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Overview

This bill removes boards of health from chapter 145A and reclassifies duties previously assigned to boards of health to community health boards. The bill also defines the areas of public health responsibility.

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- 1 Areas of public health responsibility.** Amends § 145A.02 by adding subdivision 1a. Defines areas of public health responsibility.
- 2 Community health board.** Amends § 145A.02, subdivision 5. Redefines “community health board” as a governing body for local health and requires the board to be comprised of a single county, multiple contiguous counties, or, in limited circumstances, a single city.
- 3 Community health services administrator.** Amends § 145A.02 by adding subdivision 6a. Defines community health services administrator.
- 4 Local health department.** Amends § 145A.02 by adding subdivision 8a. Defines local health department.
- 5 Essential public health services.** Amends § 145A.02 by adding subdivision 8b. Defines public health services.
- 6 Medical consultant.** Amends § 145A.02, subdivision 15. Redefines medical consultant.
- 7 Performance management.** Amends § 145A.02 by adding subdivision 15a. Defines performance management.

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- 8 Performance measure.** Amends § 145A.02 by adding subdivision 15b. Defines performance measure.
- 9 Establishment; assignment of responsibilities.** Amends § 145A.03, subdivision 1. Requires a county to establish or join a community health board. Requires, among other things, a community health board to serve a population of 30,000 or more persons or be composed of three or more contiguous counties.
- 10 Joint powers community health board.** Amends § 145A.03, subdivision 2. Replaces references to boards of health with community health boards.
- 11 Membership; duties of chair.** Amends § 145A.03, subdivision 4. Replaces references to boards of health with community health boards.
- 12 Meetings.** Amends § 145A.03, subdivision 5. Replaces references to boards of health with community health boards.
- 13 Community health board; eligibility for funding.** Amends § 145.03 by adding subdivision 7. Allows for community health boards meeting the requirements of the section 145A.03 to be eligible for local public health grants under section 145A.131, along with other funds granted by the commissioner.
- 14 Powers and duties of community health board.** Amends § 145A.04.

Subd. 1. Jurisdiction; enforcement. States community health boards (CHB) have the general responsibility for development and maintenance of a system of community services and, under the general supervision of the commissioner, shall recommend the enforcement of laws, regulations, and ordinances pertaining to the powers and duties. Provides guidelines on a member withdrawal from a CHB.

Subd. 1a. Duties. Requires a CHB to, among other things, identify local public health priorities, including those listed in the section, and implement activities to address the priorities, submit a health assessment and improvement plan to the commissioner at least every five years, and submit an annual report to the commissioner.

Subd. 2. Appointment of community health service (CHS) administrator. Requires a CHB to appoint a CHS to act on its behalf.

Subd. 2a. Appointment of medical consultant. Requires a CHB to appoint, employ, or contract with a medical consultant and provides purpose of the medical consultant.

Subd. 3. Employment; employees. Permits a CHB to employ persons necessary to carry out its duties and states a person employment by a county, city, or the state whose functions are assumed by the CHB shall become employees of the CHB without loss in benefits, salaries, or rights.

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Subd. 4. Acquisition of property; request for and acceptance of funds; collection of fees. Replaces references to boards of health with community health boards.

Subd. 5. Contracts. Replaces references to boards of health with community health boards.

Subd. 6. Investigation; reporting and control of communicable diseases. Replaces references to boards of health with community health boards. Requires the CHB to coordinate with any county board or city council within its jurisdiction while making investigations regarding communicable diseases.

Subd. 6a. Minnesota Responds Medical Reserve Corps; planning. Replaces references to boards of health with community health boards.

Subd. 6b. Minnesota Responds Medical Reserve Corps; agreements. Replaces references to boards of health with community health boards.

Subd. 6c. Minnesota Responds Medical Reserve Corps; when mobilized. Replaces references to boards of health with community health boards.

Subd. 6d. Minnesota Responds Medical Reserve Corps; liability coverage. Replaces references to boards of health with community health boards.

Subd. 7. Entry for inspection. Replaces references to boards of health with community health boards.

Subd. 8. Removal and abatement of public health nuisances. Replaces references to boards of health with community health boards.

Subd. 9. Injunctive relief. Replaces references to boards of health with community health boards.

Subd. 10. Hindrance of enforcement prohibited; penalty. Replaces references to boards of health with community health boards.

Subd. 11. Neglect of enforcement prohibited; penalty. Replaces references to boards of health with community health boards.

Subd. 12. Other powers and duties established by law. Replaces references to boards of health with community health boards.

Subd. 13. Recommended legislation. Allows a CHB to recommend local ordinances pertaining to community health services and advise the commissioner on matters relating to public health.

Subd. 14. Equal access to services. Requires a CHB to provide services on the basis of need and prohibits discrimination.

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Subd. 15. State and local advisory committees. Established a state community health services advisory committee and lists, among other things, duties, appointment procedures, and states there is no expiration date.

- 15 Animal control.** Amends § 145A.05, subdivision 2. Replaces references to boards of health with community health boards.
- 16 Supervision of local enforcement.** Amends § 145A.06, subdivision 2. Replaces references to boards of health with community health boards.
- 17 Assistance to community health boards.** Amends § 145A.06 by adding subdivision 3a. Requires the commissioner to help and advise CHBs that ask for assistance. Lists examples of assistance the commissioner may provide.
- 18 Personnel standards.** Amends § 145A.06 by adding subdivision 3b. Allows the commissioner to adopt rules to set standards for administrative and program personnel to ensure competence in administration and planning.
- 19 Deadly infectious disease.** Amends § 145A.05, subdivision 5. Replaces references to boards of health with community health boards.
- 20 System-level performance management.** Amends § 145A.06 by adding subdivision 5a. Requires the commissioner, in consultation with the State Community Health Services Advisory Committee, to develop performance measure and implement a process to monitor statewide outcomes and performance improvement.
- 21 Health volunteer program.** Amends § 145A.06 subdivision 6. Replaces references to boards of health with community health boards.
- 22 Commissioner requests for health volunteers.** Amends § 145A.06, subdivision 7. Replaces references to boards of health with community health boards.
- 23 Agreements to perform duties of commissioner.** Amends § 145A.07, subdivision 1. Replaces references to boards of health with community health boards.
- 24 Agreements to perform duties of community health board.** Amends § 145A.07, subdivision 2. Replaces references to boards of health with community health boards. Updates associated language.
- 25 Assessment of costs; tax levy authorized.** Amends § 145A.08. Replaces references to boards of health with community health boards. Updates associated language.
- 26 Levying taxes.** Amends § 145A.11, subdivision 2. Replaces references to boards of health with community health boards. Updates associated language.
- 27 Local public health grant.** Amends § 145A.131.

Subd. 1. Funding formula for community health boards. Updates language and cross-references.

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Subd. 2. Local match. Updates cross-references.

Subd. 3. Accountability. Requires the commissioner to notify community health boards of performance-related accountability requirements of the local public health grant for that calendar year by January 1 of each year. Provides steps for the commissioner to take in the event the commissioner determines a CHB has not met the accountability requirements and an appeals process.

Subd. 4. Responsibility of commissioner to ensure a statewide public health system. Removes unnecessary language.

Subd. 5. Use of funds. Allows CHBs to use their local public health grant funds to address the areas of public health responsibility and local priorities.

28 Revisor's instruction. Provides instructive to the revisor regarding cross-references and updates to language.

29 Repealer. Repeals multiple subdivisions referring to boards of health, most of which were reorganized under community health board duties.