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Overview

This bill authorizes the Hennepin county board to change the governance structure of the Hennepin County Medical Center and related facilities. It also exempts from the county's purchasing laws and the uniform municipal contracting law the medical center's and related facilities' purchases for goods, materials, supplies, equipment and contracted services. It permits the medical center and related facilities to contract for purchases and marketing by any means.

Section

- 1 Establishment.** Permits the Hennepin county board to change the governance structure for the Hennepin County Medical Center to best meet the needs for care and services.
- 2 Medical center administrator.** Permits the Hennepin county board, if it changes the governance structure for the medical center, to determine who will have authority to approve the appointment, suspension, or removal of the medical center administrator.
- 3 Purchases and marketing.** Adds Hennepin county's health maintenance organization to the provisions governing purchases and marketing for the medical center. Exempts the medical center's and the health maintenance organization's purchases of goods, materials, supplies, equipment and contracted services from the county's central purchasing provisions in statute as well as from the uniform municipal contracting law.

Amends the law enacted in 2002 that authorizes purchases with a public or private cooperative purchasing organization to instead authorize the county board on behalf of the medical center, health maintenance organization, ambulatory health center or other clinics to contract by any means. (Paragraph (e)).