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Bill Summary

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Overview

Makes various revisions to the Forensic Laboratory Advisory Board statute.

1 Forensic Laboratory Advisory Board.

Subd. 1. Membership. No changes.

Subd. 2. Duties. The board must:

- require labs to report professional negligence and misconduct;
- investigate allegations of professional negligence and misconduct; and
- require all forensic labs to become accredited.

Subd. 3. Investigations. Removes the requirement that a forensic lab that is subject to an investigation by the board pay for the investigation.

Subd. 3a. Immunity. Grants immunity to board members, committees, subcommittees, task forces, delegates, and agents in civil, administrative, and criminal actions.

Subd. 4. Delegation of duties. No changes.

Subd. 5. Data privacy practices. Technical changes.

Subd. 6. Reports to the legislature. Technical change.

Subd. 7. Forensic science improvement report. Simplifies the annual reporting requirements imposed on the board.

Subd. 8. Forensic evidence processing deadline. Stricken.

Subd. 9. Office space. Requires the Commissioner of Public Safety to provide office space to the board.

Subd. 10. Expenses. No changes.

Subd. 11. Definitions. Modifies the definition of "forensic analysis" and establishes a definition of "forensic laboratory."