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Overview

This bill makes changes to the State-County Results, Accountability, and Service Redesign Act, chapter 402A, which was enacted in 2009.

Section

- 1 Citation.** Amends § 402A.01. Makes a technical correction.
- 2 Service delivery authority.** Amends § 402A.10, subd. 5. Adds that the commissioner has the authority to assign a county to be a member of a service delivery authority.
- 3 Steering committee on performance and outcome reforms.** Amends § 402A.15.
 - Subd. 1. Duties.** Removes the requirement for the steering committee to include recommendations on resources and funding needed to achieve performance measures. Eliminates certain considerations such as geography, populations served, and administrative demands when determining performance measures and goals. Requires the steering committee to incorporate federal performance measures when federal funding is contingent on meeting these performance measures.
 - Subd. 2. Composition.** Removes the requirement for two members of steering committee to also serve as representatives to the redesign council.
- 4 Commissioner power to remedy failure to meet performance outcomes.** Amends § 402A.18.
 - Subd. 1. Underperforming county; specific service.** Grants the commissioner authority to adjust state and federal funds for an underperforming county.
 - Subd. 2. Underperforming county; more than one-half of services.** Makes technical changes.
 - Subd. 2a. Financial responsibility of underperforming county.** Requires an

underperforming county to provide the nonfederal and nonstate funding needed to remedy performance deficiencies to the entity assuming administration of the essential service.

Subd. 3. Conditions prior to imposing remedies. Makes a technical change.

5 Council. Amends § 402A.20.

Subd. 1. Council. Clarifies that recommendations must be approved by a majority of the voting council members. Adds a representative of AFSCME Council 65 as a nonvoting member.

Subd. 2. Council duties. Clarifies the duties of the council. Among the duties:

- Review the service redesign process, including proposed memoranda of understanding;
- Review and make recommendations on requests for waivers of statutory or rule program requirements;
- Establish a process for public input on the scope of essential services administered by a service delivery authority;
- Serve as a forum to resolve conflicts;
- Engage in the program improvement process; and
- Identify and recommend incentives for counties to participate in service delivery authorities.

Subd. 3. Program evaluation. Requires the council to request that the legislative auditor perform a reevaluation of human service administration that was initially reported in 2007.

6 Designation of service delivery authority.

Subd. 1. Requirements for establishing a service delivery authority.

Paragraph (a) sets out the population and geographic requirements for establishing a service delivery authority.

Paragraph (b) lists the requirements for a human service authority: compliance with state and federal laws; defining the scope of essential services; designating a single administrative structure; identifying needed waivers from statutory or rule program requirements; establishing a targeted reduction of administrative expenses; establishing terms for a county to withdraw from participation.

Paragraph (c) prohibits a county that is a member of a service delivery authority from participating in another service delivery authority.

Paragraph (d) provides that nothing in this chapter limits or prohibits local governments from combining services or county boards from entering into contracts for services that are not under the jurisdiction of the service delivery authority.

Subd. 2. Duties. Lists the duties of the service delivery authority.

Subd. 3. Process for establishing a service delivery authority. Paragraph (a)

provides that a county or consortium of counties seeking to establish a service delivery authority must present a proposed memorandum of understanding and a resolution from the board of county commissioners of each participating county.

Paragraph (b) applies when a group of employees represented under a collective bargaining agreement is transferred from county to service delivery authority funding. Requires the county or consortium of counties, with the exclusive representatives of affected employees, to present to the council and commissioner a written agreement relating to the bargaining units and collective bargaining agreements for employees who would be transferred.

Paragraph (c) allows the commissioner to finalize and execute the memorandum of understanding upon the recommendation of the council.

Subd. 4. Commissioner authority to seek waivers. Gives the commissioner authority to grant waivers, but they must be approved by the council.

- 7 Repealer.** Repeals §§ 402A.30 (Designation of Service Delivery Authority); and 402A.45 (Essential Services Outside Jurisdiction of Service Delivery Authority).