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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NINETY-SECOND SESSION

H. F. No. **4264**

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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Human Services Finance and Policy

1.1 A bill for an act  
1.2 relating to human services; directing the commissioner to make recommendations  
1.3 for paperwork reduction relating to child protection cases.

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

1.5 Section 1. **DIRECTION TO COMMISSIONER; PAPERWORK REDUCTION FOR**  
1.6 **CHILD PROTECTION CASES.**

1.7 By January 15, 2023, the commissioner of human services in partnership with counties  
1.8 and local social services agencies, and in consultation with Minnesota's Tribal governments  
1.9 and the Indian Child Welfare Advisory Council established under Minnesota Statutes,  
1.10 section 260.835, shall develop a plan to streamline and minimize required paperwork for  
1.11 child protection cases. The plan must include a summary of proposed changes to current  
1.12 practice, a proposed timeline to implement the changes, and procedures for soliciting ongoing  
1.13 input regarding implementation from counties, Minnesota's Tribal governments, and the  
1.14 Indian Child Welfare Advisory Council. The procedures for soliciting ongoing input must  
1.15 include a method of incorporating the input into the implementation of the changes and  
1.16 ensuring that the planned improvements maximize benefits and utility for children in  
1.17 placement, foster care providers, Tribes, counties, and private child placing agencies.