

A bill for an act
relating to education; creating a best practices center for shared services;
amending Minnesota Statutes 2008, section 6.78.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2008, section 6.78, is amended to read:

6.78 BEST PRACTICES REVIEWS.

Subdivision 1. **Reviews.** The state auditor shall conduct best practices reviews that examine the procedures and practices used to deliver local government services, determine the methods of local government service delivery, identify variations in cost and effectiveness, and identify practices to save money or provide more effective service delivery. The state auditor shall recommend to local governments service delivery methods and practices to improve the cost-effectiveness of services. The state auditor shall determine the local government services to be reviewed in consultation with representatives of the Association of Minnesota Counties, the League of Minnesota Cities, the Association of Metropolitan Municipalities, the Minnesota Association of Townships, the Minnesota Municipal Utilities Association, and the Minnesota Association of School Administrators.

Subd. 2. **Shared services; schools.** The state auditor must establish a best practices center. The purpose of the best practices center is to improve the effectiveness of Minnesota's schools by sharing proven best practices and enable schools to learn about, adapt, and apply tools, processes, and shared services that have worked in other school settings. The best practices center must allow public officials to share with each other by providing an online resource that supports collaboration and speeds communication. The state auditor may establish a best practices wiki as well as view and search for

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2.1 other best practices throughout state government. The state auditor shall develop the
2.2 best practices center in consultation with the Minnesota School Boards Association, the
2.3 Minnesota Association of School Administrators, regional educational organizations
2.4 including service cooperatives, education districts, and other joint powers organizations,
2.5 and business interests.