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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Civil Law and Data Practices
- 02/12/2015 Adoption of Report: Amended and re-referred to the Committee on Health and Human Services Finance
- 03/18/2015 By motion, recalled and re-referred to the Committee on Government Operations and Elections Policy
- 03/23/2015 Adoption of Report: Amended and re-referred to the Committee on Health and Human Services Finance

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to family law; establishing a child support work group; appropriating
1.3 money.

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

1.5 Section 1. **CHILD SUPPORT WORK GROUP.**

1.6 (a) A child support work group is established to review the parenting expense
1.7 adjustment in Minnesota Statutes, section 518A.36, and to identify and recommend
1.8 changes to the parenting expense adjustment.

1.9 (b) Members of the work group shall include:

1.10 (1) two members of the house of representatives, one appointed by the speaker of the
1.11 house and one appointed by the minority leader;

1.12 (2) two members of the senate, one appointed by the majority leader and one
1.13 appointed by the minority leader;

1.14 (3) the commissioner of human services or a designee;

1.15 (4) one staff member from the Child Support Division of the Department of Human
1.16 Services, appointed by the commissioner;

1.17 (5) one representative of the Minnesota State Bar Association, Family Law section,
1.18 appointed by the section;

1.19 (6) one representative of the Minnesota County Attorney's Association, appointed
1.20 by the association;

1.21 (7) one representative of the Minnesota Legal Services Coalition, appointed by
1.22 the coalition;

1.23 (8) one representative of the Minnesota Family Support and Recovery Council,
1.24 appointed by the council; and

2.1 (9) two representatives from parent advocacy groups, one representing custodial
2.2 parents and one representing noncustodial parents, appointed by the commissioner of
2.3 human services.

2.4 The commissioner, or the commissioner's designee, shall appoint the work group chair.

2.5 (c) The work group shall be authorized to retain the services of an economist to help
2.6 create an equitable parenting expense adjustment formula. The work group may hire an
2.7 economist by use of a sole-source contract.

2.8 (d) The work group shall issue a report to the chairs and ranking minority members
2.9 of the legislative committees with jurisdiction over civil law, judiciary, and health and
2.10 human services by January 15, 2016. The report must include recommendations for
2.11 changes to the computation of child support and recommendations on the composition
2.12 of a permanent child support task force.

2.13 (e) Terms, compensation, and removal of members and the filling of vacancies are
2.14 governed by Minnesota Statutes, section 15.059.

2.15 (f) The work group expires January 16, 2016.

2.16 **Sec. 2. CHILD SUPPORT WORK GROUP.**

2.17 \$..... in fiscal year 2016 is appropriated from the general fund to the commissioner
2.18 of human services for facilitation of the duties of the child support work group.