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Overview

This bill would require the commissioner of human services to provide an annual report to the legislature on the status of child care in Minnesota, beginning February 1, 2018.

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1 Report to legislature on the status of child care. Proposes coding for § 245A.153.

Subd. 1. Reporting requirements. Requires the commissioner of human services to provide a report on the status of child care in Minnesota to the chairs and ranking minority members of committees with jurisdiction over child care, by February 1, 2018, and February 1 thereafter.

Subd. 2. Contents of report. Requires that the child care report include the following:

- (1) summary data on trends in child care capacity and availability;
- (2) description of any changes to statutes, rules, or policies and procedures;
- (3) description of actions DHS has taken to address or implement the recommendations of the Legislative Task Force on Access to Affordable Child Care, including:
 - (i) encouraging uniformity in implementing and interpreting statutes, rules, policies, and procedures relating to child care licensing;
 - (ii) improving communication with county licensors and child care providers;

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- (iii) providing notice to child care providers before issuing correction orders or negative licensing actions relating to recently changed statutes, rules, or policies;
 - (iv) implementing confidential communication processes for provider questions
 - (v) streamlining processes to reduce duplication and training and paperwork requirement overlap; and
 - (vi) compiling and distributing information detail trends in violations resulting in correction orders and negative licensing actions;
- (4) description of DHS efforts to cooperate with counties; and
- (5) summary data on CCAP, including state funding and number of families served.

2 Sunset. Section expires February 2, 2020.