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1.1 A bill for an act  
 1.2 relating to human services; implementing the autism spectrum disorder statewide  
 1.3 strategic plan; repealing Laws 2011, First Special Session chapter 9, article 6,  
 1.4 section 95, subdivisions 1, 2, 3, 4.

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

1.6 Section 1. **AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDER STATEWIDE STRATEGIC PLAN**  
 1.7 **IMPLEMENTATION.**

1.8 The autism spectrum disorder statewide strategic plan developed by the Minnesota  
 1.9 Legislative Autism Spectrum Disorder Task Force shall be implemented collaboratively  
 1.10 by the commissioners of education, employment and economic development, health, and  
 1.11 human services. The commissioners shall:

1.12 (1) work across state agencies and with key stakeholders to implement the strategic  
 1.13 plan;

1.14 (2) prepare progress reports on the implementation of the plan twice per year and  
 1.15 make the progress reports available to the public; and

1.16 (3) provide two opportunities per year for interested parties, including, but not limited  
 1.17 to, family members of individuals with autism spectrum disorder, underserved and diverse  
 1.18 communities impacted by autism spectrum disorder, medical professionals, health plans,  
 1.19 service providers, and schools, to provide input on the implementation of the strategic plan.

1.20 Sec. 2. **REPEALER.**

1.21 Laws 2011, First Special Session chapter 9, article 6, section 95, subdivisions 1,  
 1.22 2, 3, and 4, are repealed.

**Laws 2011, First Special Session chapter 9, article 6, section 95 Subdivisions 1, 2, 3, 4,**

**Sec. 95. MINNESOTA AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDER TASK FORCE.**

Subdivision 1. **Members.** (a) The Autism Spectrum Disorder Task Force is composed of 19 members, appointed as follows:

(1) two members of the senate, one appointed by the majority leader and one appointed by the minority leader;

(2) two members of the house of representatives, one from the majority party, appointed by the speaker of the house, and one from the minority party, appointed by the minority leader;

(3) two members who are family members of individuals with autism spectrum disorder (ASD), one of whom shall be appointed by the majority leader of the senate, and one of whom shall be appointed by the speaker of the house;

(4) one member appointed by the Minnesota chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics who is a developmental behavioral pediatrician;

(5) one member appointed by the Minnesota Academy of Family Physicians who is a family practice physician;

(6) one member appointed by the Minnesota Psychological Association who is a neuropsychologist;

(7) one member appointed by the majority leader of the senate who represents a minority autism community;

(8) one member representing the directors of public school student support services;

(9) one member appointed by the Minnesota Council of Health Plans;

(10) three members who represent autism advocacy groups, two of whom shall be appointed by the speaker of the house and one of whom shall be appointed by the majority leader of the senate; and

(11) one member appointed by each of the respective commissioners of the following departments: education, employment and economic development, health, and human services.

(b) Appointments must be made by September 1, 2011. The senate member appointed by the majority leader of the senate shall convene the first meeting of the task force no later than October 1, 2011. The task force shall elect a chair from among members at the first meeting. The task force shall meet at least six times per year.

Subd. 2. **Duties.** (a) The task force shall develop an autism spectrum disorder statewide strategic plan that focuses on improving awareness, early diagnosis, and intervention and on ensuring delivery of treatment and services for individuals diagnosed with an autism spectrum disorder, including the coordination and accessibility of cost-effective treatments and services throughout the individual's lifetime.

(b) The task force shall coordinate with existing efforts relating to autism spectrum disorders at the Departments of Education, Employment and Economic Development, Health, and Human Services and at the University of Minnesota and other agencies and organizations as the task force deems appropriate.

Subd. 3. **Report.** The task force shall submit its strategic plan to the legislature by January 15, 2013. The task force shall continue to provide assistance with the implementation of the strategic plan, as approved by the legislature, and shall submit a progress report by January 15, 2014, and by January 15, 2015, on the status of implementation of the strategic plan, including any draft legislation necessary for implementation.

Subd. 4. **Expiration.** The task force expires June 30, 2015, unless extended by law.