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Introduction and first reading  
Referred to Family Care and Aging

OFFICIAL STATUS

1.1 A bill for an act  
1.2 relating to human services; establishing Family Child Care Task Force; providing  
1.3 appointments; requiring a report; appropriating money.

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

1.5 Section 1. **FAMILY CHILD CARE TASK FORCE.**

1.6 Subdivision 1. Establishment; purpose. The Family Child Care Task Force is established  
1.7 to increase the number of licensed family child care providers throughout the state, identify  
1.8 family child care licensing alternatives, and establish family child care regulatory reforms  
1.9 to improve efficiencies.

1.10 Subd. 2. Membership. (a) The Family Child Care Task Force shall consist of 16  
1.11 members, appointed as follows:

1.12 (1) two members representing family child care providers from greater Minnesota, one  
1.13 appointed by the speaker of the house and one appointed by the senate majority leader;

1.14 (2) two members representing family care providers from the metropolitan area as defined  
1.15 in Minnesota Statutes, section 473.121, subdivision 2, one appointed by the speaker of the  
1.16 house and one appointed by the senate majority leader;

1.17 (3) one member appointed by the Minnesota Association of Child Care Professionals;

1.18 (4) one member appointed by the Minnesota Child Care Provider Information Network;

1.19 (5) two members from the house of representatives, one appointed by the speaker of the  
1.20 house and one appointed by the minority leader;

2.1 (6) two members from the senate, one appointed by the senate majority leader and one  
2.2 appointed by the senate minority leader;

2.3 (7) two members representing Department of Human Services-recognized family child  
2.4 care associations from greater Minnesota, one appointed by the senate majority leader and  
2.5 one appointed by the senate minority leader;

2.6 (8) two members appointed by the Association of Minnesota Child Care Licensors, one  
2.7 from greater Minnesota and one from the metropolitan area, as defined in Minnesota Statutes,  
2.8 section 473.121, subdivision 2;

2.9 (9) one member appointed by the Greater Minnesota Partnership; and

2.10 (10) one member appointed by the Minnesota Chamber of Commerce.

2.11 (b) Appointments to the task force must be made no later than July 15, 2019, and members  
2.12 of the task force may be compensated as provided by Minnesota Statutes, section 15.059,  
2.13 subdivision 3.

2.14 Subd. 3. **Duties.** The task force must:

2.15 (1) develop a proposal for a child care provider licensing structure based on a differential  
2.16 monitoring framework;

2.17 (2) identify licensing requirements that have led to the closure of family child care  
2.18 programs and recommend business development and technical assistance resources to  
2.19 promote provider recruitment and retention;

2.20 (3) identify family child care licensing alternatives, including permitting multiple family  
2.21 child care providers to operate in a commercial or other building other than the providers'  
2.22 residences;

2.23 (4) identify and recommend family child care regulatory reforms to improve licensing  
2.24 efficiencies, including a variance structure and updated child ratios; and

2.25 (5) review Parent Aware program participation and identify obstacles and improvements.

2.26 Subd. 4. **Officers; meetings.** (a) The task force must elect a chair and vice-chair from  
2.27 among its members and may elect other officers as necessary.

2.28 (b) The task force must meet at least monthly. The commissioner of human services  
2.29 must convene the first meeting no later than August 1, 2019.

2.30 (c) The task force is subject to the Minnesota Open Meeting Law under Minnesota  
2.31 Statutes, chapter 13D.

3.1 Subd. 5. **Staff.** The Office of Inspector General from the Department of Human Services  
3.2 must provide staff assistance and meeting space to support the task force as needed.

3.3 Subd. 6. **Report required.** No later than March 1, 2020, the task force must submit a  
3.4 written report to the chairs and ranking minority members of the legislative committees  
3.5 with jurisdiction over child care regarding each of the duties under subdivision 3 describing  
3.6 the work of the task force and its recommendations.

3.7 Subd. 7. **Expiration.** The task force expires upon submission of the report in subdivision  
3.8 6 or March 1, 2020, whichever is later.

3.9 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.

3.10 Sec. 2. **APPROPRIATION; FAMILY CHILD CARE TASK FORCE.**

3.11 \$75,000 in fiscal year 2020 is appropriated from the general fund to the commissioner  
3.12 of human services for the Family Child Care Task Force under section 1.