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State of Minnesota
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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H. F. No. **1350**

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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Early Childhood and Youth Development Policy

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to early childhood and youth; establishing a youth advisory group;
1.3 amending Minnesota Statutes 2012, section 124D.141, by adding a subdivision.

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

1.5 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2012, section 124D.141, is amended by adding a
1.6 subdivision to read:

1.7 Subd. 2a. Youth advisory group. (a) The council shall establish an informal
1.8 youth advisory group to examine issues impacting disparities, welfare, and outcomes for
1.9 children and youth. The council shall establish a process for the youth advisory group to
1.10 provide advice and recommendations on youth issues to the council, commissioners of
1.11 state agencies, and the legislature. In establishing the youth advisory group, the council
1.12 shall consult with the chairs and ranking minority members of the legislative committees
1.13 with jurisdiction over early childhood and youth development, education, health, and
1.14 human services.

1.15 (b) Membership of the youth advisory group consists of at least 25 persons, ages 12
1.16 through 21. The council shall make appointments on the basis of:

1.17 (1) diversity of racial, ethnic, and cultural experiences;

1.18 (2) diversity of geography;

1.19 (3) representation across ranges of socioeconomic status; and

1.20 (4) inclusion of youth who have experienced a variety of life circumstances, which
1.21 may include:

1.22 (i) adverse childhood experiences;

1.23 (ii) homelessness;

1.24 (iii) mental health issues;

- 2.1 (iv) physical health issues or disabilities;
- 2.2 (v) dropping out of school;
- 2.3 (vi) participation in gangs;
- 2.4 (vii) socialization challenges;
- 2.5 (viii) chemical dependency; and
- 2.6 (ix) involvement in the criminal justice system.
- 2.7 (c) Members of the youth advisory group serve without compensation.
- 2.8 (d) The commissioner of education shall provide staffing support for the youth
- 2.9 advisory group.
- 2.10 (e) The group expires at the same time as expiration of the council.