

**144A.351 BALANCING LONG-TERM CARE SERVICES AND SUPPORTS: REPORT AND STUDY REQUIRED.**

Subdivision 1. **Report requirements.** The commissioners of health and human services, with the cooperation of counties and in consultation with stakeholders, including persons who need or are using long-term care services and supports, lead agencies, regional entities, senior, disability, and mental health organization representatives, service providers, and community members shall prepare a report to the legislature by August 15, 2013, and biennially thereafter, regarding the status of the full range of long-term care services and supports for the elderly and children and adults with disabilities and mental illnesses in Minnesota. The report shall address:

- (1) demographics and need for long-term care services and supports in Minnesota;
- (2) summary of county and regional reports on long-term care gaps, surpluses, imbalances, and corrective action plans;
- (3) status of long-term care services and related mental health services, housing options, and supports by county and region including:
  - (i) changes in availability of the range of long-term care services and housing options;
  - (ii) access problems, including access to the least restrictive and most integrated services and settings, regarding long-term care services; and
  - (iii) comparative measures of long-term care services availability, including serving people in their home areas near family, and changes over time; and
- (4) recommendations regarding goals for the future of long-term care services and supports, policy and fiscal changes, and resource development and transition needs.

Subd. 2. **Critical access study.** The commissioner of human services shall conduct a onetime study to assess local capacity and availability of home and community-based services for older adults, people with disabilities, and people with mental illnesses. The study must assess critical access at the community level and identify potential strategies to build home and community-based service capacity in critical access areas. The report shall be submitted to the legislature no later than August 15, 2015.

**History:** *1Sp2003 c 14 art 2 s 11; 2007 c 147 art 6 s 1; 2012 c 247 art 4 s 3; 2012 c 298 s 2; 2013 c 108 art 2 s 2,44; art 15 s 3,4*