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Section

- 1** **Palliative care advisory committee.** Adds § 144.059. Directs the commissioner of health to establish a palliative care advisory committee to improve the quality and delivery of patient-centered, family-focused care that anticipates, prevents, and treats suffering caused by serious illness. Specifies the committee'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 committee members shall not receive compensation except for expenses. Directs the committee to consult with and advise the commissioner on palliative care initiatives in the state, and requires the committee to submit an annual report on the availability of palliative care, barriers, and recommendations for legislative action.