

**LEGISLATIVE EDUCATION STUDY COMMITTEE
BILL ANALYSIS**

Bill Number: SJM 18

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Short Title: Study More Coordinated Education System

Sponsor(s): Senators Stephen H. Fischmann and Cynthia Nava

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Bill Summary:

SJM 18 requests that the Governor appoint a task force to study ways to improve coordination and integration of the educational system. SJM 18 seeks recommendations on the entire educational system, from a child's birth through graduate school and beyond.

SJM 18 requests that the membership of the task force include the secretaries of:

- the Children, Youth, and Families Department;
- the Public Education Department; and
- the Higher Education Department.

Finally, SJM 18 requests that the task force:

- study and design options for better coordination and integration of all parts of the education system;
- consider a budget and distribution system that is predictable, invests in results, and encourages further integration;
- examine necessary improvements to ensure effective information sharing; and
- report its findings and recommendations by December 15, 2011.

Fiscal Impact:

SJM 18 does not contain an appropriation.

Fiscal Issues:

In FY 11, public education accounted for approximately 45 percent and higher education accounted for approximately 15 percent of FY 11 recurring General Fund appropriations.

Related Bills:

HJM 30 *Higher Education Redesign Governor Task Force*