Overview

A House/Senate task force met during the 1998 interim to consider the interrelationship between the education funding system and the out-of-home placement system. HF 1220, while not an official document of the task force, is an outgrowth of the task force's activities.

Section

1 Care and treatment instruction aid. Creates a new categorical aid for certain non-reimbursed instructional expenses associated with students in care and treatment facilities. Creates a reimbursement schedule for such expenses.

2 Placement in another district; responsibility. Clarifies the resident school district's responsibility for transporting a student to and from a day treatment program.

3 Placement of children without disabilities; education and transportation. Assigns the legal residence of a child placed in a residential or foster care facility as the district where that facility is located if: (1) parental rights have been terminated by court order; (2) the parent or guardian is not living in the state; (3) no other district of residence can be established; or (4) the parent or guardian is an inmate of a Minnesota correctional facility or a resident in a halfway house under the supervision of the department of corrections.

4 Placement of children without disabilities; approval of education program. Requires the commissioner of children, families and learning to approve education programs in care and treatment facilities for placement of children without disabilities.

5 Full state payment. Requires the state to pay for the actual costs of instructional services for a non-disabled child who is a ward of the state when that child is placed in a state institution, licensed residential facility, or foster facility for care and treatment. Requires the educational program at the facility to be approved by the commissioner of children, families and learning.

6 Out-of-State Tuition. Allows a resident school district, for Minnesota children who are placed in facilities in other state, to bill any unreimbursed costs directly to the state. Requires the
commissioner of children, families and learning to establish a reimbursement schedule for these services.

7 Uniform bill system of education costs of out-of-home placed students. Requires the commissioner of children, families and learning to establish a uniform billing system for education services provided to students who are placed outside of their homes.

8 Supervision of correctional institutions. Requires the education program offered in a correctional facility to be approved by the commissioner of children, families and learning before the commissioner of corrections may license the facility.

9 Education program; additional requirement. Requires the education program offered in a program licensed by the commissioner of human services to be approved by the commissioner of children, families and learning before the commissioner of human services may license the facility.

10 Design and implementation of uniform billing system. Requires the commissioner of children, families and learning to work with the commissioners of corrections and human services in designing the uniform billing system for educational expenses. Requires the uniform billing system to be implemented by July 1, 2000.

11 Recommendations for system. Establishes a working group, convened by the commissioner of children, families and learning, to recommend the system used to approve education programs at corrections and human services facilities. Specifies the membership of the working group. Requires the group's recommendations to be forwarded to the Legislature by February 1, 2000. Lists the criteria the working group must consider in making its recommendations.

12 Appropriations. Appropriates unspecified amounts for each of the programs created in the bill.