

A bill for an act
relating to guardians and conservators; requiring a study to make
recommendations regarding conservatorship and guardianship.

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

Section 1. **STUDY.**

The state court administrator shall convene a study group to make recommendations to the legislature regarding the following areas of conservatorship and guardianship: the rights of wards and protected persons; powers and duties of conservators and guardians; certification and registration; prescreening and diversion from guardianship or conservatorship; complaint processes; training; financial auditing; and reimbursement of attorneys, guardians, and conservators. Membership in the study group shall include but not be limited to representatives from: probate courts in the metropolitan area and greater Minnesota; county adult protection services; the Minnesota Bar Association; the Department of Veterans Affairs; the Minnesota Association for Guardianship and Conservatorship; the National Guardianship Association; agencies providing guardianship and conservatorship services; organizations providing training for guardians and conservators; the offices of the ombudsman for mental health and developmental disabilities and the long-term care ombudsman; and advocates for seniors and for people with a range of disabilities, including developmental disabilities, mental illness, and traumatic brain injuries.

The study group shall make a report to the house and senate committees having jurisdiction over the state courts by March 15, 2008.