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Overview

This bill modifies two provisions relating to alcohol and drug counselors, who are regulated by the commissioner of health. Section 1 eliminates language requiring the commissioner of health to biennially report to the legislature on alcohol and drug counselor licensure activities, and section 2 establishes requirements for exchanging information regarding alcohol and drug counselors with governmental agencies in Minnesota and other states.

Section

- 1 **General.** Amends § 148C.03, subd. 1. Eliminates language requiring the commissioner of health to biennially report to the legislature on alcohol and drug counselor licensure activities and specifying the content of the report. (Similar reporting requirements also exist in chapter 214, and the commissioner will continue to submit required information on alcohol and drug counselor licensure to the administrative services unit.)
- 2 **Investigations; professional cooperation; exchanging information.** Amends § 148C.099. A new subdivision 2 directs the commissioner of health to establish internal operating procedures for exchanging information about alcohol and drug counselors with state boards, agencies, health and law enforcement facilities, and law enforcement personnel; and for coordinating investigations that involve the jurisdictions of more than one agency. Specifies what the procedures for exchanging information must include. Also requires the commissioner to establish procedures for exchanging information with other states regarding disciplinary actions against alcohol and drug counselors, and requires the commissioner to forward to another agency any complaints received by the commissioner that are within the jurisdiction of that agency. Requires the commissioner to describe to a complainant the actions the commissioner takes regarding the complaint.