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A bill for an act  
relating to education; modifying a report from the advisory committees for  
the deaf and hard-of-hearing and the blind and visually impaired; amending  
Minnesota Statutes 2015 Supplement, section 125A.63, subdivision 4.  
BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2015 Supplement, section 125A.63, subdivision 4,  
is amended to read:

Subd. 4. **Advisory committees.** (a) The commissioner shall establish advisory  
committees for the deaf and hard-of-hearing and for the blind and visually impaired. The  
advisory committees shall develop recommendations and submit an annual report to the  
commissioner on the form and in the manner prescribed by the commissioner.

(b) The advisory committees for the deaf and hard of hearing and for the blind and  
visually impaired shall meet periodically at least four times per year ~~and~~. The committees  
must each review, approve, and submit an annual a biennial report to the commissioner,  
the education policy and finance committees of the legislature, and the Commission of  
Deaf, DeafBlind, and Hard-of-Hearing Minnesotans. The reports must, at least:

(1) identify and report the aggregate, data-based education outcomes for children  
with the primary disability classification of deaf and hard of hearing or of blind and  
visually impaired, consistent with the commissioner's child count reporting practices, the  
commissioner's state and local outcome data reporting system by district and region, and  
the school performance report cards under section 120B.36, subdivision 1; and

(2) describe the implementation of a data-based plan for improving the education  
outcomes of deaf and hard of hearing or blind and visually impaired children that is

- 2.1 premised on evidence-based best practices, and provide a cost estimate for ongoing
- 2.2 implementation of the plan.