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Overview

This bill extends the task force to December 31, 2020. It increases membership on the task force and adds duties.

Section

- 1** **Legislative task force; child protection.** Amends Laws 2015, chapter 71, article 1, section 125. Modifies membership of the task force. Strikes the requirement for the four members of the Governor’s Task Force to serve as members of this task force. Provides that the task force shall be composed of 12 legislators, six from the senate and six from the house with minority and majority membership equally represented.

Requires the task force to redefine “substantial child endangerment,” and submit language in bill form to the legislature by January 1, 2017. Also requires the task force to review and recommend alternatives to law enforcement removing children from a home based on reports of maltreatment and to evaluate situations in which it may be appropriate for child protection workers to remove children.

Allows the task force to appoint a work group to review the assessment tool used to determine supplemental benefits for children receiving care under Northstar Care for Children.

Extends the task force to December 31, 2020.

Provides an immediate effective date.
- 2** **Revisor’s instruction.** Instructs the revisor, in consultation with legislative and agency staff, to recodify the Maltreatment of Minors Act and to submit the recodification in bill form for introduction in the 2017 Legislative Session.