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H. F. No. **3265**

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

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to human services; modifying child foster care training requirements;
1.3 amending Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 245A.175.

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

1.5 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 245A.175, is amended to read:

1.6 **245A.175 CHILD FOSTER CARE TRAINING REQUIREMENT; MENTAL**
1.7 **HEALTH TRAINING; FETAL ALCOHOL SPECTRUM DISORDERS TRAINING.**

1.8 Prior to a nonemergency placement of a child in a foster care home, the child foster care
1.9 license holder and caregivers in foster family and treatment foster care settings, and all staff
1.10 providing care in foster residence settings must complete two hours of training that addresses
1.11 the causes, symptoms, and key warning signs of mental health disorders; cultural
1.12 considerations; and effective approaches for dealing with a child's behaviors. At least one
1.13 hour of the annual training requirement for the foster family license holder and caregivers,
1.14 and foster residence staff must be on children's mental health issues and treatment. The
1.15 annual training must also include at least one hour of training on fetal alcohol spectrum
1.16 disorders within the first 12 months of licensure. After the first 12 months of licensure,
1.17 training on fetal alcohol spectrum disorders may count, which must be counted toward the
1.18 12 hours of required in-service training per year. Short-term substitute caregivers are exempt
1.19 from these requirements. Training curriculum shall be approved by the commissioner of
1.20 human services.