

**SENATE**  
**STATE OF MINNESOTA**  
**EIGHTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE**

**S.F. No. 1552**

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04/04/2013	1678	Introduction and first reading Referred to Education

1.1 A bill for an act  
 1.2 relating to education finance; implementing certain recommendations of the  
 1.3 legislative auditor regarding special education; authorizing rulemaking; requiring  
 1.4 a report; appropriating money.

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

1.6 Section 1. **SPECIAL EDUCATION FEDERAL ALIGNMENT REVIEW.**

1.7 The commissioner of education shall (1) review Minnesota Statutes and Minnesota  
 1.8 Rules to determine which state requirements exceed those under applicable federal law and  
 1.9 (2) analyze the economic and educational impacts of changes to these statutes and rules  
 1.10 to align to federal requirements. By February 15, 2014, the commissioner shall report to  
 1.11 the legislative committees with primary jurisdiction over early childhood education and  
 1.12 kindergarten through grade 12 education the findings under clauses (1) and (2).

1.13 Sec. 2. **RULEMAKING AUTHORITY.**

1.14 The commissioner of education shall amend Minnesota Rules related to the  
 1.15 provision of special education using the expedited rulemaking process in Minnesota  
 1.16 Statutes, section 14.389. The commissioner shall amend rules to align them consistent  
 1.17 with existing Minnesota Statutes.

1.18 Sec. 3. **APPROPRIATIONS; DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION.**

1.19 Subdivision 1. **Department of Education.** The sums indicated in this section are  
 1.20 appropriated from the general fund to the Department of Education for the fiscal years  
 1.21 designated.

2.1            Subd. 2. **Department.** For the Department of Education for transfer to the Office  
 2.2 of Enterprise Technology to develop model Individuals with Disabilities Education Act  
 2.3 (IDEA) online-available paperwork for special needs students:

2.4            \$            750,000    ..... 2014

2.5            This is a onetime appropriation and is available for spending until June 30, 2015.

2.6 Any ongoing information technology support or costs for online IDEA paperwork will be  
 2.7 incorporated into the service-level agreement and will be paid to the Office of Enterprise  
 2.8 Technology by the department under the rates and mechanisms specified in that agreement.

2.9 Any balance in fiscal year 2014 does not cancel but is available in fiscal year 2015.