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Bill Summary

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Overview

This bill creates a permanent supervised visitation advisory committee.

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1 Supervised visitation advisory committee.

Subd. 1. Generally. Requires the commissioner of public safety to create a 15-member advisory committee to advise on disbursement of funds for parenting time centers. Requires the advisory committee to serve as liaison between the commissioner and organizations that provide supervised visitation services. Committee vacancies and removal of members are subject to section 15.059. Members may serve not more than two consecutive two-year terms. Members do not receive per diem but receive expenses like state employees. The committee does not expire.

Subd. 2. Membership. Provides for members to include seven members of the board of the Minnesota Chapter of Supervised Visitation Network, of whom four must be from outside the metro area; a member of the state guardian ad litem program; two representatives from nonprofit organizations that represent domestic abuse victims; a member of the Minnesota State Bar Association's Family Law Section; the commissioners of Public Safety and Human Services; and two county social service directors, one of them from outside the metro area.

Subd. 3. Duties. Requires the committee to advise the commissioner on specified

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aspects of services for families referred to supervised visitation centers and on adoption of rules for grants; to review grant applications and recommend recipients; to recommend five candidates for the position of parenting time centers program director; and advise the director in performing his or her duties.

Subd. 4. Conflicts of interest. Excludes persons with conflicts of interest from participating in reviewing and recommending grant applications.

This section is effective July 1, 2007.

- 2** **Disposition of license fee.** Provides that the portion of the marriage license fee that goes to parenting time centers goes to the commissioner of public safety, not the commissioner of education.

This section is effective July 1, 2006.

- 3** **Revisor's instruction.** Directs the revisor to correct section numbers and cross-references to reflect the recodification of the parenting time centers statute.

This section is effective July 1, 2006.