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## Bill Summary

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### Overview

This bill creates the Prenatal Trisomy Diagnosis Awareness Act. The bill requires health care practitioners to provide certain information if the practitioner has performed a test on a pregnant woman for trisomy 13 (Patau syndrome), trisomy 18 (Edwards syndrome), or trisomy 21 (Downs syndrome) and the test had a positive result. The bill also requires the commissioner of health to make certain information on the trisomy conditions available to health care practitioners.

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**1 Prenatal Trisomy Diagnosis Awareness Act.** Adds § 145.471.

**Subd. 1. Short title.** State this section shall be known as the “Prenatal Trisomy Diagnosis Awareness Act.”

**Subd. 2. Definitions.** Defines terms.

**Subd. 3. Health care practitioner duty.** Requires a health care practitioner who orders tests for a pregnant woman to screen for trisomy 13, 18, or 21, to provide information as required in subdivision 4 if the test reveals a positive results for any of the conditions.

**Subd. 4. Commissioner duties.** Requires the commissioner of health to make certain information available to health care practitioners, including up-to-date and evidence-based information about the trisomy conditions, which includes, but is not limited to, expected outcomes and treatment options. Requires the commissioner to post the information on the department website and ensure the information is culturally

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and linguistically appropriate. Allows local or national organizations that provide education or services related to trisomy conditions to request the commissioner include the organization's information on the website.

**Effective date.** States this section is effective August 1, 2015.