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H. F. No. 979

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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on State and Local Government Finance and Policy

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to state government; establishing a legislative task force to review and
1.3 prioritize resources to support an aging demographic in the state; requiring a report;
1.4 appropriating money.

1.5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

1.6 Section 1. LEGISLATIVE TASK FORCE ON AGING.

1.7 Subdivision 1. Establishment. A legislative task force is established to:

1.8 (1) review and develop state resources for an aging demographic;

1.9 (2) identify and prioritize necessary support for an aging population through statewide
1.10 and local endeavors for people to remain in their communities; and

1.11 (3) ensure all aging-related state policies are inclusive of race, gender, ethnicity, culture,
1.12 sexual orientation, abilities, and other characteristics that reflect the full population of the
1.13 state.

1.14 Subd. 2. Duties. The task force shall review:

1.15 (1) all current aging-related governmental functions, programs, and services across all
1.16 state departments;

1.17 (2) the current plans to improve health and support services workforce demographics;

1.18 (3) current public and private strategies to:

1.19 (i) support family caregivers for older adults;

1.20 (ii) define and support quality of care and life improvements in long-term care and home
1.21 care; and

- 2.1 (iii) sustain neighborhoods and communities for an aging population;
- 2.2 (4) the necessity for planning and investment in aging in Minnesota to address:
- 2.3 (i) the longevity economy and the impact it has on the workforce, advancing technology,
- 2.4 and innovations;
- 2.5 (ii) housing options, land use, transportation, social services, and the health systems;
- 2.6 (iii) availability of safe, affordable rental housing for aging tenants; and
- 2.7 (iv) coordination between health services and housing supports;
- 2.8 (5) coordination across all state agencies, Tribal Nations, cities, and counties to encourage
- 2.9 resolution of aging related concerns; and
- 2.10 (6) from this review, determine the governmental entity to plan, lead, and implement
- 2.11 these recommended policies and funding for aging Minnesotans across the state.
- 2.12 **Subd. 3. Membership.** (a) The task force shall include the following members:
- 2.13 (1) two members from the house of representatives, one appointed by the speaker of the
- 2.14 house and one appointed by the minority leader;
- 2.15 (2) two members from the senate, one appointed by the majority leader and one appointed
- 2.16 by the minority leader;
- 2.17 (3) the chair of the Minnesota Board on Aging, or a board member as designee;
- 2.18 (4) the chair of the Minnesota Council on Disability, or an agency employee as designee;
- 2.19 (5) the chair of the Minnesota Indian Affairs Council, or a council member, except the
- 2.20 legislative council member, as designee; and
- 2.21 (6) the director of the University of Minnesota Center for Healthy Aging and Innovation,
- 2.22 or a University of Minnesota employee as a designee.
- 2.23 (b) The speaker of the house and the senate majority leader shall appoint a chair and a
- 2.24 vice-chair for the membership of the task force. The chair and the vice-chair shall rotate
- 2.25 after each meeting.
- 2.26 **Subd. 4. Meetings.** (a) The task force shall meet at least once per month. The meetings
- 2.27 shall take place in person in the Capitol complex, provided that the chair may direct that a
- 2.28 meeting be conducted electronically if doing so would facilitate public testimony or would
- 2.29 protect the health or safety of members of the task force.

3.1 (b) The task force shall invite input from the public, the leadership of advocacy groups,  
 3.2 and provider organizations.

3.3 (c) The chair designated by the speaker of the house shall convene the first meeting of  
 3.4 the task force no later than August 1, 2023.

3.5 Subd. 5. **Expenses; per diem.** Members serving on the task force shall receive the  
 3.6 following per diem:

3.7 (1) the Board on Aging task force member who is a volunteer citizen member shall  
 3.8 receive the per diem listed in Minnesota Statutes, section 15.059, subdivision 3;

3.9 (2) the Council on Disability task force member shall not receive a per diem;

3.10 (3) the Indian Affairs Council task force member who is a citizen member shall receive  
 3.11 the per diem listed in Minnesota Statutes, section 15.059, subdivision 3;

3.12 (4) the University of Minnesota task force member shall not receive a per diem; and

3.13 (5) legislative members of the task force may receive a per diem as authorized by the  
 3.14 rules of each member's respective chamber.

3.15 Subd. 6. **Report.** The task force shall submit a report with recommendations to the chairs  
 3.16 and ranking minority members of the legislative committees with jurisdiction over health  
 3.17 and human services finance and policy and state government by January 15, 2025.

3.18 Subd. 7. **Expiration.** The task force expires January 31, 2025.

3.19 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 1, 2023, or when the legislative  
 3.20 leaders required to make appointments to the task force name appointees beginning the day  
 3.21 after final enactment.

3.22 Sec. 2. **APPROPRIATION; LEGISLATIVE COORDINATING COMMISSION.**

3.23 \$..... in fiscal year 2024 is appropriated from the general fund to the Legislative  
 3.24 Coordinating Commission to carry out the purposes in section 1.