subd. 4. Report. By February 1, 2017, the task force shall submit a written report consistent with this section to the chairs and ranking minority members of the house of representatives and senate committees and divisions with primary jurisdiction over public safety and kindergarten through grade 12 education.

Subd. 5. Sunset. The task force sunsets the day after submitting its report under subdivision 4 or February 2, 2017, whichever is earlier.

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