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Overview

Directs a task force to recommend to the legislature appropriate caseloads for classroom teachers working with children with disabilities.

Section

1 Special education case loads task force.

Subd. 1. Members. Directs the education commissioner to establish a ten-member task force with equal representation from school districts, including special education teachers, and advocacy organizations.

Subd. 2. Duties. Directs the task force to develop recommendations for the appropriate numbers of students with disabilities assigned to a classroom teacher with and without paraprofessional support and for cost effective and efficient strategies and structures for improving student outcomes.

Subd. 3. Report. Directs the task force to submit a report to the legislature by February 15, 2014, recommending appropriate caseloads for teachers in all federal settings and for early childhood special education and program alternatives.

Subd. 4. Expiration. Causes the task force to expire February 16, 2014.