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Section

1 Comprehensive health care workforce planning. Adds § 144.1504. Establishes a Minnesota Health Care Workforce Council to engage in comprehensive health care workforce planning activities for the state.

Subd. 1. Establishment. Establishes the Minnesota Health Care Workforce Council to engage in policy monitoring and coordination, information analysis, and the development of recommendations to address health care workforce needs.

Subd. 2. Terms of public members. Specifies the term for public members on the council is four years. Allows members to serve until their successors are appointed, except that a member's term cannot be extended past the first Monday in January four years after the scheduled end of the member's term.

Subd. 3. Membership. Provides that the council shall consist of 29 members, and specifies council membership. Requires appointments to be made by September 1, 2017, and requires the commissioner of health to convene the first meeting by October 1, 2017. Provides that the council and council members who are not commissioners or designees are governed by section 15.059, except that subdivisions 2 (terms) and 3 (compensation) do not apply. Provides that members shall not receive compensation but shall receive reimbursement for expenses. Specifies that the council does not expire.

Subd. 4. Comprehensive health care workforce plan. Requires the commissioner of health, in consultation with the council, to submit a preliminary report to the governor and legislature by September 30, 2018, with data on the current supply and distribution of health care providers in the state, projections of demand for health professionals, and other data and analysis the commissioner and council can complete.

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Also requires the commissioner and council to prepare a comprehensive health care workforce plan every five years, beginning September 30, 2019. Lists content of the plan. For each year a plan is not due, requires the commissioner of health and council to submit a report to the governor and legislature on progress made toward achieving the goals of the current plan.

Subd. 5. Staff. Directs the commissioner of health to provide staff and administrative, research, and planning services to the council.

- 2 Appropriation.** Makes a blank appropriation for fiscal year 2018 from the general fund to the commissioner of health to fund support services for the Minnesota Health Care Workforce Council and to fund development of the comprehensive health care workforce plan.