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Overview

In 2015, the legislature created the Child Support Work Group which was charged with reviewing the child support parenting expense adjustment, identifying and recommending changes to the parenting expense adjustment, and making recommendations on the composition of a Permanent Child Support Task Force. This bill creates the task force and establishes task force members and duties.

Section

1 Permanent Child Support Task Force. Creates § 518A.79.

Subd. 1. Establishment; purpose. Creates the Permanent Child Support Task Force to advise the commissioner of human services on matters related to the child support guidelines.

Subd. 2. Members. Paragraph (a) identifies the agencies, entities, and individuals who are to make up the 15 member task force.

Paragraph (b) provides that the task force does not expire.

Paragraph (c) provides that task force members shall be compensated as provided in section 15.059, subdivision 3.

Subd. 3. Organization. Requires the commissioner of human services to convene the first meeting of the task force. Instructs the members to elect a chair and other officers. Requires the task force to meet at least three times per year, with one meeting devoted to collecting public input.

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Subd. 4. Staff. Provides that the commissioner shall provide staff, office space, and administrative services for the task force.

Subd. 5. Duties. Paragraph (a) lists the general duties of the task force. Paragraph (b) lists the priority duties of the task force.

Subd. 6. Consultation. Requires the chair to consult with the Cultural and Ethnic Communities Leadership Council at least annually. This council also advises the commissioner.

Subd. 7. Report and recommendations. Instructs the commissioner to prepare a report for the legislature that summarizes the activities of the task force, issues identified by the task force, methods taken to address these issues, and recommendations for legislative action, if needed. Requires the first report to be submitted February 15, 2019, and biennially thereafter.

Effective date. Provides an immediate effective date.