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Introduction and first reading  
Referred to Human Services Reform Finance and Policy

1.1 A bill for an act  
1.2 relating to human services; extending the sunset of the American Indian Advisory  
1.3 Council; requiring an outreach campaign to recruit American Indian guardians ad  
1.4 litem; amending Minnesota Statutes 2016, sections 254A.035, subdivision 2;  
1.5 256N.24, by adding a subdivision; 260.835, subdivision 2, by adding a subdivision.

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

1.7 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 254A.035, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

1.8 Subd. 2. **Membership terms, compensation, removal and expiration.** The membership  
1.9 of this council shall be composed of 17 persons who are American Indians and who are  
1.10 appointed by the commissioner. The commissioner shall appoint one representative from  
1.11 each of the following groups: Red Lake Band of Chippewa Indians; Fond du Lac Band,  
1.12 Minnesota Chippewa Tribe; Grand Portage Band, Minnesota Chippewa Tribe; Leech Lake  
1.13 Band, Minnesota Chippewa Tribe; Mille Lacs Band, Minnesota Chippewa Tribe; Bois Forte  
1.14 Band, Minnesota Chippewa Tribe; White Earth Band, Minnesota Chippewa Tribe; Lower  
1.15 Sioux Indian Reservation; Prairie Island Sioux Indian Reservation; Shakopee Mdewakanton  
1.16 Sioux Indian Reservation; Upper Sioux Indian Reservation; International Falls Northern  
1.17 Range; Duluth Urban Indian Community; and two representatives from the Minneapolis  
1.18 Urban Indian Community and two from the St. Paul Urban Indian Community. The terms,  
1.19 compensation, and removal of American Indian Advisory Council members shall be as  
1.20 provided in section 15.059. The council expires June 30, ~~2018~~ 2023.

2.1 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 256N.24, is amended by adding a subdivision to  
2.2 read:

2.3 Subd. 2a. **Minnesota assessment of parenting for children and youth (MAPCY)**  
2.4 **revision.** The commissioner, in consultation with representatives from communities of  
2.5 color, including but not limited to advisory councils and ombudspersons, shall review and  
2.6 revise the MAPCY tool and incorporate changes that take into consideration different  
2.7 cultures and the diverse needs of communities of color.

2.8 Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 260.835, is amended by adding a subdivision to  
2.9 read:

2.10 Subd. 1a. **Guardians ad litem outreach.** The commissioner of human services, in  
2.11 partnership with the advisory council, shall develop, establish, and conduct a rigorous  
2.12 outreach campaign in an effort to recruit American Indian guardians ad litem for cases  
2.13 involving American Indian children. The commissioner shall report annually beginning  
2.14 December 1, 2019, to the legislative committees with jurisdiction over human services on  
2.15 the number of American Indian guardians ad litem serving American Indian children.

2.16 Sec. 4. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 260.835, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

2.17 Subd. 2. **Expiration.** The American Indian Child Welfare Advisory Council expires  
2.18 June 30, ~~2018~~ 2023.