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Bill Summary

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Overview

Establishes an eight-member legislative study group composed of legislators from the Minnesota House and Senate and both parties to review the 2016 Legislative Auditor's report on Minnesota's teacher licensure system and make recommendations to the legislature on restructuring that system.

Section

- Legislative study group on kindergarten through grade 12 teacher licensure. (a) Establishes an eight-member legislative study group to review the 2016 OLA report on teacher licensing and to report to the legislature by 2/1/17, on recommendations for restructuring Minnesota' teacher licensure system.
 - (b) Includes four currently serving House members, including the chair of the House education innovation policy committee, appointed by the House speaker, and four currently serving Senate members, including the chair of the Senate education committee, appointed by the senate majority leader, as study group members.
 - (c) Requires appointments to be made by 6/1/16 and causes the appointments to expire on 2/2/17. Requires the leader of the caucus in the affected body to which a vacating study group member belonged to fill any vacancy that occurs. Directs the chair of the House education innovation policy committee to convene the first meeting. Requires the study group to meet periodically. Directs the Legislative Coordinating Commission to provide technical and administrative assistance upon request.
 - (d) Causes the study group to expire on 7/2/17 unless extended by law.

Makes this section immediately effective.