

Subject Child Protection Advisory Council

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Summary

This bill establishes the Child Protection Advisory Council in section 260E.021, to review policies, laws, and protocols of the child protection system, enhance accountability, and ensure sufficient system capacity and resources.

Subdivision 1 establishes the council. Subdivision 2 lists 26 members of the council, and the appointing authority for each member. Subdivision 3 requires the commissioner of human services to provide staff and administrative support and office space to the council, and specifies that section 15.059 governs the council (except the subdivision regarding expiration). Subdivision 4 requires at least quarterly meetings, and specifies that meetings are subject to the Open Meeting Law. Subdivision 5 specifies requirements for the election of a chairperson and executive committee, and appointment of an executive director.

Subdivision 6 lists the duties of the advisory council, as follows:

- conduct child mortality review processes;
- review child welfare data;
- review and provide guidance on federal Family First Prevention Services Act implementation;
- evaluate child protection grants to address disparities; and
- collect additional topic areas for study and evaluation from the public, if approved by the advisory council.

Subdivision 7 requires an annual report to the legislature, beginning January 1, 2025, on the advisory council's activities.