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Overview

This bill eliminates the sunset for the region 10 quality assurance system for persons with developmental disabilities, renames the system, and makes related changes. The bill also allows other counties to participate in the system or establish separate quality assurance systems.

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- 1** **Quality assurance project system established.** Amends § 256B.095. Changes the name of the "alternative quality assurance licensing system project" for persons with developmental disabilities (sometimes referred to as the region 10 quality assurance system) to "quality assurance system." Eliminates the June 30, 2005 sunset for the project. Effective July 1, 2003, allows other counties to apply to participate in this system, subject to the agreement of the quality assurance commission. Also gives counties or groups of counties the option of establishing separate quality assurance systems, that would be governed and operate in the same manner as the existing system.
- 2** **Membership.** Amends § 256B.0951, subd. 1. Renames the "region 10 quality assurance commission" the "quality assurance commission" and eliminates the June 30, 2005 sunset for the commission. Strikes outdated language related to the initial membership of the commission.
- 3** **Authority to hire staff; charge fees; and provide technical assistance.** Amends § 256B.0951, subd. 2. Allows the commission to charge fees for its services and to provide technical assistance to counties and other parties interested in joining the current quality assurance system or establishing a separate quality assurance system.
- 4** **Commission duties.** Amends § 256B.0951, subd. 3. Requires the commission, in

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consultation with the commissioner, to work with other populations to expand the system (this replaces current law, which requires the commissioner, in consultation with the commission, to examine the feasibility of expansion). Also eliminates obsolete language.

5 Variance of certain standards prohibited. Amends § 256B.0951, subd. 5. Makes conforming changes in terminology.

6 Waiver of rules. Amends § 256B.0951, subd. 7. Makes conforming changes in terminology.

7 Evaluation. Amends § 256B.0951, subd. 9. Makes conforming changes in terminology.

8 Notification. Amends § 256B.0952, subd. 1. Modifies a provision establishing procedures for counties to join the quality assurance system, to allow the possibility of non-region 10 counties joining and to remove specific dates. Also strikes obsolete language and makes conforming changes.

9 Licensure periods. Amends § 256B.0953, subd. 2. Makes conforming changes in terminology.

10 Duties of the commissioner of human services. Amends § 256B.0955. Makes conforming changes in terminology and eliminates the requirement that the commissioner provide technical assistance and support or training to the pilot project.

11 Appropriation. Appropriates money from the general fund to the commissioner of human services for the biennium ending June 30, 2005, for the operating costs of the quality assurance system.