

Subject Minnesota Youth Advisory Council

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Overview

This bill establishes a Minnesota Youth Advisory Council. The purpose of the council is to provide a voice to Minnesota's youth community in policy development and decision making on issues that impact the community.

The bill repeals the existing Minnesota Youth Council Committee, which is established by law as a unit of the Minnesota Alliance with Youth.

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1	Minnesota Youth Advisory Council.
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Establishes the Minnesota Youth Advisory Council. The purpose of the council is to provide a voice to Minnesota's youth community in policy development and decision making on issues that impact the community.

The council's membership includes three members from each congressional district, appointed by the governor. Of these, two from each district must be in grades 8-12 at the time of appointment, and one must be between the ages of 19 and 23 at the time of appointment. A parent or guardian's consent is required for an appointment of a member under the age of 18. In addition to these members, four legislators serve as voting members. The governor may appoint a state agency commissioner or a designee to serve as an ex officio, nonvoting member of the council. Additional detail regarding the appointment of members, their terms of appointment, and other administrative details related to council governance and operations are included in subdivisions 2 through 5.

In general, the council is required to work for the implementation of economic, social, legal, and political equality for the youth community. Among the council's specific duties, it is required to develop and approve a strategic plan, advise the governor and legislature on various issues impacting the youth community, and serve as a liaison between state government and organizations that serve the youth

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community. Further detail on the council’s duties, and the duties of individual council members, is described in subdivisions 6 and 7.

The council is required to provide an annual report on the measurable outcomes achieved in its strategic plan, along with specific objectives and outcome measures proposed for the following year. The annual report is due to the legislature no later than January 15 of each year.

The biennial budget of the council must be submitted to the Legislative Coordinating Commission no later than February 1, of each odd-numbered year.

2 Repealer.

Repeals Minnesota Statutes, section 134D.957, the existing Minnesota Youth Council Committee established as a unit of the Minnesota Alliance with Youth.

3 Effective date; initial appointments.

The council is established effective July 1, 2022. Initial appointments are required no later than August 1, 2022, and an initial meeting of the council must be convened by the executive director of the Legislative Coordinating Commission no later than September 15, 2022.



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