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1 Blue Ribbon Commission on the Metropolitan Council.

Subd. 1. Blue Ribbon Commission on the Metropolitan Council established.

Establishes the commission to study and make recommendations on the needs of the region and the role of the Metropolitan Council.

Subd. 2. Authority; duties. Lists topics the commission must study and parties it must consult. Directs the commission to report to the legislature and the governor by March 15, 2017, and provides that the report may be in the form of legislation.

Subd. Members. Provides for 13 members: three House members, three Senate members, and seven public members, one from each metro county. The public members are appointed by the House (three), Senate (three), and the governor (one).

Subd. 4. Chairs. Directs the legislative appointing authorities to designate a House appointee and a Senate appointee as co-chairs.

Subd. 5. Meetings; staff. Requires commission meetings to be conducted under the open meeting law that applies to the executive branch and local governments. Directs the Legislative Coordinating Commission (LCC) to provide administrative support, and for legislative staff, the Met Council, and state agencies to provide assistance on request. Permits the LCC to accept gifts to support the commission's work.

Subd. 6. Compensation; expenses. Provides for the House and Senate to compensate legislators on the commission according to their respective policies.

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Provides that public members serve without compensation but may be reimbursed for expenses.

Subd. 7. Appropriation. Appropriates an unspecified amount from the general fund to the LCC for the costs of the Blue Ribbon Commission. Provides that the appropriation is available until June 30, 2018—one year after the expiration of this law, to allow for paying any costs of closeout.

Subd. 8. Expiration. The commission expires June 30, 2017.

Effective the day following final enactment.