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Overview

This bill establishes education requirements for rehabilitation counselors employed by the state. The bill also requires the Department of Human Services to evaluate the employment, job tasks, and career ladders of senior rehabilitation counselors in state operated services and state sex offender programs.

Section

- 1 **Rehabilitation counselors.** Creates new § 43A.49. Requires that a rehabilitation counselor employed by the state:
 - (1) have a Master's degree in a rehabilitation program accredited by the Commission on Rehabilitation Education;
 - (2) have a Master's degree in counseling psychology, social work, or a related field; or
 - (3) have a Bachelor's degree in rehabilitation, counseling psychology, social work, or a related field and be certified as a rehabilitation counselor by the Commission on Rehabilitation Counselor Certification.
- 2 **Study.** Requires the Department of Human Services to evaluate the employment, job tasks, and career ladders of senior rehabilitation counselors in state operated services and state sex offender programs. Requires the department to report to the senate and house committees with jurisdiction over human services by January 2, 2002. (Note: an amendment will be needed to modify this date.)
- 3 **Effective date.** Makes section 1 effective January 1, 2002. (Note: an amendment will be needed to modify the effective date.)