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**ARTICLE 11**

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**MISCELLANEOUS**

264.18 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 256.01, is amended by adding a subdivision  
264.19 to read:

264.20 Subd. 44. **Implementation of audit recommendations.** No later than February 1 each  
264.21 year following a year in which the Department of Human Services was subject to an audit  
264.22 under section 3.971, the commissioner must submit to the chairs and ranking minority  
264.23 members of the legislative committees with fiscal jurisdiction over the Department of Human  
264.24 Services a report detailing whether the department has implemented any recommendations  
264.25 identified during the prior five years by the legislative auditor in a financial audit, program  
264.26 evaluation, or special review. The report must include a specific itemization of  
264.27 recommendations that have not been implemented during that period, along with the basis  
264.28 for that decision.

264.29 Sec. 2. Laws 2023, chapter 61, article 1, section 61, subdivision 4, is amended to read:

264.30 Subd. 4. **Evaluation and report.** By December 1, 2024, the commissioner must submit  
264.31 to the chairs and ranking minority members of the legislative committees with jurisdiction  
264.32 over human services finance and policy an interim report on the impact and outcomes of  
264.33 the grants, including the number of grants awarded and the organizations receiving the  
265.1 grants. The interim report must include any available evidence of how grantees were able  
265.2 to increase utilization of supported decision making and reduce or avoid more restrictive  
265.3 forms of decision making such as guardianship and conservatorship. By December 1, 2025,  
265.4 2026, the commissioner must submit to the chairs and ranking minority members of the  
265.5 legislative committees with jurisdiction over human services finance and policy a final  
265.6 report on the impact and outcomes of the grants, including any updated information from  
265.7 the interim report and the total number of people served by the grants. The final report must  
265.8 also detail how the money was used to achieve the requirements in subdivision 3, paragraph  
265.9 (b).

265.10 Sec. 3. Laws 2024, chapter 127, article 49, section 9, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

265.11 Subdivision 1. **Establishment; purpose.** The Mentally Ill and Dangerous Civil  
265.12 Commitment Reform Task Force is established to:

265.13 (1) evaluate current statutes related to mentally ill and dangerous civil commitments  
265.14 and;

265.15 (2) evaluate current statutes related to the process by which a former patient may seek  
265.16 an order to expunge or vacate a prior commitment as mentally ill and dangerous; and

265.17 (3) develop recommendations to optimize the use of state-operated mental health  
265.18 resources and increase equitable access and outcomes for patients.

265.19 Sec. 4. Laws 2024, chapter 127, article 49, section 9, is amended by adding a subdivision  
265.20 to read:

265.21 Subd. 7a. **Duties; expungements and vacatur.** The task force must:

265.22 (1) analyze current trends in civil commitments as mentally ill and dangerous,  
265.23 expungements, and vacatur, including but not limited to the frequency of expungements  
265.24 and vacatur in Minnesota as compared to other jurisdictions;

265.25 (2) review national practices and criteria for expunging and vacating civil commitments  
265.26 as mentally ill and dangerous;

265.27 (3) develop recommended statutory changes necessary to provide clear direction to  
265.28 former patients who are seeking to file a motion to expunge or vacate a civil commitment  
265.29 as mentally ill and dangerous;

266.1 (4) develop recommended statutory changes necessary to provide clear direction, criteria  
266.2 to apply, and evidentiary standards to the courts when considering a motion from a former  
266.3 patient to expunge or vacate a civil commitment as mentally ill and dangerous; and

266.4 (5) develop recommended statutory changes to provide clear direction to former patients  
266.5 and the courts to address situations in which an individual is civilly committed as mentally  
266.6 ill and dangerous and is later determined to not have an organic disorder of the brain or a  
266.7 substantial psychiatric disorder of thought, mood, perception, orientation, or memory.

266.8 Sec. 5. Laws 2024, chapter 127, article 49, section 9, subdivision 8, is amended to read:

266.9 Subd. 8. **Report required.** (a) By August 1, 2025, the task force shall submit to the  
266.10 chairs and ranking minority members of the legislative committees with jurisdiction over  
266.11 mentally ill and dangerous civil commitments a written report that includes the outcome of  
266.12 the duties in subdivision 7, including but not limited to recommended statutory changes.

266.13 (b) By August 1, 2026, the task force shall submit to the chairs and ranking minority  
266.14 members of the legislative committees with jurisdiction over civil commitments a written  
266.15 report that includes the outcome of the duties in subdivision 7a, including but not limited  
266.16 to recommended statutory changes.

266.17 Sec. 6. Laws 2024, chapter 127, article 49, section 9, subdivision 9, is amended to read:

266.18 Subd. 9. **Expiration.** The task force expires January 1, ~~2026~~ 2027.