

Sec. 5. Minnesota Statutes 1984, section 134.34, subdivision 5, is amended to read:

Subd. 5. **MAINTENANCE OF EFFORT; EXCEPTION.** Notwithstanding subdivision 4, a regional library system support grant may be made in fiscal year ~~1983~~ 1987 to a regional public library system for a participating city or county which decreases the dollar amount provided by it for operating purposes of public library service below the amount provided by it for ~~1984~~ 1985 if the amount provided by the city or county in ~~1982~~ 1986 is not less than the amount provided by it in ~~1980~~ 1984. A regional library system support grant may be made in fiscal year ~~1984~~ 1988 to a regional public library system for a participating city or county which decreases the dollar amount provided by it for operating purposes of public library service below the amount provided by it for ~~1982~~ 1986, if the amount provided by the city or county in ~~1983~~ 1987 is not less than the amount provided by it in ~~1984~~ 1985. This subdivision shall not affect the eligibility of cities or counties to declare all or part of their library levies as special levies under the provisions of section 275.50, subdivision 5, clause (c).

Sec. 6. **PLAN FOR AUTOMATION OF STATE LIBRARIES.**

The commissioner of education shall develop a plan to address automation needs of state agency libraries. The plan shall include methods to:

- (1) strengthen government information services available to agencies and the public;
- (2) improve coordination and cooperation among state agency libraries; and
- (3) eliminate unnecessary duplication.

Other state agencies and the legislative reference library shall cooperate with the commissioner in developing this plan. The state law library may also cooperate. By August 15, 1986, the plan shall be reported to the governor, education committees of the legislature, and senate finance and house appropriations committees.

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CHAPTER 472—H.F.No. 1744

An act relating to education; making technical changes to the definition of a school; providing for limited reporting by a parent providing instruction in a home; prohibiting certain proceedings against a parent providing instruction in a home; establishing a task force to make recommendations about compulsory attendance laws; amending Minnesota Statutes 1984, section 120.10, subdivision 2, and by adding subdivisions.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

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Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1984, section 120.10, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

Subd. 2. **SCHOOL.** A school, to satisfy the requirements of compulsory attendance, must be one: (1) in which all the common branches are taught in the English language, from textbooks written in the English language, and ~~taught by teachers whose qualifications are essentially equivalent to the minimum standards for public school teachers of the same grades or subjects and~~ (2) which is in session each school year for at least 175 days or their equivalent; ~~provided that.~~ In a program of instruction for children of limited English proficiency, instruction and textbooks may be in the primary language of the children of limited English proficiency enrolled therein. Any other language may be taught as provided in section 126.07. As used in this subdivision, the terms "children of limited English proficiency" and "primary language" shall have the meanings ascribed to them in section 126.262.

Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 1984, section 120.10, is amended by adding a subdivision to read:

Subd. 2a. REPORTS ABOUT INSTRUCTION IN A HOME. If a parent of a child required to attend school, according to subdivision 1, is providing for instruction of the child primarily in a home, the parent shall report by October 1 each year the name, address, and age of the child to the superintendent of the district in which the child resides. The parent shall not be required to report other information to the superintendent.

Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 1984, section 120.10, is amended by adding a subdivision to read:

Subd. 2b. PROTECTION FOR INSTRUCTION IN A HOME. A parent of a child required to attend school, according to subdivision 1, may provide for instruction of the child in a home if the instruction meets the requirements of subdivision 2. Civil or criminal proceedings shall not be commenced under sections 120.10, 120.12, 127.20, chapter 260, or similar law against a parent complying with this subdivision as a result of providing for instruction in a home.

Sec. 4. **COMPULSORY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE TASK FORCE.**

By June 1, 1986, the commissioner of education shall appoint a task force of 12 members to make recommendations about compulsory attendance laws. At least one member shall be from each congressional district. The task force shall be composed of the following: a parent of a private school pupil, a parent of a public school pupil, a home educator, a representative of private sectarian schools, a representative of private nonsectarian schools, a public school teacher, a public school administrator, a representative of a private school accrediting association, a representative of the home educators association, a representative of the state board of education, a representative of the board of teaching, and the commissioner of education. Members of the task force shall receive expenses according to Minnesota Statutes, section 15.059, subdivision 6.

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The task force shall study and make recommendations about various issues related to the compulsory attendance law. Some of the issues to be considered are: standards for pupil performance, including satisfactory performance on standardized achievement tests; to the extent available, data about pupil achievement in various types of schools; alternative ways to comply with the definition of a school; accreditation; correspondence programs; association with a church or religious organization; supervision by teachers; teacher qualifications in various types of schools, including licensure and ways to determine teacher effectiveness; reporting requirements; methods of enforcement; and penalties for noncompliance.

The department of education shall provide staff assistance to the task force.

The state board of education may review and comment upon the recommendations of the task force.

The task force shall present the recommendations and any comments to the education committees of the legislature by February 1, 1987.

Sec. 5. REPEALER.

Sections 2, 3, and 4 are repealed June 30, 1988.

Sec. 6. EFFECTIVE DATE.

Sections 1, 3, and 4 are effective the day following final enactment.

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CHAPTER 473—H.F.No. 1886

An act relating to public administration; providing for administration of Hennepin county and Minneapolis public offices; regulating certain property tax appeals; changing notice requirements for special assessments; regulating public funds deposits; amending Minnesota Statutes 1984, sections 144.214, subdivision 1; 278.05, subdivisions 1 and 4; 278.07; 278.08, subdivision 1; 325E.025, subdivision 2; 429.061, subdivision 2; and 475.66, subdivision 2; Minnesota Statutes 1985 Supplement, sections 271.01, subdivision 5; 278.01, subdivision 1; 429.061, subdivision 1; 475.66, subdivision 1; and 475.76, subdivision 1; and Laws 1969, chapter 937, section 1, subdivisions 1, as amended, 9, as amended, 11 and 15, and by adding subdivisions.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1984, section 144.214, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

Subdivision 1. **DISTRICTS.** Each county of the state, and the city of St.

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