

1.1 **Senator Latz from the Committee on Judiciary and Public Safety, to which was**
1.2 **referred**

1.3 **S.F. No. 1549:** A bill for an act relating to public safety; appropriating money for
1.4 prevention services, intervention services, and barrier reduction services relating to youth
1.5 involved or at risk of becoming involved in the criminal or juvenile justice system; requiring
1.6 a report.

1.7 Reports the same back with the recommendation that the bill be amended as follows:

1.8 Page 1, after line 5, insert:

1.9 "Section 1. **TASK FORCE ON YOUTH INTERVENTIONS.**

1.10 Subdivision 1. **Establishment.** The Task Force on Youth Interventions is established
1.11 to develop recommendations on the design of a regional system of care for youth
1.12 interventions, sustainable financing models, and alternatives to criminal penalties. The task
1.13 force must evaluate coordinated approaches to youth with high behavioral health needs with
1.14 the goal of reducing and eliminating touchpoints with the justice system as well as identifying
1.15 community-based services to address youth needs and identifying gaps in services.

1.16 Subd. 2. **Membership.** (a) The task force consists of the following members:

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

1.19 (2) two members of the house of representatives, one appointed by the speaker of the
1.20 house and one appointed by the house minority leader;

1.21 (3) a county attorney appointed by the Minnesota County Attorneys Association;

1.22 (4) a public defender with responsibility for systems in one or more of the counties
1.23 included in clause (6) appointed by the State Public Defender's Office;

1.24 (5) a peace officer, as defined in Minnesota Statutes, section 626.84, subdivision 1,
1.25 paragraph (c), from one of the counties included in clause (6) appointed by the Minnesota
1.26 Sheriffs' Association;

1.27 (6) a county administrator or their designee from each of the following counties:

1.28 (i) Anoka County;

1.29 (ii) Carver County;

1.30 (iii) Dakota County;

1.31 (iv) Hennepin County;

1.32 (v) Olmsted County;

- 2.1 (vi) Ramsey County;
- 2.2 (vii) Scott County;
- 2.3 (viii) St. Louis County;
- 2.4 (ix) Stearns County; and
- 2.5 (x) Washington County;
- 2.6 (7) two representatives of county social services agencies appointed by the Minnesota
- 2.7 Association of County Social Service Administrators;
- 2.8 (8) two representatives of community supervision appointed by the Minnesota Association
- 2.9 of Community Corrections Act Counties;
- 2.10 (9) two representatives of community supervision appointed by the Minnesota Association
- 2.11 of County Probation Officers;
- 2.12 (10) two representatives appointed by the commissioner of human services, one with
- 2.13 experienced in child welfare and one with experience in children's mental health;
- 2.14 (11) the commissioner of corrections, or a designee;
- 2.15 (12) two members representing culturally competent advocacy organizations, one of
- 2.16 which must be the National Alliance on Mental Illness-Minnesota; and
- 2.17 (13) two members, to be designated by Hennepin County, from the community with
- 2.18 lived experience of a juvenile family member who was or is currently involved in the justice
- 2.19 system, one of whom must be a resident of Hennepin County.
- 2.20 (b) Appointments to the task force must be made by September 1, 2023.
- 2.21 (c) Member compensation and reimbursement for expenses are governed by Minnesota
- 2.22 Statutes, section 15.059, subdivision 3.
- 2.23 Subd. 3. **Chairs; meetings.** (a) The task force shall be cochaired by the representative
- 2.24 member under clause (6) from Hennepin County and the commissioner of corrections or a
- 2.25 designee.
- 2.26 (b) The cochairs shall convene the first meeting of the task force no later than September
- 2.27 1, 2023.
- 2.28 (c) Task force meetings are subject to the Minnesota Open Meeting Law under Minnesota
- 2.29 Statutes, chapter 13D.

3.1 Subd. 4. **Administrative support.** The Legislative Coordinating Commission must
3.2 provide administrative support and meeting space for the task force. The commission may
3.3 also choose to delegate this authority to Hennepin County.

3.4 Subd. 5. **Duties.** (a) The task force shall assess the current approach to addressing the
3.5 therapeutic and rehabilitative needs of youth adjudicated to be either children in need of
3.6 protection services or delinquent. The task force shall evaluate racial disparities as part of
3.7 the task force duties under this subdivision.

3.8 (b) The task force shall also determine:

3.9 (1) number of youth currently in these systems;

3.10 (2) demographics of all youth including age, gender, sexual orientation, and race or
3.11 ethnicity;

3.12 (3) number of youth currently in out-of-home placement due to their behavioral health
3.13 needs broken down by:

3.14 (i) therapeutic and rehabilitative needs of youth; and

3.15 (ii) proximity of a facility to their home or community;

3.16 (4) number of youth currently in an out-of-state residential facility broken down by:

3.17 (i) therapeutic and rehabilitative needs;

3.18 (ii) type of facility or setting of youth;

3.19 (iii) location of facility; and

3.20 (iv) youth county of residence;

3.21 (5) number of youth awaiting or in need of placement due to no available resource broken
3.22 down by:

3.23 (i) therapeutic and rehabilitative needs of youth;

3.24 (ii) type of facility or setting needed; and

3.25 (iii) wait time and wait setting;

3.26 (6) total bed capacity by treatment facility broken down by:

3.27 (i) residential treatment centers;

3.28 (ii) which facilities are state operated;

3.29 (iii) which facilities are county operated; and

- 4.1 (iv) which facilities are community provider owned or operated;
- 4.2 (7) for children who can access residential treatment, provide the following:
- 4.3 (i) average length of stay;
- 4.4 (ii) average daily cost per type of placement, and delineate by payor source;
- 4.5 (iii) return or recidivism rate;
- 4.6 (iv) therapeutic and rehabilitative needs of the children;
- 4.7 (v) discharge setting, including whether that is a home, step down program, or runaway;
- 4.8 and
- 4.9 (vi) identify any barriers to discharge;
- 4.10 (8) describe community-based programming, various treatment models, how programs
- 4.11 operate, and the types of these services currently being provided in the state, including
- 4.12 licensure model. Provide data specific to current total capacity and availability, level of
- 4.13 care, outcomes, and costs;
- 4.14 (9) provide research models and best practices across North America, included continuum
- 4.15 of care, program specifics, best metrics, continuous improvement, entities involved in
- 4.16 funding and overseeing, outcomes, and costs; and
- 4.17 (10) describe the role the state of Minnesota should play in ensuring best practice
- 4.18 resources are available to all children across the state.
- 4.19 Subd. 6. **Report.** No later than February 1, 2024, the task force must submit a written
- 4.20 report to the chairs and ranking minority members of the legislative committees and divisions
- 4.21 with jurisdiction over human services, public safety, and judiciary on the task force's activities
- 4.22 and recommendations based on the evaluation and information collected under subdivision
- 4.23 5.
- 4.24 Subd. 7. **Expiration.** The task force shall expire upon submission of the report required
- 4.25 under subdivision 6, or February 15, 2024, whichever is later.
- 4.26 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 1, 2023."
- 4.27 Page 2, line 2, after the comma, insert "federally recognized Indian Tribes within the
- 4.28 boundaries of Minnesota, and"
- 4.29 Page 2, line 3, delete ", and other community organizations"
- 4.30 Page 2, line 21, before "nonprofits" insert "and" and delete ", and"

5.1 Page 2, line 22, delete "other community organizations"

5.2 Page 3, line 6, before "nonprofits" insert "and" and delete ", and"

5.3 Page 3, line 7, delete "other community organizations"

5.4 Page 4, after line 19, insert:

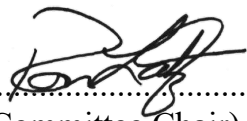
5.5 "Sec. 3. APPROPRIATION; TASK FORCE ON YOUTH INTERVENTIONS.

5.6 \$500,000 in fiscal year 2024 is appropriated from the general fund to the Legislative
5.7 Coordinating Commission for the Task Force on Youth Interventions. This is a onetime
5.8 appropriation."

5.9 Amend the title as follows:

5.10 Page 1, line 4, after "system;" insert "establishing the task force on youth interventions;"
5.11 and before the period, insert "; appropriating money"

5.12 And when so amended the bill do pass and be re-referred to the Committee on State and
5.13 Local Government and Veterans. Amendments adopted. Report adopted.

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5.15 (Committee Chair)

5.16 March 17, 2023.....
5.17 (Date of Committee recommendation)