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## **S.F. No. 3805 – Youth recreation program mandatory reporting effective date extension; updates to Legislative Task Force on Child Protection**

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### **Summary**

In 2021, the legislature passed a requirement that certain employees of private and public youth recreation programs must immediately report cases of child abuse. The specific language can be found at **Laws 2021, First Special Session chapter 7, article 10, section 1**.<sup>1</sup> The effective date of the new law was June 1, 2022 to allow the newly re-established Legislative Task Force on Child Protection to evaluate the mandatory reporter requirements and introduce legislation in the 2022 session, if necessary. However, the task force was unable to meet during the interim.

The Legislative Task Force on Child Protection was initially established in 2015<sup>2</sup> and expired in 2020.<sup>3</sup> The task force was re-established in 2021 but with largely the same duties and requirements as the previous taskforce under **Laws 2021, First Special Session chapter 7, article 10, section 3**.<sup>4</sup>

**S.F. 3805** delays the effective date of the mandatory reporter requirements for private and youth recreation program employees (**section 1**) and updates requirements and duties for the Legislative Task Force on Child Protection (**section 2**).

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<sup>1</sup> <https://www.revisor.mn.gov/laws/2021/1/Session+Law/Chapter/7/>

<sup>2</sup> <https://www.revisor.mn.gov/laws/2015/0/Session+Law/Chapter/71/>

<sup>3</sup> <https://www.revisor.mn.gov/laws/2016/0/Session+Law/Chapter/153/>

<sup>4</sup> <https://www.revisor.mn.gov/laws/2021/1/Session+Law/Chapter/7/>