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1 Family child care pilot project.

Subd. 1. Establishment. Instructs the commissioner of human services to establish a pilot project to transfer responsibility for licensing family child care homes from Anoka County to DHS.

Subd. 2. Duties. Paragraph (a) requires the Anoka County Board to provide written notice of intent to transfer services the commissioner.

Paragraph (b) places responsibility on the commissioner for all licensing functions related to family child care homes no later than July 1, 2014, if the commissioner receives the written notice from Anoka County by July 15, 2013.

Paragraph (c) retains county responsibility for investigating allegations of abuse and neglect in family child care settings.

Paragraph (d) gives the commissioner the authority granted by rule and statute to the county.

Paragraph (e) requires the commissioner to complete background studies on applicants and family child care licensees.

Paragraph (f) states that family child care providers remain responsible for annual inspection and background study fees but these fees are to be paid to the commissioner.

Paragraph (g) lists the amounts Anoka County must reimburse the commissioner for

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providing the licensing functions related to family child care.

Paragraph (h) instructs the commissioner to propose a fee to the 2015 legislature to recover the costs for the commissioner's oversight and licensing of family child care providers under this pilot project.

Paragraph (i) requires the commissioner to submit a report to the legislature in January 2018 that analyzes the efficiency and effectiveness of the pilot program and whether the program should be continued or expanded to other counties.

Provides an effective date of January 1, 2014.