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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on E-12 Education

1.1 A bill for an act  
1.2 relating to education; establishing an advisory task force to examine and make  
1.3 recommendations about the interrelationship between schools' educational  
1.4 mission and competitive extracurricular programs for students.

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

1.6 Section 1. ADVISORY TASK FORCE TO EXAMINE INTERRELATIONSHIP  
1.7 BETWEEN SCHOOLS' EDUCATIONAL MISSION AND COMPETITIVE  
1.8 EXTRACURRICULAR PROGRAMS FOR STUDENTS.

1.9 (a) An advisory task force is established to examine and make recommendations  
1.10 to the legislature about the interrelationship between schools' educational mission and  
1.11 competitive extracurricular programs for students. The advisory task force at least must  
1.12 examine:

1.13 (1) the impact of the state's open enrollment program and other student choice  
1.14 programs on schools' educational mission and students' access to academic opportunities  
1.15 and competitive extracurricular activities, and including the impact of choice programs on  
1.16 students attending school in their resident school district;

1.17 (2) the relationship between public and nonpublic schools as it affects students'  
1.18 ability to participate in competitive extracurricular activities;

1.19 (3) the impact of competitive extracurricular programs on students' academic  
1.20 achievement;

1.21 (4) community expectations about students participating in competitive  
1.22 extracurricular programs in school;

1.23 (5) the impact of other community-based organized sports activities on students'  
1.24 participation in competitive extracurricular programs; and

2.1 (6) any substantive differences in students' experience resulting from participating  
2.2 in boys versus girls competitive extracurricular programs or class A versus class AA  
2.3 competitions.

2.4 (b) The commissioner of education shall appoint and convene the first meeting  
2.5 of the advisory task force that is composed of the following representatives: public  
2.6 and nonpublic high school principals; parents of currently enrolled high school student  
2.7 athletes; public and nonpublic school teachers; high school athletic directors; high  
2.8 school basketball and hockey coaches; and the Minnesota State High School League.

2.9 Task force matters are governed by Minnesota Statutes, section 15.059, except that task  
2.10 force members may not be reimbursed and may not receive compensation for task force  
2.11 participation. By February 15, 2008, the task force must submit a written report to the  
2.12 education policy and finance committees of the legislature that examines and makes  
2.13 recommendations about the interrelationship between schools' educational mission and  
2.14 competitive extracurricular programs for students.

2.15 (c) The Minnesota State High School League must provide technical and other  
2.16 support services to the task force upon request.

2.17 (d) The task force expires on February 16, 2008.

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