

Subject Task Force on Pregnancy Health and Substance Use Disorders

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Summary

This bill establishes the Task Force on Pregnancy Health and Substance Use Disorders, to:

- develop uniform standards for when medical providers should administer a toxicology test to a birthing parent and a newborn infant;
- develop requirements for reporting for prenatal exposure to a controlled substance;
- discuss and evaluate family-centered substance use disorder treatment models;
- provide recommendations for addressing barriers and increasing access to family-centered substance use disorder treatment services; and
- evaluate the effectiveness of involuntary civil commitment during pregnancy and provide any recommendations related to such commitments.

Subdivision 2 of the bill provides for task force member compensation and reimbursement for expenses and lists the 26 members of the task force, as follows, to be appointed by October 1, 2023:

- two members of the Senate, one appointed by the majority leader and one appointed by the minority leader;
- two members of the House, one appointed by the speaker and one appointed by the minority leader;
- a county attorney appointed by the Minnesota County Attorneys Association;
- a peace officer, appointed by the Minnesota Sheriffs' Association;
- a physician licensed in Minnesota to practice obstetrics and gynecology who provides care primarily to medical assistance enrollees during pregnancy, appointed by the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists;
- a physician licensed in Minnesota to practice pediatrics or family medicine who provides care primarily to medical assistance enrollees with substance use disorders or who provides addiction medicine care during pregnancy, appointed by the Minnesota Medical Association;
- a certified nurse-midwife licensed as an advanced practice registered nurse in Minnesota who provides care primarily to medical assistance enrollees with substance use disorders or provides addiction medicine care during pregnancy, appointed by the Minnesota Advanced Practice Registered Nurses Coalition;

- two representatives of county social services agencies, one from a county outside the seven-county metropolitan area and one from a county within the seven-county metropolitan area, appointed by the Minnesota Association of County Social Service Administrators;
- the commissioner of human services or a designee;
- one representative from the Board of Social Work;
- two Tribal representatives appointed by the Indian Child Welfare Advisory Council;
- two members who identify as Black or African American and who have lived experience with the child welfare system and substance use disorders appointed by the Cultural and Ethnic Communities Leadership Council;
- an attorney who represents parents or custodians in cases involving a child in need of protection or services appointed by the governor;
- two members who are licensed substance use disorder treatment providers appointed by the Minnesota Association of Resources for Recovery and Chemical Health;
- two members representing hospitals appointed by the Minnesota Hospital Association;
- one designee of the commissioner of health with expertise in substance use disorders and treatment;
- two designees of the commissioner of human services, one with expertise in substance use disorders and one with expertise in child welfare; and
- one member of the Minnesota Perinatal Quality Collaborative.

Subdivisions 3 and 4 outline chairperson and meeting requirements, and require administrative support from the Legislative Coordinating Commission (LCC).

Subdivision 5 outlines the task force's duties, and requires the task force to issue reports to the legislature on specified activities by December 1, 2024, and December 1, 2025.

The task force expires upon submission of the last required legislative report, or December 1, 2025, whichever is later.

Section 2 of the bill appropriates onetime money to the LCC for the task force, available until December 1, 2025.



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