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

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1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to education; establishing a legislative task force to review the legislative
1.3 auditor's 2016 report on kindergarten through grade 12 teacher licensure and
1.4 consider how to implement the recommendations.

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

1.6 Section 1. LEGISLATIVE TASK FORCE ON KINDERGARTEN THROUGH
1.7 GRADE 12 TEACHER LICENSURE.

1.8 (a) A 12-member legislative task force on kindergarten through grade 12 teacher
1.9 licensure is created to review the 2016 report prepared by the Office of the Legislative
1.10 Auditor on the Minnesota teacher licensure program and submit a written report by
1.11 February 1, 2017, to the legislature recommending how to: restructure Minnesota's
1.12 teacher licensure system by consolidating all teacher licensure activities into a single state
1.13 entity to ensure transparency and consistency; or, at a minimum, clarify existing teacher
1.14 licensure responsibilities to provide transparency and consistency. In developing its
1.15 recommendations, the task force must consider the tiered licensure system recommended
1.16 in the legislative auditor's report, among other recommendations. The task force must
1.17 identify and include in its report any statutory changes needed to implement the task
1.18 force recommendations.

1.19 (b) The legislative task force on kindergarten through grade 12 teacher licensure
1.20 includes:

1.21 (1) six duly elected and currently serving senators, three appointed by the senate
1.22 majority leader and three appointed by the senate minority leader; and

2.1 (2) six duly elected and currently serving members of the house of representatives,
2.2 three appointed by the speaker of the house and three appointed by the house minority
2.3 leader.

2.4 Only duly elected and currently serving members of the senate or house of representatives
2.5 may be task force members.

2.6 (c) The appointments must be made by June 1, 2016, and expire February 2, 2017. If
2.7 a vacancy occurs, the leader of the caucus in the house of representatives or senate to which
2.8 the vacating task force member belonged must fill the vacancy. A house of representatives
2.9 member appointed by the speaker of the house shall convene the first meeting of the
2.10 task force. The task force shall elect a chair or cochairs from among the members at
2.11 the first meeting. The task force must meet periodically. The Legislative Coordinating
2.12 Commission shall provide technical and administrative assistance upon request.

2.13 (d) In reviewing the legislative auditor's report and developing its recommendations,
2.14 the task force must consult with interested and affected stakeholders, including
2.15 representatives of Education Minnesota, MinnCAN, the Minnesota Rural Education
2.16 Association, the Association of Metropolitan School Districts, the Minnesota Association
2.17 of Colleges of Teacher Education, the College of Education and Human Development at
2.18 the University of Minnesota, the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities, the Minnesota
2.19 Private College Council, the Minnesota School Boards Association, the Minnesota
2.20 Elementary School Principals Association, the Minnesota Association of Secondary
2.21 School Principals, the Minnesota Association of School Administrators, the Minnesota
2.22 American Indian Affairs Council, the Minnesota Councils of Color, and Minnesota Teach
2.23 For America, among other stakeholders.

2.24 (e) The task force expires on February 2, 2017, unless extended by law.

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