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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Human Services Finance and Policy

A bill for an act

relating to human services; creating the legislative working group on intellectual and developmental disabilities; providing appointments; requiring a report; appropriating money.

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

Section 1. **LEGISLATIVE WORKING GROUP ON INTELLECTUAL AND DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES.**

Subdivision 1. **Working group established.** A working group is established to review and examine state and county demographic data related to gaps in the availability and delivery of disability services for people with intellectual or developmental disabilities.

Subd. 2. **Membership.** The legislative working group on intellectual and developmental disabilities consists of the following 18 members:

(1) 16 members of the legislature appointed by the respective leaders of the caucuses of each chamber:

(i) the chair and ranking minority member, or as applicable the cochairs, of the legislative committees with primary jurisdiction over programs serving people with intellectual and developmental disabilities at the Department of Human Services;

(ii) the chair and ranking minority member, or as applicable the cochairs, of the legislative committees with primary jurisdiction over programs serving people with intellectual and developmental disabilities at the Department of Labor and Industry;

(iii) the chair and ranking minority member, or as applicable the cochairs, of the legislative committees with primary jurisdiction over housing; and

(iv) the chairs and ranking minority members, or as applicable the cochairs, of the legislative committees with primary jurisdiction over programs serving people with intellectual and developmental disabilities at the Department of Education;

(2) one member appointed by the county board of the county with the densest population that is willing to participate; and

(3) one member appointed by the county board of the county with the largest geographic territory that is willing to participate.

Subd. 3. **Definitions.** (a) "Direct support professional" means an individual employed to provide documented direct support services to a person with an intellectual or developmental disability.

(b) "Disability services" means services for people with intellectual or developmental disabilities provided by a county, billed to a county, managed by a county, or subject to county case management.

(c) "Person with an intellectual or developmental disability" means a person who has been diagnosed with an intellectual or developmental disability or related condition as defined by any of the following:

(1) the current version of the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders;

(2) the United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention;

(3) the National Institutes of Health;

(4) Minnesota Statutes; or

(5) Minnesota Rules, including Minnesota Rules, part 9525.0016, subpart 2, items A to E.

(d) "Summary data" has the meaning given in Minnesota Statutes, section 13.02, subdivision 19.

Subd. 4. **Terms; vacancies.** (a) Each appointing authority must make appointments within 30 calendar days following the effective date of this section.

(b) The appropriate appointing authority must fill a vacancy on the working group by appointing a member in a manner that will preserve the representation of the standing legislative committees and counties listed in subdivision 2.

Subd. 5. **Compensation.** Legislative members may receive per-diem compensation and reimbursement for expenses according to the rules of their respective bodies. Other members

of the working group are eligible for per-diem compensation as provided under Minnesota Statutes, section 15.059, subdivision 3.

Subd. 6. **Chair; convening.** (a) One member appointed by the senate majority leader must convene the first working group meeting on or before August 15, 2026. The working group must meet at least monthly.

(b) Working group meetings must be open to the public.

Subd. 7. **Administrative support.** (a) The Legislative Coordinating Commission must provide meeting space, technical and administrative support, and staff support for the working group. The working group may hold meetings in any publicly accessible location in the Capitol complex that is equipped with technology that can facilitate remote testimony.

(b) The working group may hold meetings outside the Capitol complex, including in rural areas of the state, at the times and places it designates to gather input directly from self-advocates with intellectual or developmental disabilities, families of people with intellectual or developmental disabilities, legal guardians, counties, and disability service providers.

Subd. 8. **Working group duties; fact finding, research, and recommendations.** The members of the working group must:

(1) develop expertise and knowledge about the characteristics of people with intellectual or developmental disabilities;

(2) review state and county data, including demographic summary data, related to disability services for adults with intellectual or developmental disabilities to identify service shortcomings and gaps related to case management, housing, work options, transportation, availability of qualified direct support professionals, life enrichment opportunities, and day services;

(3) review data to identify long-term educational needs; and

(4) review data to identify how many people with intellectual or developmental disabilities live with aging family members.

Subd. 9. **Report.** By January 1, 2027, the working group must submit a written report with recommendations to the standing legislative committees of the senate and house of representatives from which the working group membership is drawn according to subdivision 2. The report must include:

(1) a summary of the working group's work;

(2) an itemized list with descriptions of identified disability services gaps and shortcomings in 87 counties; and

(3) recommendations for future use of demographic data in making decisions related to programs and disability services for people with intellectual or developmental disabilities.

EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective July 1, 2026.

Sec. 2. **APPROPRIATION; LEGISLATIVE WORKING GROUP ON INTELLECTUAL AND DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES.**

$..... in fiscal year 2027 is appropriated from the general fund to the Legislative Coordinating Commission for the legislative working group on intellectual and developmental disabilities. This is a onetime appropriation.