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Introduction and first reading
Referred to E-12 Policy

OFFICIAL STATUS

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to education; directing the commissioner of education to plan for
1.3 restructuring Minnesota's teacher licensure system.
1.4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

1.5 Section 1. PLAN FOR IMPLEMENTATION.

1.6 Subdivision 1. Department of Education planning activities. (a) The commissioner
1.7 of education shall undertake planning activities within the meaning of paragraph (b) to
1.8 prepare for implementation of the recommendations reported by the bipartisan 2016
1.9 legislative study group on educator licensure. Plans must be developed so that following
1.10 legislative enactment, the commissioner is prepared to begin issuing teacher licenses under
1.11 the restructured system. The commissioner shall not adopt rules without specific legislative
1.12 authorization.

1.13 (b) Planning activities include, but are not limited to: (1) identifying changes in existing
1.14 statutes and rules that must be enacted or adopted in order to achieve conformity with study
1.15 group recommendations; and (2) analyzing potential changes to procedures, contracts,
1.16 computer programs, and department operations necessary for implementation.

1.17 Subd. 2. Summary of planning activities and fiscal impacts. The commissioner shall
1.18 appear upon request before the legislative committees with jurisdiction over education
1.19 policy and testify concerning progress and results of planning activities and fiscal impacts.

1.20 Sec. 2. USE OF EXISTING APPROPRIATIONS.

1.21 The commissioner shall perform the duties required in section 1 using existing
1.22 appropriations.

2.1 Sec. 3. **EFFECTIVE DATE.**

2.2 Sections 1 and 2 are effective the day following final enactment.