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Overview

Proposes changes to the composition of the Perpich Center for Arts Education Board and annual planning, reporting, and auditing requirements. Asks the legislative auditor to audit the board.

Section

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Governance. (a) Declares the board of the Perpich Center for Arts Education consists of 12 rather than 15 members and includes at least one school administrator, one professional artist, and one arts educator.

(b) Requires a seven-member nominating committee composed of three Perpich Center for Arts Education board members, three Minnesota State Arts board members, and one member appointed by the governor to meet as required to prepare and submit a list of recommended Perpich Center for Arts Education board candidates to the governor.

(c) Requires Perpich Center for Arts Education board members to complete board training.

Makes this section effective immediately and directs the governor to determine which board member terms end on the effective date of this section to reduce the number of board members from 15 to 12.

2 Public information.

Subd. 1. Board minutes. Requires the board to post minutes of its meeting on its official Web site and other financial management and reporting documents.

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Subd. 2. Annual report. Requires the board to post an annual financial report and longitudinal data on student enrollment, congressional district of residence, graduation rates, and post-graduation student placements.

Subd. 3. World's best workforce. Directs the board to prepare and post a comprehensive, long-term strategic improvement plan and report plan strategies, activities, practices, and outcomes on its Web site.

Subd. 4. Audit report. (a) Subjects the Perpich Center for Arts Education to an annual audit conducted in compliance with generally accepted governmental auditing standards. Allows the state auditor, the legislative auditor, or the Minnesota department of education to conduct financial, program, or compliance audits and to direct the Perpich Center for Arts Education to include additional items in its annual independent audit.

(b) With education department approval, allows the Perpich Center for Arts Education to combine the annual independent audit with the Crosswinds School required annual audit.

(c) Requires the Perpich Center for Arts Education to post its most recent audit on its Web site.

Makes this section effective immediately.

Legislative auditor. (a) Asks the legislative auditor to perform a financial audit of the Perpich Center for Arts Education in 2016 and every four years thereafter.

(b) Asks the legislative auditor to conduct a performance audit of the Perpich Center for Arts Education and whether a subsequent performance audit should be conducted in 2020.

Makes this section effective immediately.