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Overview

This bill creates a special education working group to review how special education is provided and funded, and make recommendations to reduce the costs of providing special education services.

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1 **Special education working group.**

Subd. 1. Duties. Requires the special education working group to review special education delivery and costs and make recommendations to reduce costs. Specifies issues the report must address, including relevant laws, trends, and the 2013 evaluation report by the Office of the Legislative Auditor.

Subd. 2. Members. Names the organizations that may appoint a representative to the working group, and representatives that the commissioner of education must designate.

Subd. 3. Meetings. Requires the commissioner to convene the first meeting by July 15, 2018. Requires working group to meet periodically and hold open meetings.

Subd. 4. Compensation. Prohibits compensation to working group members.

Subd. 5. Administrative support. Requires the commissioner to provide administrative support to the working group upon request.

Subd. 6. Report. Requires the working group to report to the legislature by January 15, 2019. Encourages the legislature convening in January 2019 to convene a

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legislative study group to review the working group's recommendations and strategic plan to develop its own recommendations for legislative changes.

Subd. 7. Expiration. Sets an expiration date of January 16, 2019, for the working group.