A bill for an act

relating to human services; establishing the My Life, My Choices Task Force.

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

Section 1. **MY LIFE, MY CHOICES TASK FORCE.**

Subdivision 1. **Establishment.** The My Life, My Choices Task Force is established to create a system of supports and services for people with disabilities governed by the following principles:

(1) freedom to act as a consumer of services in the marketplace;

(2) freedom to choose to take as much risk as any other citizen;

(3) more choices in levels of service that may vary throughout life;

(4) opportunity to work with a trusted partner and fiscal support entity to manage a personal budget and to be accountable for reporting spending and personal outcomes;

(5) opportunity to live with minimal constraints instead of minimal freedoms; and

(6) ability to consolidate funding streams into an individualized budget.

Subd. 2. **Membership.** The My Life, My Choices Task Force shall consist of the lieutenant governor; the commissioner of human services, or designee; a representative of the Minnesota Chamber of Commerce; and the following to be appointed by the governor: one administrative law judge, one labor representative, two family members of people with disabilities, and one individual with disabilities. In addition, the following shall be appointed jointly by the speaker of the house and the senate Subcommittee on Committees of the Committee on Rules and Administration, a representative of a disability advocacy organization; a representative of a disability legal services advocacy organization; representatives of two nonprofit organizations, one of which serves all 87 counties; and a representative of a philanthropic organization. The chairs and ranking minority members

of the legislative committees with jurisdiction over health and human services policy and finance shall serve as ex officio members.

Subd. 3. **Duties.** The task force shall make recommendations, including proposed legislation, and report to the legislative committees with jurisdiction over health and human services policy and finance by November 15, 2011, on creating a system of supports and services for people with disabilities by July 1, 2012, as governed by the principles under subdivision 1. In making recommendations and proposed legislation, the council shall work in conjunction with the Consumer-Directed Community Supports Task Force and shall include self-directed planning, individual budgeting, choice of trusted partner, self-directed purchasing of services and supports, reporting of outcomes, ability to share in any savings, and any additional rules or laws that may need to be waived. Recommendations from the task force shall be fully implemented by July 1, 2013.

Subd. 4. **Expense reimbursement.** The members of the task force shall not be reimbursed for expenses related to the duties of the task force.

Subd. 5. **Expiration.** The task force expires on July 1, 2013.

EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective the day following final enactment.