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Overview

Proposes to increase Minnesota's compulsory attendance age from 16 to 18, thereby requiring all students between the ages of seven and 18 to receive instruction.

Section

- 1** **Ages and terms.** Increases the compulsory attendance age from 16 to 18 beginning in the 2014-2015 school year.
- 2** **Assessment of performance.** Requires all nonpublic school students to be assessed through age 18 instead of age 16 beginning in the 2014-2015 school year.
- 3** **Reports to superintendent.** Increases from 16 to 18 the compulsory attendance age for home school students beginning in the 2014-2015 school year.
- 4** **Termination of enrollment.** Strikes language allowing a student over age 16 to withdraw from school. Makes this section effective for the 2014-2015 school year.
- 5** **Habitual truant.** Amends the definition of "habitual truant" to accommodate the increase in the compulsory attendance age from 16 to 18. Makes this section effective for the 2014-2015 school year.
- 6** **Repealer.** Repeals Minnesota Statutes, section 120A.22, subdivision 8, allowing a student between ages 16 and 18 to withdraw from school.