

S.F. No. 1667 – Establishing a developmental delay age limit working group (as proposed to be amended by the A-3 amendment)

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Section 1. Developmental delay age limit working group.

Subdivision 1. Working group. Directs the Department of Education (MDE) to establish a working group on the age limit for children receiving special education services for developmental delay.

Subd. 2. Members. Requires the commissioner of education to appoint members to the working group, including group members from the Minnesota Administrators for Special Education (MASE), the Professional Educator Licensing and Standards Board (PELSB), the Minnesota Association of Colleges for Teacher Education (MACTE), Education Minnesota, the PACER Center, and the Minnesota School Psychologists Association (MSPA).

Subd. 3. Duties. Requires the working group to meet regularly to review current law limiting the eligibility of children ages seven or older from receiving intervention services for developmental delay, and to assess the impact of extending eligibility for services until a child turns nine years old. Requires the working group to report to the legislature.

Subd. 4. Administrative provisions. Requires the commissioner of education to convene the initial working group meeting and to provide administrative support for the group. Provides that working group members serve without compensation or payment of expenses. Provides for expiration of the working group.

Effective the day following final enactment.