

# H.F. 1744 First Division Engrossment

Subject Establishing a family law mediation task force

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#### **Overview**

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# **Summary**

## Section Description

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- **Subd. 1. Establishment.** Creates the family law mediation task force.
- **Subd. 2. Membership.** Specifies the members on the task force, including representatives of the legislature, bar associations, mental health professionals, legal services, and the courts. States that each listed organization is responsible for appointing its own representative to the task force. Stipulates that members serve without compensation.
- **Subd. 3. Organization.** Provides for the commissioner of the Bureau of Mediation Services, or a designee, to convene the first meeting. Requires the task force to meet monthly or at the call of the chair, who shall be elected by the members of the task force, along with any other officers.
- **Subd. 4. Staff.** Requires the Bureau of Mediation Services to provide support staff, office space, and administrative services for the task force.
- **Subd. 5. Duties.** States that the task force shall develop a comprehensive family law mediation report covering a number of specific topics.
- **Subd. 6. Report.** Sets a deadline of January 15, 2020, for the task force to submit its report and any associated policy recommendations to the legislature.
- **Subd. 7. Open meetings.** Provides the task force is subject to the open meeting laws, and may hold hearings throughout the state and allow remote participation.

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**Subd. 8. Expiration.** Dissolves the task force upon submission of its report.

**Effective Date:** This section is effective the day following final enactment.



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