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Overview

This bill amends provisions on coordination and planning for homeless children.

- 1 **Citation.** Names the bill the Visible Child Act.
- 2 **Legislative findings.** Provides legislative findings concerning children and homelessness.
- 3 **Interagency child find systems.** Amends a definition of "interagency child find systems" that applies to sections of statutes dealing with early childhood intervention, to include a child who is homeless or has experienced homelessness.
- 4 **State interagency coordinating council.** Expands duties of the Interagency Coordinating Council to include issues concerning homeless young children.
- 5 **Interagency coordination on homelessness.** Requires the Minnesota Housing Finance Agency, in coordination with other state departments, to submit an annual legislative report on homeless children and the visible child plan required under section 6 of the bill. Specifies reporting content. The first report is due January 15, 2014.
- 6 **Visible child plan.** Directs development of a strategic plan on well-being of homeless children, through coordinated efforts of the Minnesota Housing Finance Agency and other state departments. Specifies requirements on consultation, development and content of a strategic plan, and a legislative report due December 15, 2012.