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A bill for an act

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

| 1.2 1.3 | relating to human services; requiring a report to the legislature on the status of child care; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 245A. |
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| 1.4 | BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA: |
| 1.5 | Section 1. [245A.153] REPORT TO LEGISLATURE ON THE STATUS OF CHILD |
| 1.6 | CARE. |
| 1.7 | Subdivision 1. Reporting requirements. Beginning on February 1, 2018, and no later |
| 1.8 | than February 1 of each year thereafter, the commissioner of human services shall provide |
| 1.9 | to the chairs and ranking minority members of the legislative committees with jurisdiction |
| 1.10 | over child care a report on the status of child care in Minnesota. |
| 1.11 | Subd. 2. Contents of report. (a) The report must include the following: |
| 1.12 | (1) summary data on trends in child care center and family child care capacity and |
| 1.13 | availability throughout the state, including the number of centers and programs that have |
| 1.14 | opened and closed and the geographic locations of those centers and programs; |
| 1.15 | (2) a description of any changes to statutes, administrative rules, or agency policies and |
| 1.16 | procedures that were implemented in the year preceding the report; |
| 1.17 | (3) a description of the actions the department has taken to address or implement the |
| 1.18 | recommendations from the Legislative Task Force on Access to Affordable Child Care |
| 1.19 | Report dated January 15, 2017, including but not limited to actions taken in the areas of: |
| 1.20 | (i) encouraging uniformity in implementing and interpreting statutes, administrative |
| 1.21 | rules, and agency policies and procedures relating to child care licensing and access; |

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| 2.1 | (ii) improving communication with county licensors and child care providers regarding |
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| 2.2 | changes to statutes, administrative rules, and agency policies and procedures, ensuring that |
| 2.3 | information is directly and regularly transmitted; |
| 2.4 | (iii) providing notice to child care providers before issuing correction orders or negative |
| 2.5 | actions relating to recent changes to statutes, administrative rules, and agency policies and |
| 2.6 | procedures; |
| 2.7 | (iv) implementing confidential, anonymous communication processes for child care |
| 2.8 | providers to ask questions and receive prompt, clear answers from the department; |
| 2.9 | (v) streamlining processes to reduce duplication or overlap in paperwork and training |
| 2.10 | requirements for child care providers; and |
| 2.11 | (vi) compiling and distributing information detailing trends in the violations for which |
| 2.12 | correction orders and negative actions are issued; |
| 2.13 | (4) a description of the department's efforts to cooperate with counties while addressing |
| 2.14 | and implementing the task force recommendations; and |
| 2.15 | (5) summary data on child care assistance programs including but not limited to state |
| 2.16 | funding and numbers of families served. |
| 2.17 | (b) The commissioner may offer recommendations for legislative action. |
| 2.18 | Subd. 3. Sunset. This section expires February 2, 2020. |

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