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Section

- 1 Palliative Care Advisory Council.** Adds § 144.059. Establishes a 22-member Palliative Care Advisory Council to advise the commissioner of health on improving the quality and delivery of patient-centered, family-focused palliative care. Specifies the council's membership, and requires at least six members to reside outside counties in and surrounding the Twin Cities metro area. Establishes requirements for meetings and terms, and provides that public members of the council shall not receive compensation except for expenses. Directs the council to consult with and advise the commissioner on palliative care initiatives in the state, and requires the council to submit an annual report on the availability of palliative care, barriers, and recommendations for legislative action. Requires the report to also be published on MDH's Web site. Makes the section effective the day following final enactment.