



S.F. No. 4719 – Establishing a Human Services Systems Steering Committee and appropriating funds for county information technology updates

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Section 1 (adds Minn. Stat. § 256.0141) establishes a Human Services Systems Steering Committee.

Subdivision 1 establishes a steering committee to provide recommendations to the commissioners of human services; information technology; and children, youth, and families on the development of human services systems. Defines “human services systems” as any information technology system used by counties or the commissioners of human services or children, youth, and families.

Subdivision 2 provides the membership of the steering committee and who must serve as co-chairs. Requires any costs to be paid for from the budgets of the Departments of Human Services; Information Technology Services; and Children, Youth, and Families.

Subdivision 3 requires the steering committee to provide recommendations on the administration and business operations of current human services systems and the development of new systems. Requires the steering committee to make certain recommendations for each human services system.

Subdivision 4 requires the steering committee to meet at least quarterly, provide opportunities for public testimony, and record votes by members.

Subdivision 5 prohibits the commissioners from implementing any new systems or major changes to current systems prior to receiving recommendations from the steering committee and consulting with counties. Requires the commissioners to implement changes recommended and passed by at least seven members of the steering committee.

Subdivision 6 requires the steering committee to produce an annual report, beginning January 30, 2027, and provides what the report must include. Requires the legislative committees with jurisdiction over human services systems to hold a public hearing on the report during the regular legislative session in the year the report was submitted.

Section 2 (Appropriations) appropriates onetime funding to the commissioner of information technology systems to fund, in collaboration with counties, a list of information technology projects.



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