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## Overview

This bill establishes a School Finance Task Force to recommend changes to Minnesota's school funding system. The bill requires the commissioner of education to consider the recommendations, and report to the legislature on whether the governor's proposed education budget meets the goals established by the task force.

### Section

**1 School Finance Task Force.** Establishes a task force to recommend changes to the legislature to make school finance formulas more equitable and efficient.

**Subd. 1. Recommendations and duties.** Requires task force to adopt goals for Minnesota's funding system, identify formula changes to implement goals, and recommend changes to the legislature. Requires task force to examine funding for regular instruction, special education, and facilities; other areas of school funding are optional.

**Subd. 2. Membership.** Requires appointment of 15 members, with 5 appointments each by the governor, the house of representatives education finance committee, and the senate education committee.

**Subd. 3. Terms.** Requires each member of the task force to serve until the task force sunsets unless replaced by the appointing authority.

**Subd. 4. First meeting.** Requires the commissioner of education to convene the first meeting of the task force by August 1, 2017.

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**Subd. 5. Chair.** Requires the task force to elect a chair.

**Subd. 6. Assistance.** Requires the commissioner of education to provide technical assistance and support to the task force, upon request.

**Subd. 7. Report.** Requires the task force to submit its recommendations to the commissioner of education on January 1, 2018, and again on January 1, 2020. Commissioner must consider the recommendations when advising the governor on the governor's education funding budget recommendations. Commissioner must report to the education committees of the legislature on the portions of the governor's budget that do, and do not, further the goals established by the task force.

**Subd. 8. Sunset.** The task force sunsets the day after submitting the report due January 1, 2020.

**2 Appropriation; School Finance Task Force.** Blank appropriation to the commissioner of education for the duties of the School Finance Task Force.