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Bill Summary

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Overview

This bill requires the commissioner of health to convene a working group to address infectious disease among home care agency employees. The bill lists the required actions and membership of the working group. The bill also appropriates an unspecified amount of money from the general fund to the commissioner of health for purposes of the working group.

Section

- 1 Working group on preventing infectious disease among home care agency employees.**
- (a) Requires the commissioner of health to convene a working group to review regulatory and safety processes which impact vaccination rates for employees of licensed home care providers specifically for hepatitis B and influenza, and screening for tuberculosis. Requires the group to develop and recommend methods to reduce costs of vaccinations to meet the state's public health objectives.
 - (b) Requires the working group to consider and report on the costs, risk, and benefits of several policy options.
 - (c) Requires the review to consider the extent to which statutes or rules much be changed.
 - (d) Lists required group membership.
 - (e) Requires the commissioner of health to report the results of the working group to the legislature by February 15, 2016.
 - (f) Sunsets the working group 60 days after the submission of the report under paragraph (e)

Section

Effective date. State the effective date is the day following final enactment.

- 2** **Appropriation.** Appropriates an unspecified amount of money to the commissioner of health from the general fund for the working group and specifies that the appropriation is one time.