

Subject Supreme Court Council on Child Protection

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Overview

This bill invites the chief justice of the supreme court to establish a Supreme Court Council on Child Protection, which will develop a comprehensive blueprint to improve Minnesota's child protection system. The bill lists the members of the council, administrative and meeting requirements, duties of the council, and required reports, and appropriates money to establish and administer the council.

Summary

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1	Supreme Court Council on Child Protection.
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Outlines establishment, membership, administration, duties, and required reports for the Supreme Court Council on Child Protection.

Subd. 1. Establishment. Invites the chief justice of the supreme court to establish a Supreme Court Council on Child Protection, as part of the Children's Justice Initiative, to develop a comprehensive blueprint to improve Minnesota's child protection system.

Subd. 2. Membership. Lists the members of the council and appointing authorities for each member.

Subd. 3. Organization and administration. Specifies that the council is governed by the requirements under section 15.059; requires the state court administrator to provide administrative support to the council; specifies that council members serve at the pleasure of the appointing authority and that the chief justice must select a chairperson.

Subd. 4. Meetings. Outlines requirements for council meetings, which must begin by September 15, 2024.

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Subd. 5. Duties. Requires the council to develop a comprehensive blueprint to address all aspects of the child protection system; lists activities the council must undertake when developing the blueprint.

Subd. 6. Reports. Requires the council to submit an initial progress report to the governor, the chief justice, and the legislature by January 15, 2025. Requires the council to submit a final report by January 15, 2026, detailing the council's comprehensive blueprint.

Subd. 7. Expiration. Specifies that the council expires upon the submission of its final report.

2 Appropriation; Supreme Court Judicial Council on Child Protection.

Appropriates \$800,000 in fiscal year 2025 from the general fund to the supreme court for the establishment and administration of the council. Specifies that the appropriation is onetime, available until June 30, 2026.



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