

256.0142 LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION ON HUMAN SERVICES SYSTEMS.

Subdivision 1. **Establishment; duties.** (a) The Legislative Commission on Human Services Systems is created to provide legislative oversight, monitoring, and recommendations regarding the planning, financing, procurement, development, implementation, operation, and modernization of human services systems.

(b) The commission must provide legislative oversight and monitoring of human services systems modernization, including efforts by counties, federally recognized Indian Tribes located in Minnesota, the Department of Human Services, the Department of Children, Youth, and Families, and the Department of Information Technology Services to manage, develop, update, replace, integrate, or modernize human services systems.

(c) The commission must:

(1) review the status, risks, dependencies, timelines, costs, and outcomes of legacy and modernized human services systems;

(2) monitor and review reports, updates, recommendations, and draft legislation submitted by the Human Services Systems Modernization Advisory Council under section 16E.40;

(3) review reports submitted by the commissioner of information technology services under section 16E.50 and any reports related to systems modernization appropriations;

(4) evaluate Minnesota's state-supervised, county-administered human services system and provide recommendations for changes, if applicable, including changes to roles and responsibilities for program eligibility, service delivery, case management, provider enrollment, service authorization, payment accuracy, and program integrity;

(5) review how other states procure, administer, and deliver human services programs and services and the information technology infrastructure utilized;

(6) identify areas within governance, procurement, funding, data-sharing, privacy, cybersecurity, accessibility, and technology structures that need legislative action; and

(7) recommend statutory, budgetary, governance, procurement, enterprise architecture, accountability, and funding changes needed to support successful modernization.

(d) The commission must work with federally recognized Indian Tribes located in Minnesota, counties, the Department of Human Services, the Department of Children, Youth, and Families, and the Department of Information Technology Services to:

(1) evaluate proposals for systems modernization to information technology systems used by counties, federally recognized Indian Tribes located in Minnesota, the Department of Human Services, or the Department of Children, Youth, and Families; and

(2) consider overall costs to the state, counties, and federally recognized Indian Tribes located in Minnesota for the implementation of systems modernization, and assess whether proposed solutions improve services to Minnesotans and efficiently allocate administrative responsibilities across stakeholders.

Subd. 2. **Members; meetings.** (a) The commission consists of eight members as follows:

(1) four members of the house of representatives, two appointed by the speaker of the house and two appointed by the minority leader of the house of representatives; and

(2) four members of the senate, two appointed by the senate majority leader and two appointed by the senate minority leader.

(b) Members of the commission serve a term that begins upon appointment and expires on December 31 of the even-numbered year following the year they are appointed.

(c) A vacancy must be filled in the same manner as the original appointment.

(d) The speaker of the house and the senate majority leader must each designate one cochair from among the members appointed to the commission. The cochairs must alternate presiding over commission meetings. The commission may elect other officers as necessary.

(e) The commission must meet at least twice a year and may meet more frequently at the call of a cochair.

(f) Meetings of the commission are subject to section 3.055. The commission must provide an opportunity for public testimony when practicable.

(g) The commission may request testimony, briefings, documents, and data from state agencies, counties, federally recognized Indian Tribes located in Minnesota, vendors, providers, and other stakeholders, subject to state and federal data privacy, security, procurement, and confidentiality laws.

Subd. 3. **Administrative and research support.** The Legislative Coordinating Commission must provide administrative support to the commission and arrange meeting space for commission meetings. House and senate research, fiscal, and counsel staff may provide research and technical assistance to the commission.

Subd. 4. **Agency cooperation.** The Department of Human Services, the Department of Children, Youth, and Families, the Department of Information Technology Services, Minnesota Management and Budget, counties, and other state agencies must cooperate with the commission and provide information requested by the commission to the extent permitted by state and federal law.

Subd. 5. **Report.** By February 15, 2028, and annually thereafter, the commission, in cooperation with the commissioners of human services, information technology services, and children, youth, and families, must provide a report to the chairs and ranking minority members of the legislative committees with jurisdiction over human services and children, youth, and families. The report must contain information on the results of the commission's evaluations, identifications, and reviews under subdivision 1; recommendations for any legislative changes; and funding needs to implement any recommended changes.

Subd. 6. **Expiration.** The commission expires December 31, 2033.

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