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## **Overview**

This bill extends the Alzheimer's disease working group and lays out the membership, duties, and meeting requirements of the working group.

#### **Section**

1 Alzheimer's Disease Working Group. Creates § 256.999.

**Subd. 1. Establishment; members.** Requires the Minnesota Board on Aging to appoint an Alzheimer's disease working group consisting of 16 members. Lists the organizations that must be represented on the working group. Requires the appointing authorities to complete their appointments no later than December 15, 2017. Requires the membership of the working group to reflect the diversity in Minnesota.

- **Subd. 2. Duties; recommendations.** Requires the working group to review and revise the 2011 report titled "Preparing Minnesota for Alzheimer's: the Budgetary, Social and Personal Impacts." Requires the working group to consider and make recommendations and findings on several issues, including:
  - trends and disparities in the state's Alzheimer's population;
  - risk reduction, including health education and health promotion on risk factors, safety, and potentially avoidable hospitalizations; and
  - health disparities and access to high quality dementia care.

**Subd. 3. Meetings.** Requires the Board on Aging to convene the first meeting of the working group no later than January 15, 2018. Requires meetings of the working group to be open to the public, and to the extent practicable, technological means, such

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as Web casts, must be used to reach the greatest number of people throughout the state. Requires the Board of Aging to designate one member to serve as chair. Requires the working group to meet at least once every four years.

- **Subd. 4. Compensation.** Provides that working group members serve without compensation, except for allowed expense reimbursement.
- **Subd. 5. Administrative support.** Requires the Board of Aging to provide administrative support.
- **Subd. 6. Report.** Requires the Board on Aging to submit a report providing the findings and recommendations of the working group to the governor and the legislature no later than January 15, 2018, and to provide an updated report every four years thereafter.
  - **Subd. 7. Expiration.** Provides an expiration date for the working group.
- **Appropriation.** Provides an appropriation to the Board of Aging to support the Alzheimer's disease working group.