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Overview

This bill establishes a Human Services Department Restructuring Working Group to consider restructuring the Department of Human Services (DHS) to provide for better coordination and control of programs, accountability, and continuity. The working group is required to submit a report with findings, recommendations, and draft legislation to the legislative committees with jurisdiction over human services policy and finance.

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1 Human Services Department Restructuring Working Group.

Subd. 1. Establishment; membership. Paragraph (a) establishes a working group to consider restructuring DHS.

Paragraph (b) lists the membership of the working group.

Paragraph (c) requires the appointing authorities to complete their appointments no later than July 1, 2018.

Subd. 2. Duties. Requires the working group to review the current structure of DHS and programs administered by DHS and propose a restructuring of the agency to provide for better coordination and control of programs, accountability, and continuity. Lists issues the working group must consider in making recommendations.

Subd. 3. Meetings. Requires the legislative auditor or a designee to: (1) convene the first meeting of the working group no later than August 1, 2018; and (2) serve as

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the chair of the working group. Specifies that meetings of the working group are open to the public.

Subd. 4. Compensation. Requires members of the working group to serve without compensation or reimbursement for expenses.

Subd. 5. Administrative support. Requires the Legislative Coordinating Commission to provide administrative support for the working group and arrange for meeting space.

Subd. 6. Report. Requires the working group to submit a report with findings, recommendations, and draft legislation to the chairs and ranking minority members of the legislative committees with jurisdiction over human services policy and finance. Requires the report to include a discussion of costs and benefits associated with any proposed restructuring.

Subd. 7. Expiration. Makes the working group expire on a blank date or the day after the working group submits the report required under subdivision 6, whichever is earlier.

Makes this section effective the day following final enactment.