

HOUSE RESEARCH

Bill Summary

FILE NUMBER: H.F. 1683

DATE: March 21, 2012

Version: First engrossment

Authors: Norton and others

Subject: Services for individuals with autism

Analyst: Danyell Punelli, 651-296-5058

This publication can be made available in alternative formats upon request. Please call 651-296-6753 (voice); or the Minnesota State Relay Service at 1-800-627-3529 (TTY) for assistance. Summaries are also available on our website at: www.house.mn/hrd.

Overview

This bill requires the commissioner of human services to coordinate with counties that agree to issue foster care licenses and authorize funding for people with autism who meet certain criteria and to develop an optional certification for certain MA waiver providers that demonstrates competency in working with people with autism.

- 1 Foster care for individuals with autism.** Requires the commissioner of human services to identify and coordinate with one or more counties that agree to issue foster care licenses and authorize funding for people with autism who meet certain criteria. Requires the commissioner to assist the interested county or counties in obtaining necessary capacity within the foster care moratorium. Requires the commissioner to coordinate with counties and issue a request for information to identify providers who have the training and skills to meet the needs of the individuals identified in this section.
- 2 Direction to commissioner.** Requires the commissioner to develop an optional certification for providers of the CAC, CADI, DD, and BI waivers that demonstrates competency in working with individuals with autism. Requires recommended language and an implementation plan to be provided to the legislative committees with jurisdiction over health and human services policy and finance by February 15, 2013, as part of the Quality Outcome Standards.