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**1 Review organization.** Adds § 144E.32. Specifies that provisions of law governing review organizations in general also apply to ambulance service review organizations and first responder review organizations. Specifies who can serve on ambulance service review organizations and first responder review organizations.

**Subd. 1. Applicable law.** Makes sections 145.61 to 145.67 apply to ambulance service review organizations and first responder review organizations. These sections currently apply to review organizations in general and include provisions that:

- protect the following people and entities from liability: people and entities who provide information to review organizations; review organizations and their employees and advisors; and state and local professional organizations that use review organizations to examine the activities of professionals;

- establish data privacy protections for provider data, Hennepin County EMS data, and data acquired by review organizations;

- make it a misdemeanor to violate any of the data privacy provisions;

- prohibit any guidelines established by a review organization from being admitted into evidence in any proceeding brought by a patient against a provider; and

- specify that these sections do not affect a provider's liability for patient services.

**Subd. 2. Review organization defined.** Section 145.61, subd. 5 defines the term "review organization," limits who can be members of review organizations, and lists some purposes for which review organizations are created. This subdivision expands these membership requirements for ambulance services or first responder review organizations, to allow a committee of an ambulance service provider, physician medical director, medical advisor, or ambulance supervisory personnel who gather, create, and review information on emergency care and treatment provided to patients.