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**OFFICIAL STATUS**  
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; directing the commissioner of human services to modify  
1.3 substance use disorder county staff requirements.

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

1.5 Section 1. **DIRECTION TO COMMISSIONER; SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER**  
1.6 **COUNTY STAFF QUALIFICATIONS.**

1.7 The commissioner of human services shall, in consultation with county agencies, develop  
1.8 criteria and a process for allowing variances to the staffing credentials required under  
1.9 Minnesota Statutes, section 254B.05, subdivision 1, paragraph (c), for individuals performing  
1.10 comprehensive assessments and providing care coordination services for counties. The  
1.11 commissioner shall determine the qualifications that would be acceptable alternatives to  
1.12 the staffing credentials required under Minnesota Statutes, section 245G.11, subdivisions  
1.13 1, 4, and 7, and shall issue and distribute a bulletin to counties by December 1, 2019, outlining  
1.14 the variance process and alternative qualifications.