

Subject Establishes the statewide response to substance abuse task force

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Overview

This bill establishes a Task Force on the Statewide Response to Substance Abuse to bring individuals from the public safety, human services, and health arenas together to meet with community members and discuss ways to provide a collaborative response to substance abuse in Minnesota.

Summary

Section	Description
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1	Task Force on the Statewide Response to Substance Abuse.
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Subd. 1. Establishment. Establishes the Task Force on the Statewide Response to Substance Abuse to review the ways in which the state's justice, social service, and health systems respond to substance abuse issues, examine approaches taken in other jurisdictions, and make policy and funding recommendations to the legislature.

Subd. 2. Membership. Establishes the membership of the task force. Requires that appointments be made by August 30, 2022. Permits public members to be compensated pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, section 15.059, subdivision 3.

Subd. 3. Officers; meetings. Establishes that the commissioners of public safety and human services shall cochair the task force. Permits election of other officers as necessary. Requires the commissioner of public safety to convene the first meeting by September 15, 2022, and to provide meeting space and other assistance. Directs the task force to meet at least monthly and provides that meetings are subject to the Open Meeting Law.

Subd. 4. Duties. Establishes the duties of the task force including reviewing data from Minnesota and other jurisdictions, receiving input from individuals and communities that have been impacted by substance abuse, and making recommendations to the legislature.

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	<p>Subd. 5. Reports. Requires the task force to submit a preliminary report by March 1, 2023, a supplemental report by February 1, 2024, and a final report by January 15, 2025.</p> <p>Subd. 6. Expiration. Provides that the task force expires the day after it submits its final report.</p>
2	<p>Task Force on the Statewide Response to Substance Abuse; appropriation. Appropriates an unspecified amount in fiscal year 2023 to the commissioner of public safety to implement the task force. Establishes a base of \$0 in fiscal year 2026 and beyond.</p>



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