

**CHAPTER 278—H.F.No. 3237**

*An act relating to education; authorizing a local task force to examine the governance, facilities, and programming of the Elk River school district.*

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

Section 1. **VOLUNTARY LOCAL TASK FORCE TO EXAMINE THE GOVERNANCE, FACILITIES, AND PROGRAMMING OF THE ELK RIVER SCHOOL DISTRICT.**

Notwithstanding other law to the contrary, the interim superintendent or superintendent of Independent School District No. 728, Elk River, must convene a voluntary local task force composed of either or both the interim superintendent and district superintendent. No more than 30 percent of the task force can be school district employees or spouses of employees, past employees, or local elected officials. At least 60 percent of the task force must be residents of the district, half of whom must not be parents of students. The task force must have equal representation from all cities or townships in the district with a student population of over 500 students. The business community shall comprise ten percent of the task force, with equal representation on both sides of the Mississippi River. The facilitator shall be an employee of the State Department of Education and not live within the boundaries of Independent School District No. 728, Elk River. The task force's purpose is to examine and make recommendations regarding the governance, facilities, and programming of the Elk River School District. Task force members may elect to create subcommittees to accomplish this task. Task force members may not be reimbursed or receive compensation for their participation. The task force must submit a written report to the Elk River School Board by September 1, 2006, containing its findings and recommendations. The Elk River School Board must submit the task force report and any school board recommendations to the education policy and finance committees of the legislature by January 15, 2007. The local task force expires September 1, 2006.

**EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.

Presented to the governor May 22, 2006

Signed by the governor May 31, 2006, 10:41 p.m.