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State of Minnesota  
**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

NINETY-THIRD SESSION

**H. F. No. 2926**

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

- 1.1 A bill for an act
- 1.2 relating to education; establishing a legislative study group on school safety;
- 1.3 requiring a report.
- 1.4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:
- 1.5 Section 1. **SCHOOL SAFETY LEGISLATIVE STUDY GROUP.**
- 1.6 **Subdivision 1. Establishment.** A legislative study group is established to make
- 1.7 recommendations to address school safety issues.
- 1.8 **Subd. 2. Members.** (a) The legislative study group on school safety consists of:
- 1.9 (1) six duly elected and currently serving members of the house of representatives, three
- 1.10 appointed by the speaker of the house and three appointed by the house minority leader,
- 1.11 one of whom must be the current chair of the house of representatives committee with
- 1.12 jurisdiction over education policy; and
- 1.13 (2) six duly elected and currently serving senators, three appointed by the senate majority
- 1.14 leader and three appointed by the senate minority leader, one of whom must be the current
- 1.15 chair of the senate committee with jurisdiction over education policy.
- 1.16 (b) The appointments must be made by July 1, 2023, and expire January 31, 2024.
- 1.17 (c) If a vacancy occurs, the leader of the caucus in the house of representatives or senate
- 1.18 to which the vacating study group member belonged must fill the vacancy.
- 1.19 **Subd. 3. Duties.** (a) The legislative study group must prepare a report to the legislature
- 1.20 making recommendations on ways to improve school safety. In preparing the
- 1.21 recommendations, the group must consider the following:

- 2.1 (1) current statutory requirements relating to student discipline;  
2.2 (2) best practices to prevent and address violence against staff and students;  
2.3 (3) the rights of students and staff to be safe in classrooms and on school grounds; and  
2.4 (4) any available data on incidents of violence in schools in Minnesota.

2.5 (b) The study group must identify and include in its report any statutory changes needed  
2.6 to implement the study group recommendations.

2.7 Subd. 4. **Meetings and chair.** (a) The chair of the house of representatives committee  
2.8 with jurisdiction over education policy must convene the first meeting of the study group  
2.9 no later than August 1, 2023. The study group must meet periodically.

2.10 (b) Meetings of the study group are subject to Minnesota Statutes, chapter 13D.

2.11 (c) The study group must elect a chair or chairs from among the members present at the  
2.12 first meeting.

2.13 Subd. 5. **Administrative support.** The Legislative Coordinating Commission must  
2.14 provide technical and administrative support upon request.

2.15 Subd. 6. **Consultation with stakeholders.** In making recommendations, the study group  
2.16 must consult with interested and affected stakeholders.

2.17 Subd. 7. **Report.** The study group must report its recommendations to the legislative  
2.18 committees and divisions with jurisdiction over kindergarten through grade 12 education  
2.19 by January 31, 2024.

2.20 Subd. 8. **Expiration.** The study group expires January 31, 2024, or on the date that the  
2.21 report required under subdivision 7 is submitted to the legislature, whichever is later.

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