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Introduction and first reading  
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OFFICIAL STATUS

1.1 A bill for an act  
1.2 relating to youth; establishing the Task Force on Youth Interventions; requiring a  
1.3 report; appropriating money.

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

1.5 Section 1. **TASK FORCE ON YOUTH INTERVENTIONS.**

1.6 Subdivision 1. Establishment. The Task Force on Youth Interventions is established  
1.7 to develop recommendations on the design of a regional system of care providing youth  
1.8 interventions, sustainable financing models, and alternatives to juvenile delinquency  
1.9 consequences and criminal penalties for youth. The task force must evaluate coordinated  
1.10 approaches to youth with high behavioral health needs with the goal of reducing and  
1.11 eliminating youth involvement in the juvenile justice system and identifying  
1.12 community-based services to address youth needs, including identifying gaps in services.

1.13 Subd. 2. Membership. (a) The task force consists of the following members:

1.14 (1) two members of the senate, one appointed by the senate majority leader and one  
1.15 appointed by the senate minority leader;

1.16 (2) two members of the house of representatives, one appointed by the speaker of the  
1.17 house and one appointed by the house minority leader;

1.18 (3) a county attorney appointed by the Minnesota County Attorneys Association;

1.19 (4) a public defender with responsibility for overseeing the public defender system or  
1.20 systems in one or more counties included in clause (6) appointed by the State Public  
1.21 Defender's Office;

- 2.1 (5) a peace officer, as defined in Minnesota Statutes, section 626.84, subdivision 1,  
2.2 paragraph (c), from one of the counties in clause (6) who is appointed by the Minnesota  
2.3 Sheriffs' Association;
- 2.4 (6) a county administrator or a county administrator's designee from each of the following  
2.5 counties:
- 2.6 (i) Anoka County;
- 2.7 (ii) Carver County;
- 2.8 (iii) Dakota County;
- 2.9 (iv) Hennepin County;
- 2.10 (v) Olmsted County;
- 2.11 (vi) Ramsey County;
- 2.12 (vii) Scott County;
- 2.13 (viii) St. Louis County;
- 2.14 (ix) Stearns County; and
- 2.15 (x) Washington County;
- 2.16 (7) two representatives of county social services agencies who are appointed by the  
2.17 Minnesota Association of County Social Service Administrators;
- 2.18 (8) two representatives who provide community supervision who are appointed by the  
2.19 Minnesota Association of Community Corrections Act Counties;
- 2.20 (9) two representatives who provide community supervision who are appointed by the  
2.21 Minnesota Association of County Probation Officers;
- 2.22 (10) two representatives appointed by the commissioner of human services, one with  
2.23 experience in youth welfare and one with experience in youth's mental health;
- 2.24 (11) the commissioner of corrections or the commissioner's designee;
- 2.25 (12) two members representing culturally competent advocacy organizations, one of  
2.26 which must be the National Alliance on Mental Illness-Minnesota; and
- 2.27 (13) two members, one of whom must be a resident of Hennepin County, of the  
2.28 community with a juvenile family member who was or is currently involved in the justice  
2.29 system, to be designated by Hennepin County.
- 2.30 (b) Appointments to the task force must be made by September 1, 2023.

3.1 (c) Member compensation and reimbursement for expenses are governed by Minnesota  
3.2 Statutes, section 15.059, subdivision 3.

3.3 Subd. 3. **Chairs; meetings.** (a) The task force must be cochaired by the representative  
3.4 member under subdivision 2, paragraph (a), clause (6), item (iv), and the commissioner of  
3.5 corrections or a designee.

3.6 (b) The cochairs must convene the first meeting of the task force no later than September  
3.7 1, 2023.

3.8 (c) Task force meetings are subject to the Minnesota Open Meeting Law under Minnesota  
3.9 Statutes, chapter 13D.

3.10 Subd. 4. **Administrative support.** The Legislative Coordinating Commission must  
3.11 provide administrative support and meeting space for the task force. The commission may  
3.12 also choose to delegate these responsibilities to Hennepin County.

3.13 Subd. 5. **Duties.** (a) The task force must assess the current approach to addressing the  
3.14 therapeutic and rehabilitative needs of youth who are adjudicated as youth in need of  
3.15 protection services or adjudicated delinquent. The task force must evaluate racial disparities  
3.16 as part of the task force duties under this subdivision.

3.17 (b) The task force must also determine:

3.18 (1) the number of youth currently in the youth protection system and the juvenile justice  
3.19 system;

3.20 (2) the demographics of all youth in the youth protection system and the juvenile justice  
3.21 system, including each youth's age, gender, sexual orientation, and race or ethnicity;

3.22 (3) the number of youth currently in out-of-home placement due to their behavioral  
3.23 health needs, including:

3.24 (i) the therapeutic and rehabilitative needs of each youth; and

3.25 (ii) the proximity of each youth's facility or setting to the youth's home or community;

3.26 (4) the number of youth currently in an out-of-state residential facility, including:

3.27 (i) the therapeutic and rehabilitative needs of each youth in an out-of-state residential  
3.28 facility;

3.29 (ii) the type of out-of-state residential facility or setting where each youth is placed;

3.30 (iii) the location of the out-of-state residential facility; and

3.31 (iv) each youth's county of residence;

- 4.1 (5) the number of youth awaiting or in need of a placement due to no available  
4.2 placements, including:
- 4.3 (i) the therapeutic and rehabilitative needs of each youth;  
4.4 (ii) the type of facility or setting needed by each youth; and  
4.5 (iii) the waiting time for facilities or settings that meet each youth's needs and where  
4.6 each youth is placed while waiting for an appropriate placement;
- 4.7 (6) the total bed capacity of all treatment facilities, including information on:
- 4.8 (i) which facilities are residential treatment centers;  
4.9 (ii) which facilities are state operated;  
4.10 (iii) which facilities are county operated; and  
4.11 (iv) which facilities are community provider owned or operated;
- 4.12 (7) for youth placed in residential treatment, the following:
- 4.13 (i) each youth's average length of stay;  
4.14 (ii) each youth's average daily cost per type of placement, identifying the source of  
4.15 payment for the youth's placement;  
4.16 (iii) the rate of each youth's return to a facility after discharge and each youth's recidivism  
4.17 rate, if applicable;  
4.18 (iv) the therapeutic and rehabilitative needs of each youth;  
4.19 (v) each youth's discharge setting, including information on whether each youth is  
4.20 discharged to the youth's home, discharged to a step down program, or is a runaway; and  
4.21 (vi) any barriers to discharging each youth from a facility or setting, if applicable;
- 4.22 (8) available community-based programming for youth, various youth treatment models,  
4.23 how programs for youth operate, and the types of community-based services currently being  
4.24 provided to youth in the state, including licensure models and data specific to each program's  
4.25 current total capacity and availability, the level of care of each program, outcomes, and  
4.26 costs;
- 4.27 (9) research models and best practices in youth treatment and care across North America,  
4.28 including the continuum of care, program specifics, best practice metrics, continuous  
4.29 improvement, entities involved in funding and overseeing programming, outcomes, and  
4.30 costs; and

5.1 (10) the state's role in ensuring that the best treatment resources are available to all youth  
5.2 across the state.

5.3 Subd. 6. **Report.** No later than February 1, 2024, the task force must submit a written  
5.4 report to the chairs and ranking minority members of the legislative committees with  
5.5 jurisdiction over human services, public safety, and judiciary on the task force's activities  
5.6 and recommendations based on the evaluation and information collected under subdivision  
5.7 5.

5.8 Subd. 7. **Expiration.** The task force shall expire upon submission of the report required  
5.9 under subdivision 6, or February 15, 2024, whichever is later.

5.10 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 1, 2023.

5.11 Sec. 2. **APPROPRIATION; TASK FORCE ON YOUTH INTERVENTIONS.**

5.12 \$500,000 in fiscal year 2024 is appropriated from the general fund to the Legislative  
5.13 Coordinating Commission for the Task Force on Youth Interventions. This is a onetime  
5.14 appropriation.