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1.1A bill for an act

1.2relating to corrections; authorizing the removal of the ombudsperson only for just

1.3cause; amending Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 241.90.

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

1.5Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 241.90, is amended to read:

1.6241.90 OFFICE OF OMBUDSPERSON; CREATION; QUALIFICATIONS;

1.7FUNCTION.

1.8The Office of Ombudsperson for the Department of Corrections is hereby created. The

1.9ombudsperson shall ~~serve at the pleasure of~~be appointed by the governor in the unclassified

1.10service; and may be removed only for just cause. The ombudsperson shall be selected without

1.11regard to political affiliation, and shall be a person highly competent and qualified to analyze

1.12questions of law, administration, and public policy. No person may serve as ombudsperson

1.13while holding any other public office. The ombudsperson for corrections shall be accountable

1.14to the governor and shall have the authority to investigate decisions, acts, and other matters

1.15of the Department of Corrections so as to promote the highest attainable standards of

1.16competence, efficiency, and justice in the administration of corrections.