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Overview

This bill establishes a state-level methamphetamine coordinator and appropriates money.

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1 State-level methamphetamine coordinator. Adds § 144.90.

Subd. 1. Establishment; purpose; appointment. Establishes a state-level methamphetamine coordinator within the Department of Health, to be appointed by the governor. The purpose of the coordinator is to work with various state agencies, local governments, law enforcement, and others on efforts related to reducing methamphetamine addiction and its consequences in order to coordinate the state's resources to provide and oversee education, research, and training. Requires the coordinator to work with tribal governments to the extent possible.

Subd. 2. Duties. States that the duties of the coordinator include, but are not limited to:

- providing health based information and safety training materials to those exposed to methamphetamine;
- promoting and tracking first responder training;
- providing train-the-trainer materials;
- serving as a clearinghouse for information and materials on all aspects of

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methamphetamine response;

- tracking of grant and other funding opportunities;
- coordinating media-based prevention opportunities;
- establishing a speaker's bureau of experts on methamphetamine and other addictions;
- fielding methamphetamine related calls;
- maintaining current knowledge and understanding of methamphetamine related research;
- tracking methamphetamine state and national trends;
- making recommendations to the legislature for methamphetamine policy changes and funding;
- serving as coordinator or point-of-contact for a Minnesota drug endangered children's alliance; and
- coordinating methamphetamine prevention information efforts with the Minnesota Prevention Resource Center.

Subd. 3. Annual update. Requires the coordinator to provide an annual update to the legislature, by January 15, which summarizes goals that have been established and met and plans for the upcoming year.

Subd. 4. Office space. Requires the commissioner of health to provide adequate office space and administrative services for the coordinator.

- 2 **Appropriations.** Appropriates an unspecified amount from the federal chemical health block grant funds to the commissioner of human services to be transferred to the commissioner of health for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2007.