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

A bill for an act

relating to education; requiring school districts to comply with the Schools Interoperability Framework specifications; establishing a working group.

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

Section 1. **SCHOOLS INTEROPERABILITY FRAMEWORK.**

By July 1, 2011, schools, school districts, and the Department of Education must comply with the phase one implementation requirements of the Schools Interoperability Framework specifications to provide for efficient student data sharing.

Sec. 2. **SCHOOL DATA SHARING WORKING GROUP.**

Subdivision 1. **Membership.** (a) The commissioner of administration and the chief information officer shall convene a working group consisting of representatives of the following:

(1) several school districts that are diverse in size and location;

(2) charter schools;

(3) alternative learning centers;

(4) the Department of Education; and

(5) up to three citizens with expertise in information technology.

(b) The working group must:

(1) develop a uniform data model that is usable for schools, school districts, and the Department of Education and enables effective data sharing among schools, school districts, and the Department of Education;

(2) evaluate the feasibility, costs, and benefits of consolidating the provision of data processing, storage, and exchange services currently performed by districts with a

single provider for all student-related data reported through the Minnesota Automated Reporting Student System; and

(3) define the responsibilities of state agencies, regional management information centers, school districts, and schools in implementing data interoperability, and determine any state-specific requirements for school data interoperability.

Subd. 2. **Report to legislature.** The working group must report on the work performed under subdivision 1 to the legislature by January 15, 2010. The report must include a recommendation of any legislative changes needed to streamline exchange of data among districts and reports for schools and school districts. The report must include a recommendation on the feasibility of consolidating the provision of student data processing products and services by the state on behalf of school districts.