

**Subject** Legislative task force on state flag design

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## Overview

This bill establishes a legislative task force to study the form, style, and design of the Minnesota state flag. The task force consists of six members: three members of the senate appointed by the senate Subcommittee on Committees, and three members of the house appointed by the speaker of the house.

The task force is authorized to suggest changes, but its recommendations must preserve the flag's basic symbolism. The task force does not have the power to direct changes to the flag without further action by the legislature.

The state flag has maintained the same basic design, based on the state seal, since 1957 (an update to the state seal in 1983 resulted a corresponding update to the flag at that time).

Prior to 1957, the flag was also based on the state seal, but included more prominent ornamental features: among them, different color backgrounds (blue and white) signified its front and reverse sides.

A report to the legislature is due by January 15, 2020.