

State of Minnesota

H. F. No. **1365**

2.1 (2) a study of the actual costs incurred in a sample of school districts to provide  
2.2 reasonable estimates of the costs of providing services and programs required by state  
2.3 statutes to be provided by school districts for regular elementary and secondary education,  
2.4 including instruction, administration, support staff, supplies, equipment, and building costs;

2.5 (3) a study of the actual costs incurred in a sample of school districts to provide  
2.6 reasonable estimates of the costs of providing services and programs required by state  
2.7 statutes to be provided by school districts for specialized education services including,  
2.8 but not limited to, special education and related services, bilingual education, and at-risk  
2.9 programs;

2.10 (4) recommendations for efficiencies and reforms in the use of state revenues and for  
2.11 legislation required to implement those efficiencies and reforms;

2.12 (5) identification of where existing funding is failing to meet educational objectives  
2.13 established by state law, including Minnesota Statutes, section 120B.30, and estimates  
2.14 of the additional funding and any reforms in delivery systems necessary to meet those  
2.15 objectives;

2.16 (6) a study of the factors which may contribute to the variations in costs incurred by  
2.17 school districts of various sizes and in various regions of the state when providing services  
2.18 or programs required by state statutes to be provided by school districts, including the  
2.19 administrative costs of providing such services and programs; and

2.20 (7) any additional reviews or analyses the department considers relevant to the  
2.21 legislature's decisions regarding the cost of funding services or programs required by state  
2.22 statutes to be provided by school districts.

2.23 Subd. 4. **Contracts authorized.** The Department of Education may enter into  
2.24 contracts for consultants as the post auditor deems necessary with consultants, as needed.

2.25 Sec. 2. **APPROPRIATION.**

2.26 \$..... is appropriated in fiscal year 2014 from the general fund to the commissioner  
2.27 of education for the costs associated with the study required in section 1.