



2.1 (9) one member appointed by the Minnesota Council of Health Plans;

2.2 (10) three members who represent autism advocacy groups, two of whom shall be  
2.3 appointed by the speaker of the house and one of whom shall be appointed by the majority  
2.4 leader of the senate; and

2.5 (11) one member appointed by each of the respective commissioners of the  
2.6 following departments: education, employment and economic development, health, and  
2.7 human services.

2.8 (b) Appointments must be made by September 1, 2011. The senate member  
2.9 appointed by the majority leader of the senate shall convene the first meeting of the task  
2.10 force no later than October 1, 2011. The task force shall elect a chair from among the  
2.11 members at the first meeting. The task force shall meet at least six times per year.

2.12 (c) The Legislative Coordinating Commission shall provide meeting space for the  
2.13 task force. The Departments of Education, Employment and Economic Development,  
2.14 Health, and Human Services shall provide assistance to the task force.

2.15 Subd. 2. **Duties.** (a) The task force shall develop an autism spectrum disorder  
2.16 statewide strategic plan that focuses on improving awareness, early diagnosis, and  
2.17 intervention and on ensuring delivery of treatment and services for individuals diagnosed  
2.18 with an autism spectrum disorder, including the coordination and accessibility of  
2.19 cost-effective treatments and services throughout the individual's lifetime.

2.20 (b) The task force shall coordinate with existing efforts relating to autism spectrum  
2.21 disorders at the Departments of Education, Employment and Economic Development,  
2.22 Health, and Human Services and at the University of Minnesota and other agencies and  
2.23 organizations as the task force deems appropriate.

2.24 Subd. 3. **Report.** The task force shall submit its strategic plan to the legislature  
2.25 by January 15, 2013. The task force shall continue to provide assistance with the  
2.26 implementation of the strategic plan, as approved by the legislature, and shall submit  
2.27 a progress report by January 15, 2014, and by January 15, 2015, on the status of  
2.28 implementation of the strategic plan, including any draft legislation necessary for  
2.29 implementation.

2.30 Subd. 4. **Expiration.** The task force shall expire June 30, 2015, unless extended  
2.31 by law.

2.32 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 1, 2011, and expires June 30,  
2.33 2015.