

1.1 ..... moves to amend H.F. No. 1683 as follows:

1.2 Delete everything after the enacting clause and insert:

1.3 "Section 1. **FOSTER CARE FOR INDIVIDUALS WITH AUTISM.**

1.4 The commissioner of human services shall identify and coordinate with one or more  
 1.5 counties that agree to issue a license and authorize funding for licensed foster care for  
 1.6 people with autism (1) who are currently receiving home and community-based services  
 1.7 under Minnesota Statutes, section 256B.092 or 256B.49; (2) who are in out-of-home  
 1.8 placement approved by the lead agency; (3) who are in need of continuous supervision; and  
 1.9 (4) whose needs cannot be met in their current residential setting or in any other existing  
 1.10 residential setting. Nothing in this section must be construed as restricting an individual's  
 1.11 choice of provider. The commissioner will assist the interested county or counties with  
 1.12 obtaining necessary capacity within the moratorium under Minnesota Statutes, section  
 1.13 245A.03, subdivision 7. The commissioner shall coordinate with the interested counties  
 1.14 and issue a request for information to identify providers who have the training and skills  
 1.15 to meet the needs of the individuals identified in this section. The commissioner shall  
 1.16 provide advice to providers that respond to the request for information, and who request or  
 1.17 who the commissioner determines need additional skills development resources.

1.18 Sec. 2. **DIRECTION TO COMMISSIONER.**

1.19 The commissioner shall develop an optional certification for providers of home  
 1.20 and community-based services waivers under Minnesota Statutes, sections 256B.092  
 1.21 or 256B.49, that demonstrates competency in working with individuals with autism.  
 1.22 Recommended language and an implementation plan will be provided to the chairs and  
 1.23 ranking minority members of the legislative committees with jurisdiction over health and  
 1.24 human services policy and finance by February 15, 2013, as part of the Quality Outcome  
 1.25 Standards required under Laws 2010, chapter 352, article 1, section 24."

1.26 Amend the title accordingly