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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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H. F. No. 518

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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Education Policy

1.1 A bill for an act  
1.2 relating to education; establishing an advisory task force on improving teacher  
1.3 quality by increasing the number of K-12 teachers with master's degrees in a  
1.4 relevant content area.

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

1.6 Section 1. **ADVISORY TASK FORCE ON IMPROVING TEACHER QUALITY.**

1.7 (a) An advisory task force is established to consider and recommend to the education  
1.8 policy and finance committees of the legislature how to improve teacher quality by  
1.9 increasing the number of kindergarten through grade 12 teachers with master's degrees in  
1.10 a content area directly related to the teacher's teaching assignment or field of licensure.

1.11 (b) The commissioner of education, or the commissioner's designee, shall appoint  
1.12 and convene an advisory task force that is composed of a representative from each of the  
1.13 following entities: Education Minnesota; the University of Minnesota; the Department of  
1.14 Education; the Board of Teaching; the Minnesota Private College Council; the Minnesota  
1.15 Office of Higher Education; the Minnesota Parent-Teacher Association; the Minnesota  
1.16 System of State Colleges and Universities; and other representatives of other entities  
1.17 recommended by task force members. Task force members' terms and other task force  
1.18 matters are subject to Minnesota Statutes 2012, section 15.059, except that task force  
1.19 members are ineligible for compensation or reimbursement for expenses related to task  
1.20 force activities.

1.21 (c) The education commissioner, upon request, must provide technical assistance to  
1.22 task force members.

1.23 (d) The task force must submit its recommendations to the legislature by February  
1.24 15, 2014.

2.1 (e) The task force expires on February 16, 2014.

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