

Subject Community competency restoration task force

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Overview

This bill establishes a community competency restoration task force, to evaluate and study community competency restoration programs for individuals in the criminal justice system who have been deemed incompetent to stand trial.

Summary

Section	Description
1	<p>Community competency restoration task force.</p> <p>Subd. 1. Establishment; purpose. Establishes the community competency restoration task force, to evaluate community competency restoration programs and develop recommendations to address the needs of individuals deemed incompetent to stand trial.</p> <p>Subd. 2. Membership. Specifies composition of the task force and member qualifications. Requires members to be appointed by July 15, 2019.</p> <p>Subd. 3. Duties. Specifies duties of the task force, including:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1) identifying current services and resources available for individuals who have been found incompetent to stand trial;2) analyzing current trends of county competency referrals and the impact of diversion projects or stepping-up initiatives;3) analyzing selected case reviews and other data to identify risk levels, service usage, housing status, and health insurance status prior to being jailed;4) researching how other states address this issue; and5) developing recommendations to address the growing number of individuals deemed incompetent to stand trial. <p>Subd. 4. Officers; meetings. Requires the commissioner of human services to convene the first meeting by August 1, 2019; specifies officer election and meeting procedures.</p>

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	<p>Subd. 5. Staff. Requires the commissioner of human services to provide staff assistance; allows the task force to use the Council of State Governments Justice Center.</p>
	<p>Subd. 6. Report required. Requires the task force to submit a report on its progress and findings to the legislature by February 1, 2020; requires the task force to submit a report to the legislature including recommendations to address the growing number of individuals deemed incompetent to stand trial, by February 1, 2021.</p>
	<p>Subd. 7. Expiration. Specifies that the task force expires when the second required report is submitted, or on February 1, 2021, whichever is later.</p>
	<p>Makes this section effective the day following final enactment.</p>
2	<p>Appropriation. Appropriates money to the commissioner of human services to implement the task force.</p>



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