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Overview

Establishes a student discipline working group to examine the substance, application, and effect of Minnesota's Pupil Fair Dismissal Act and related student discipline provisions, policies, and procedures and to report to the legislature.

Section

- 1 Student discipline working group.** (a) Creates a student discipline working group to review the substance, application, and effect of Minnesota's Pupil Fair Dismissal Act and related student discipline provisions and to submit written recommendations to the legislature by February 1, 2017, on improving disciplinary policies, practices, and procedures.
- (b) Directs the working group to analyze: summary data on students' removal from class and dismissals; disaggregated by various student categories; the meaning and effect of "willful" on dismissal actions; impact of student misconduct on teacher safety; impact of established discipline policies and procedures on teacher safety and student outcomes; students' need for and access to professional support service providers; the impact of school resource officers; management of student disciplinary data; and other related matters.
- (c) Directs various specified organizations to appoint a member to the study group by June 2 1, 2016. Allows working group members to seek advice from experts and stakeholders.
- (d) Directs the education commissioner to convene the first working group meeting. Directs the working group to select a chair or cochairs and to meet periodically. Directs the commissioner to provide technical and administrative assistance upon request. Makes the members ineligible to receive expenses or per diem payments for their service.

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(e) Causes the working group to expire February 2, 2017.

Makes this section effective immediately.