A bill for an act

relating to education; establishing a center for legislative educational analysis research and navigation in the next generation; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 127A.

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

Section 1. **[127A.91] CENTER FOR LEGISLATIVE EDUCATIONAL ANALYSIS, RESEARCH, AND NAVIGATION IN THE NEXT GENERATION.**

Subdivision 1. **Establishment.** The Center for Legislative Educational Analysis, Research, and Navigation in the Next Generation (LEARNING) is established to provide the legislature with research, analysis, and policy guidance in the area of prekindergarten through grade 12 education.

Subd. 2. **Studies.** The legislature may request studies by LEARNING and may require regular progress reports to the appropriate standing committees of the house of representatives and the senate. LEARNING may contract with another agent for assistance.

Subd. 3. **Nonstate funds.** LEARNING may solicit gifts and grants from nonstate sources for purposes related to the duties of LEARNING. Money received from a gift or grant is appropriated to LEARNING for the purposes specified in the gift or grant. If nonstate funding cannot be secured for LEARNING, then the legislature must not make requests of LEARNING.

Subd. 4. **State agencies to cooperate with LEARNING.** LEARNING may call upon any agency or political subdivision of the state for available data, and the agencies shall cooperate with the commission to the fullest possible extent.