

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, which may include the rights of wards and protected persons; powers and duties of conservators and guardians; certification and registration; pre-screening and diversion from guardianship or conservatorship; complaint processes; training; financial auditing; and reimbursement of attorneys, guardians, and conservators. Membership in the study group must include, but is not limited to, representatives from probate divisions of the district courts in both the metropolitan area and greater Minnesota; county adult protection services; the Minnesota State 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 report to the house and senate committees having jurisdiction over the state courts by March 15, 2008.