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1.1 A bill for an act

1.2 relating to human services; establishing the Human Services Financing Reform

1.3 Task Force.

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

1.5 Section 1. **HUMAN SERVICES FINANCING REFORM TASK FORCE.**

1.6 Subdivision 1. Establishment; purpose. There is established the Human Services

1.7 Financing Reform Task Force for the Department of Human Services. The purpose of the

1.8 task force is to:

1.9 (1) analyze total human services funding by the state and counties since 2000; and

1.10 (2) make recommendations to the commissioner of human services and the legislature

1.11 on options for creating a financing framework for state and county support, health, and

1.12 social services programs that promotes transparency, equitable resource allocation that takes

1.13 into consideration relative tax capacity, and a sustainable system of services focused on

1.14 positive outcomes for Minnesota residents.

1.15 Subd. 2. Members. (a) The task force must consist of:

1.16 (1) two members of the house of representatives, one appointed by the speaker of the

1.17 house and one appointed by the minority leader;

1.18 (2) two members of the senate, one appointed by the majority leader and one appointed

1.19 by the minority leader;

1.20 (3) the commissioner of human services, or the commissioner's designee;

1.21 (4) the commissioner of revenue, or the commissioner's designee

2.1 (5) three representatives from county social services agencies, at least one must represent  
2.2 the seven-county metropolitan area and at least one must represent greater Minnesota;  
2.3 additionally, one must be a county commissioner and two must be human service directors,  
2.4 appointed by the governor;

2.5 (6) three representatives from support, health, or social services providers that work  
2.6 with the state or counties, including one representing a managed care organization, appointed  
2.7 by the governor;

2.8 (7) three representatives from nonprofit organizations that provide support, health, or  
2.9 social services programs, appointed by the governor; and

2.10 (8) two representatives from groups that advocate on behalf of persons who receive  
2.11 support, health, or social services programs from the state or county, appointed by the  
2.12 governor.

2.13 (b) Section 15.059 governs the Human Services Financing Reform Task Force, except  
2.14 that task force members shall not be compensated as provided in section 15.059, subdivision  
2.15 3.

2.16 (c) The appointing authorities under this subdivision must complete the appointments  
2.17 no later than July 31, 2017.

2.18 Subd. 3. **Organization.** (a) The commissioner of human services, or the commissioner's  
2.19 designee, shall convene the first meeting of the task force no later than September 1, 2017.

2.20 (b) At the first task force meeting, the members of the task force shall elect a chair and  
2.21 other officers as the members deem necessary.

2.22 Subd. 4. **Staff.** The commissioner of human services shall provide staff support for the  
2.23 task force.

2.24 Subd. 5. **Duties.** The duties of the task force include, but are not limited to:

2.25 (1) reviewing total annual human services costs for support, health, and social services  
2.26 programs, including personnel, by the state and counties since 2000;

2.27 (2) analyzing changes in funding for support, health, and social services programs by  
2.28 the state and counties since 2000;

2.29 (3) reviewing other models for public financing of support, health, and social services  
2.30 programs; and

3.1 (4) making recommendations to the commissioner and the legislature on a framework  
3.2 for state and county funding for support, health, and social services programs that focuses  
3.3 on aligning resources while also taking into consideration quality of services and tax capacity.

3.4 Subd. 6. **Report and recommendations.** The task force shall report to the chairs and  
3.5 ranking minority members of the house of representatives and senate committees with  
3.6 jurisdiction over human services policy and finance by July 1, 2018, with recommendations  
3.7 to reform human services financing.

3.8 Subd. 7. **Expiration.** The task force expires December 31, 2018, unless extended by the  
3.9 legislature.

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