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1 Minnesota Autism Spectrum Disorder Task Force.

Subd. 1. Members. (a) Specifies the membership of the Autism Spectrum Disorder Task Force. (b) Requires that appointments be made by September 1, 2011 and that the first meeting be convened by the majority leader of the senate by October 1, 2011. Directs the task force to elect a chair at its first meeting and to meet at least six times per year. (c) Directs the Legislative Coordinating Commission to provide meeting space and various state agencies to provide assistance to the task force.

Subd. 2. Duties. (a) Requires the task force to develop a statewide strategic plan for autism spectrum disorder (ASD) to improve awareness, early diagnosis and intervention, and to ensure delivery of treatment and services to persons diagnosed with ASD.

(b) Requires the task force to coordinate existing efforts relating to ASD at certain state agencies, and other organizations,

Subd. 3. Report. Requires the task force to submit its strategic plan to the legislature by January 15, 2013, provide assistance with the implementation of the plan as approved by the legislature, and submit annual progress reports by January 15, 2014 and 2015.

Subd. 4. Expiration. States that this task force expires June 30, 2015, unless extended by law.

Provides a section effective date of July 1, 2011, and sunsets the section June 30, 2015.