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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 public schools; requiring the Department of Education to examine  
1.3 educational programs throughout Minnesota to determine if a general, uniform,  
1.4 thorough, and efficient system of public schools exists; requiring a report;  
1.5 appropriating money.

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

1.7 Section 1. **STUDY OF PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEMS.**

1.8 Subdivision 1. **Study.** The stability of a republican form of government depending  
1.9 mainly upon the intelligence of the people, the Department of Education must examine  
1.10 the educational programs provided to students in public school districts throughout the  
1.11 state to determine if a uniform system of public schools exists throughout Minnesota.  
1.12 The department analysis must include an examination of whether equal educational  
1.13 opportunities for student achievement exist throughout the state. The department shall  
1.14 assess the extent to which school size, tax base disparities, funding disparities, and facility  
1.15 differences affect educational opportunities for achievement for all students in the state.

1.16 Subd. 2. **Report required.** The Department of Education must report its findings to  
1.17 the legislative committees having jurisdiction over birth through grade 12 education by  
1.18 January 15, 2009.

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

1.20 Sec. 2. **APPROPRIATION.**

1.21 \$..... is appropriated in fiscal year 2009 from the general fund to the commissioner  
1.22 of education for examination of educational programs.

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