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1.1 A bill for an act
 1.2 relating to human services; creating the Emerging Adulthood Task Force.

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

1.4 Section 1. **EMERGING ADULTHOOD TASK FORCE.**

1.5 Subdivision 1. **Creation.** The commissioner of human services shall convene
 1.6 an Emerging Adulthood Task Force to study challenges encountered by disconnected
 1.7 youth and to make recommendations to the governor, legislature, and state director to
 1.8 prevent and end homelessness on interventions, programs, and policies that will support
 1.9 disconnected youth in achieving safety, stability, and opportunity for productive futures.

1.10 Subd. 2. **Membership.** (a) The task force shall consist of no more than 15 members
 1.11 and shall be chaired by the commissioner of human services. Membership of the task
 1.12 force shall include:

1.13 (1) the commissioner of human services, or designee;

1.14 (2) the commissioner of the Minnesota Housing Finance Agency, or designee;

1.15 (3) the director of the Office of Higher Education, or designee;

1.16 (4) the commissioner of education, or designee;

1.17 (5) the commissioner of the Department of Corrections, or designee;

1.18 (6) a representative designated by an agency, selected by the commissioner of human
 1.19 services, that provides foster care and adoption services;

1.20 (7) a representative designated by a program, selected by the commissioner of
 1.21 human services, that provides services to homeless youth;

1.22 (8) a representative designated by a children's advocacy organization, selected by
 1.23 the commissioner of human services;

2.1 (9) a representative designated by the Minnesota Association of County Social
2.2 Service Administrators;

2.3 (10) a representative designated by a philanthropic organization, selected by the
2.4 commissioner of human services, with an interest in youth development;

2.5 (11) a representative designated by a faith-based organization, selected by the
2.6 commissioner of human services, with child welfare expertise;

2.7 (12) a representative designated by a social service agency, selected by the
2.8 commissioner of human services, that serves all Minnesota counties; and

2.9 (13) two youth designated by the commissioner of human services who have
2.10 experienced homelessness or are at risk of experiencing homelessness.

2.11 (b) Appointments and designations shall be made by August 15, 2013.

2.12 (c) At least two members of the task force must be from greater Minnesota.

2.13 (d) The commissioner of human services may create up to four subgroups of task
2.14 force members to develop specific recommendations for consideration by the full task force.

2.15 Subd. 3. **Duties.** The task force shall:

2.16 (1) review existing research, data, programs, and resources in order to identify and
2.17 define challenges faced by disconnected youth;

2.18 (2) identify points of transition and vulnerability for youth, and best practices in
2.19 order to support youth who are in foster care, corrections placement, or exiting mental
2.20 health treatment;

2.21 (3) develop strategies to increase awareness of youth populations who
2.22 disproportionately experience the status of homelessness or are at risk of experiencing
2.23 homelessness including youth of color, youth who identify as GLBT, youth in homeless
2.24 families, youth who experience an emotional disturbance or mental illness, and youth
2.25 who are state wards;

2.26 (4) enhance strategies for family unification where possible and establish adult
2.27 connections when family unification is not possible;

2.28 (5) identify and advance strategies that are tailored to meet key developmental needs;

2.29 (6) develop methods and tools for early identification of youth who are at risk of
2.30 disconnection and homelessness; and

2.31 (7) develop methods for measurable evaluation of programs designed to decrease the
2.32 number of youth experiencing homelessness.

2.33 Subd. 4. **First meeting.** The commissioner of human services shall convene the first
2.34 meeting of the task force by September 1, 2013.

2.35 Subd. 5. **Recommendations.** The commissioner of human services must submit a
2.36 report summarizing the recommendations of the task force to the governor, the state

3.1 director to prevent and end homelessness, and the chairs and ranking minority members of
3.2 the committees of the house of representatives and the senate with jurisdiction over human
3.3 services, by January 15, 2014. Recommendations must address the following:

3.4 (1) methods to assure well-planned transitions to stable, appropriate living
3.5 arrangements, with identified emergency supports, for all youth exiting child welfare,
3.6 corrections, mental health, or other placements;

3.7 (2) barriers to housing, employment, and education;

3.8 (3) methods to promote stable, supportive connections with kin and community; and

3.9 (4) methods to increase high school graduation and enrollment in postsecondary
3.10 education.

3.11 Subd. 6. **Task force expiration.** The task force shall expire on June 30, 2014.