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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Government Operations

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to health; modifying membership of the Opiate Epidemic Response
1.3 Advisory Council; amending Minnesota Statutes 2019 Supplement, section 256.042,
1.4 subdivision 2.

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

1.6 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2019 Supplement, section 256.042, subdivision 2, is amended
1.7 to read:

1.8 Subd. 2. Membership. (a) The council shall consist of the following ~~19~~ 28 voting
1.9 members, appointed by the commissioner of human services except as otherwise specified,
1.10 and three nonvoting members:

1.11 (1) two members of the house of representatives, appointed in the following sequence:
1.12 the first from the majority party appointed by the speaker of the house and the second from
1.13 the minority party appointed by the minority leader. Of these two members, one member
1.14 must represent a district outside of the seven-county metropolitan area, and one member
1.15 must represent a district that includes the seven-county metropolitan area. The appointment
1.16 by the minority leader must ensure that this requirement for geographic diversity in
1.17 appointments is met;

1.18 (2) two members of the senate, appointed in the following sequence: the first from the
1.19 majority party appointed by the senate majority leader and the second from the minority
1.20 party appointed by the senate minority leader. Of these two members, one member must
1.21 represent a district outside of the seven-county metropolitan area and one member must
1.22 represent a district that includes the seven-county metropolitan area. The appointment by

2.1 the minority leader must ensure that this requirement for geographic diversity in appointments
2.2 is met;

2.3 (3) one member appointed by the Board of Pharmacy;

2.4 (4) one member who is a physician appointed by the Minnesota Medical Association;

2.5 (5) one member representing opioid treatment programs, sober living programs, or
2.6 substance use disorder programs licensed under chapter 245G;

2.7 (6) one member appointed by the Minnesota Society of Addiction Medicine who is an
2.8 addiction psychiatrist;

2.9 (7) one member representing professionals providing alternative pain management
2.10 therapies, including, but not limited to, acupuncture, chiropractic, or massage therapy;

2.11 (8) one member representing nonprofit organizations conducting initiatives to address
2.12 the opioid epidemic, with the commissioner's initial appointment being a member
2.13 representing the Steve Rummler Hope Network, and subsequent appointments representing
2.14 this or other organizations;

2.15 (9) one member appointed by the Minnesota Ambulance Association who is serving
2.16 with an ambulance service as an emergency medical technician, advanced emergency
2.17 medical technician, or paramedic;

2.18 (10) one member representing the Minnesota courts who is a judge or law enforcement
2.19 officer;

2.20 (11) one public member who is a Minnesota resident and who is in opioid addiction
2.21 recovery;

2.22 ~~(12) two members representing Indian tribes, one representing the Ojibwe tribes and~~
2.23 ~~one representing the Dakota tribes~~ 11 members representing the 11 federally recognized
2.24 tribal governments, with each tribal government appointing one member;

2.25 (13) one public member who is a Minnesota resident and who is suffering from chronic
2.26 pain, intractable pain, or a rare disease or condition;

2.27 (14) one mental health advocate representing persons with mental illness;

2.28 (15) one member representing the Minnesota Hospital Association;

2.29 (16) one member representing a local health department; and

2.30 (17) the commissioners of human services, health, and corrections, or their designees,
2.31 who shall be ex officio nonvoting members of the council.

3.1 (b) The commissioner of human services shall coordinate the commissioner's
3.2 appointments to provide geographic, racial, and gender diversity, and shall ensure that at
3.3 least one-half of council members appointed by the commissioner reside outside of the
3.4 seven-county metropolitan area. Of the members appointed by the commissioner, to the
3.5 extent practicable, at least one member must represent a community of color
3.6 disproportionately affected by the opioid epidemic.

3.7 (c) The council is governed by section 15.059, except that members of the council shall
3.8 receive no compensation other than reimbursement for expenses. Notwithstanding section
3.9 15.059, subdivision 6, the council shall not expire.

3.10 (d) The chair shall convene the council at least quarterly, and may convene other meetings
3.11 as necessary. The chair shall convene meetings at different locations in the state to provide
3.12 geographic access, and shall ensure that at least one-half of the meetings are held at locations
3.13 outside of the seven-county metropolitan area.

3.14 (e) The commissioner of human services shall provide staff and administrative services
3.15 for the advisory council.

3.16 (f) The council is subject to chapter 13D.