

1.1 moves to amend H.F. No. 3780, the first engrossment, as follows:

1.2 Page 4, delete section 2 and insert:

1.3 "Sec. 2. SPECIAL EDUCATION FUNDING RECOMMENDATIONS.

1.4 (a) The commissioner of education must contract with an external consultant to:

1.5 (1) review special education delivery and costs in Minnesota; and

1.6 (2) develop recommendations to increase paperwork efficiency while reducing costs.

1.7 (b) In developing the recommendations, the consultant must consult with school districts,
1.8 charter schools, intermediate school districts, special education cooperatives, education
1.9 districts, and service cooperatives; special education teachers, administrators, and unlicensed
1.10 staff providing support to students with disabilities; families of students with disabilities;
1.11 advocacy organizations that provide support to students with disabilities; and other
1.12 stakeholders.

1.13 (c) The consultant must submit a report to the commissioner with the recommendations.

1.14 The report must:

1.15 (1) review how school districts, charter schools, intermediate school districts, special
1.16 education cooperatives, education districts, and service cooperatives deliver special education
1.17 services, including complying with paperwork requirements, and the costs and benefits;

1.18 (2) compare relevant state and federal special education laws and regulations;

1.19 (3) analyze trends in special education enrollment;

1.20 (4) identify funding disparities that decrease inclusion;

1.21 (5) identify strategies or programs and universal interventions that are evidence-based
1.22 and would be effective in reducing the need for special education services; and

2.1 (6) analyze funding for nonresident children in accordance with Minnesota Statutes,
2.2 sections 125A.11 and 127A.47.

2.3 (d) The commissioner must submit the consultant's report to the legislative committees
2.4 with jurisdiction over education policy and finance by January 5, 2025, and in accordance
2.5 with Minnesota Statutes, section 3.195.

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

2.7 Sec. 3. **APPROPRIATION; SPECIAL EDUCATION FUNDING REPORT.**

2.8 Subdivision 1. **Department of Education.** The sums indicated in this section are
2.9 appropriated from the general fund to the Department of Education in the fiscal years
2.10 designated.

2.11 Subd. 2. **Special education funding report.** (a) To contract with an external consultant
2.12 for a report on increasing special education paperwork efficiency while reducing costs:

2.13 \$ 2025

2.14 (b) This is a onetime appropriation.

2.15 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 1, 2024."

2.16 Amend the title accordingly