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### Overview

This act modifies or repeals existing provisions in 2018 S.F. 3656, and also establishes the Opioid Epidemic Response Advisory Council. The effective date provides that the act is effective only if 2018 S.F. 3656 is enacted. Both 2018 S.F. 3656 and this act were vetoed.

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- 1 Commissioner of human services.** Increases the appropriation to the commissioner of human services for the Forecasted Programs; Medical Assistance, budget category. Also includes the existing language of article 45, section 2, of S.F. 3656. Provides that the section is effective July 1, 2018, and replaces article 45, section 2, in S.F. 3656, if enacted.
- 2 Commissioner of health.** Specifies the percentage amounts the commissioner of health is permitted to use for administrative costs, of money appropriated for the following programs: up to seven percent for the TAP program, up to 3.5 percent for the opioid overdose reduction pilot program, and up to 3.5 percent for opioid abuse prevention pilot projects. Also includes the existing language of article 45, section 3, in S.F. 3656. Provides that the section is effective July 1, 2018, and replaces article 45, section 3, in S.F. 3656, if enacted.
- 3 Opioid Epidemic Response Advisory Council.** Adds § 256.042. Establishes the Opioid Epidemic Response Advisory Council, to develop and implement a comprehensive and effective statewide effort to address the opioid addiction and overdose epidemic in Minnesota. Specifies areas of focus and duties. Specifies membership and procedures to address conflicts of interest. Requires the commissioner of human services to report to the legislature on grants proposed by the advisory council and to award grants using funds in the opiate epidemic response account. Specifies reporting requirements for the advisory council and the commissioner of management and budget related to projects awarded grants.
- 4 Opiate epidemic response account.** Adds § 256.043. Appropriates \$56,000 in FY 2019 from the opiate epidemic response account to the commissioner of human services, to

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provide administrative services to the Opioid Epidemic Response Advisory Council. Also includes the existing language of article 38, section 10, in S.F. 3656. Provides that the section is effective July 1, 2018, and replaces article 38, section 10, in S.F. 3656, if enacted.

- 5**        **Payment rates.** Amends § 256B.0625, subd. 13e. Directs the commissioner of human services, subject to federal approval, to increase the MA payment rate for drug ingredient costs by two percent, for drugs subject to the wholesale distributor tax. Also includes the existing language of article 34, section 10, in S.F. 3656, if enacted. Provides that the section is effective July 1, 2018, and replaces article 34, section 10, in S.F. 3656, if enacted.
- 6**        **State lottery.** Repeals the amendments to § 349A.06, subd. 11, by S.F. 3656, article 2, section 18, if enacted, retroactively to the day of final enactment. (These amendments would have increased opportunities for a lottery retailer to be penalized if the retailer repeatedly failed to maintain sufficient funds to make payments to certain types of prize winners.)
- 7**        **Insurance risk.** Repeals the amendments to § 62V.05, subd. 10, by S.F. 3656, article 43, section 2, if enacted, retroactively to the day of final enactment. (These amendments would have prohibited the commissioner of human services from bearing insurance risk or entering into any agreement to pay claims for health coverage, for a state health care program available for purchase through the MNsure Web site, as an alternative to purchasing an individual health plan.)
- 8**        **Effective date.** States that this act is effective only if 2018 S.F. 3656 is enacted.