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1.1A bill for an act

1.2relating to youth; establishing the Minnesota Youth Council; proposing coding

1.3for new law as Minnesota Statutes, chapter 16F.

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

1.5Section 1. **[16F.01] MINNESOTA YOUTH COUNCIL.**

1.6Subdivision 1. **Establishment and membership.** The Minnesota Youth Council

1.7is established within and under the auspices of the Minnesota Alliance With Youth.

1.8The council consists of four members from each congressional district in Minnesota

1.9and four members selected at large. Members must be selected through an application

1.10and interview process conducted by the Minnesota Alliance With Youth. In making its

1.11appointments, the Minnesota Alliance With Youth should strive to ensure gender and

1.12ethnic diversity in the council's membership. Members must be between the ages of 13

1.13and 19 and serve two-year terms, except that one-half of the initial members must serve a

1.14one-year term. Members may serve a maximum of two terms.

1.15Subd. 2. **Duties.** The Minnesota Youth Council shall:

- 1.16(1) provide advice and recommendations to the legislature and the governor on
- 1.17issues affecting youth;
- 1.18(2) serve as a liaison for youth around the state to the legislature and the governor;
- 1.19(3) serve as mentors for political education in the members' communities; and
- 1.20(4) submit an annual report of the council's activities and goals.

1.21Subd. 3. **Partnerships.** The Minnesota Youth Council shall partner with nonprofits,

1.22the private sector, and educational resources to fulfill its duties.

2.1 Subd. 4. Creation of Youth Council Advisory Committee in the legislature.

2.2 The Youth Council Advisory Committee shall meet at least twice each year during the
2.3 regular session of the legislature.

2.4 The committee may:

2.5 (1) select introduced bills in the house of representatives and senate for consideration
2.6 for a public hearing before the committee;

2.7 (2) propose youth legislation;

2.8 (3) provide advisory opinions to the legislature on bills heard before the committee;

2.9 and

2.10 (4) prepare a youth omnibus bill.

2.11 The leaders of the majority and minority parties of the house of representatives and
2.12 senate shall each appoint one legislator to serve as a legislative liaison to the committee.

2.13 Leadership of the house of representatives and senate, on rotating years, should appoint a
2.14 staff member to staff the committee.