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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Health and Human Services Reform

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A bill for an act

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relating to human services; requiring training for child foster care providers;

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amending Minnesota Statutes 2015 Supplement, section 245A.175.

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

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Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2015 Supplement, section 245A.175, is amended to read:

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245A.175 MENTAL HEALTH CHILD FOSTER CARE TRAINING

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REQUIREMENT; MENTAL HEALTH TRAINING; FETAL ALCOHOL

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SPECTRUM DISORDERS TRAINING.

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Subdivision 1. Training. (a) Prior to a nonemergency placement of a child in a

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foster care home, the child foster care license holder and caregivers in foster family and

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treatment foster care settings, and all staff providing care in foster residence settings

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must: (1) complete two hours of training that addresses the causes, symptoms, and key

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warning signs of mental health disorders; and (2) complete at least one hour of training

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that addresses fetal alcohol spectrum disorders.

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(b) Mental health and fetal alcohol spectrum disorders training must include cultural

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considerations; and effective approaches for dealing with a child's behaviors.

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(c) At least one hour of the annual training requirement for the foster family license

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holder and caregivers, and foster residence staff must be on children's mental health

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issues and treatment. The annual training must also include training on fetal alcohol

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spectrum disorders.

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Subd. 2. Exemptions. Short-term substitute caregivers are exempt from ~~these~~

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the requirements under subdivision 1. Training curriculum shall be approved by the

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commissioner of human services.