

1.1 moves to amend H.F. No. 4727 as follows:

1.2 Delete everything after the enacting clause and insert:

1.3 "Section 1. **SUPREME COURT COUNCIL ON CHILD PROTECTION.**

1.4 Subdivision 1. **Establishment.** The chief justice of the supreme court is invited to
1.5 establish a Supreme Court Council on Child Protection as part of Minnesota's Court
1.6 Improvement Program, the Children's Justice Initiative, authorized under Public Law
1.7 116-260, Division CC, title III, section 305 of the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2021,
1.8 to develop a comprehensive blueprint to improve Minnesota's child protection system.

1.9 Subd. 2. **Membership.** The council must consist of the following members:

1.10 (1) the chief justice of the supreme court or a designee;

1.11 (2) at least one representative of the executive branch, appointed by the governor;

1.12 (3) two members of the legislature, one appointed by the speaker of the house or the
1.13 senate majority leader and one appointed by the minority leader of the house of
1.14 representatives or senate minority leader;

1.15 (4) members representing Indian Tribes, appointed by the executive board of the
1.16 Minnesota Indian Affairs Council;

1.17 (5) professionals, including law enforcement officers, with substantial experience
1.18 responding to reports of child maltreatment, appointed by the chief justice of the supreme
1.19 court;

1.20 (6) professionals with experience providing child protective services, foster care, adoption
1.21 services, and postpermanency services, appointed by the chief justice of the supreme court;

1.22 (7) legal professionals and guardians ad litem with significant experience in juvenile
1.23 protection matters, appointed by the chief justice of the supreme court;

2.1 (8) educational professionals, including professionals with experience in early childhood
2.2 education and providing educational services to children with disabilities, appointed by the
2.3 chief justice of the supreme court;

2.4 (9) professionals from nonprofit community organizations with experience providing
2.5 services and supports to children, parents, and relatives involved in child maltreatment and
2.6 juvenile protection matters, appointed by the chief justice of the supreme court;

2.7 (10) professionals with expertise on childhood trauma and adverse childhood experiences,
2.8 appointed by the chief justice of the supreme court;

2.9 (11) professionals with expertise providing services to persons with disabilities involved
2.10 with the child protection system, appointed by the chief justice of the supreme court; and

2.11 (12) persons with lived experience as a parent or child involved with the child protection
2.12 system, appointed by the chief justice of the supreme court.

2.13 Subd. 3. **Organization and administration.** (a) The council is governed by section
2.14 15.059, except that subdivision 6 does not apply. The state court administrator must provide
2.15 the council with staff support, office and meeting space, and access to office equipment and
2.16 services.

2.17 (b) Council members serve at the pleasure of the appointing authority. The chief justice
2.18 of the supreme court must select a chairperson from among the members. The council may
2.19 select other officers, subcommittees, and work groups as it deems necessary.

2.20 Subd. 4. **Meetings.** (a) The council must meet at the call of the chairperson.

2.21 (b) The chairperson must convene the council's first meeting, which must occur by
2.22 September 15, 2024.

2.23 Subd. 5. **Duties.** The council must develop a comprehensive blueprint that addresses all
2.24 aspects of the child protection system by:

2.25 (1) reviewing policies, laws, practices, latest research, and data related to children in the
2.26 child protection system;

2.27 (2) gathering information through surveys or focus groups, including consultation with
2.28 individuals who have lived experience with the child protection system; and

2.29 (3) making recommendations for improvements in policies and law that improve outcomes
2.30 for children.

2.31 Subd. 6. **Reports.** By January 15, 2025, the Supreme Court Council on Child Protection
2.32 must submit a progress report on the council's duties under subdivision 5 to the governor,

3.1 the chief justice of the supreme court, and the chairs and ranking minority members of the
3.2 legislative committees with jurisdiction over child protection. By January 15, 2026, the
3.3 council must submit its final report to the governor, the chief justice of the supreme court,
3.4 and the chairs and ranking minority members of the legislative committees with jurisdiction
3.5 over child protection, detailing the comprehensive blueprint developed under subdivision
3.6 5.

3.7 Subd. 7. **Expiration.** The Supreme Court Council on Child Protection expires upon the
3.8 submission of its final report under subdivision 6.

3.9 Sec. 2. **APPROPRIATION; SUPREME COURT COUNCIL ON CHILD**
3.10 **PROTECTION.**

3.11 \$800,000 in fiscal year 2025 is appropriated from the general fund to the supreme court
3.12 for the establishment and administration of the Supreme Court Council on Child Protection.
3.13 This is a onetime appropriation and is available until June 30, 2026."

3.14 Amend the title accordingly