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Overview

This bill transfers duties from the commissioner of human services to the region 10 quality assurance commission, and adds the commissioner of human services or the commissioner's designee to the commission. The bill also requires the state to seek a federal waiver related to the quality assurance project, and appropriates money for commission activities.

Section

- 1 Membership.** Amends § 256B.0951, subd. 1. Adds the commissioner of human services or the commissioner's designee to the membership of the region 10 quality assurance commission.
- 2 Commission duties.** Amends § 256B.0951, subd. 3. Assigns duties to the commission that under current law are the responsibility of the commissioner of human services.

A new paragraph (c) requires the commission and commissioner to establish an ongoing review process for the alternative quality assurance licensing system.

A new paragraph (d) requires the commission to contract with an independent entity to conduct a financial review of the alternative quality assurance project. Sets requirements for the review and requires the review to be completed by December 15, 2000.

A new paragraph (e) requires the commission

to submit a report to the legislature by January 15, 2001 on the results of the review process, a summary of the results of the independent financial review, and recommendations on whether the pilot project should be extended beyond June 30, 2001.

- 3 Duties of the commissioner of human services.** Amends § 256B.0955. Strikes duties of the commissioner that have been transferred to the commission.
- 4 Request for waiver.** Requires the commissioner of human services or the commissioner of health to request a federal waiver by October 1, 1999, to implement section 256B.0951, subd. 7 (exemption of residents of ICFs/MR who participate in the quality assurance project from supervised living facility rules).
- 5 Appropriation.** Appropriates \$280,000 from the general fund to the region 10 quality assurance commission for each year of the new biennium as follows: (1) \$250,000 each year for operation of the pilot project and grants to counties; (2) \$20,000 each year for the independent financial review; and (3) \$10,000 each year to establish an ongoing review process. Provides that the appropriation for the first fiscal year can be carried forward to the second.