

S.F. No. 683 – Intellectual and developmental disabilities legislative commission establishment and appropriation

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S.F. 683 establishes a new legislative commission on intellectual and developmental disabilities, creates a mechanism through the legislative commission for establishing county disability service reform sites, modifies licensing requirements for certain disability service settings to accommodate county disability service reform efforts, and prohibits the commissioner of human services from modifying day services and the commissioner of employment and economic development from modifying prevocational rehabilitation services.

Section 1 adds section 3.8848 – Legislative commission on intellectual and developmental disabilities, which establishes the commission, specifies its membership, provides for its governance, and describes its duties.

Subdivision 10 - Commission duties; data-based county disability service reform sites, specifies the commission's duties with respect to disability services system reform efforts by counties. The commission must select at least two counties to which the commission will provide available money to plan disability services system reforms. The commission must supervise the design of the plans and approve plans that meet the requirements of subdivision 11.

Subdivision 11 - Disability services reform plan requirements, requires a county disability service system reform plan to be based on data collected by the county about its existing disability services system. The proposals in the plan must include data-driven proposals to increase the quality of case management services; to increase the quality and opportunities for education and training of direct support professionals; to develop business models for the provision of the full array of day and employment services; to ensure the availability of the full array of housing options; to increase vocational exploration in the local schools; and to provide efficient and timely transportation. The plan must be developed in consultation with self-advocates and other interested parties, and must include the estimated cost of implementing each proposal and all possible sources of funding.

Section 2 adds **245A.03**, **subdivision 7a** - Licensing moratorium exception; data-based county disability service reform sites, which creates a blanket exemption from the foster care licensing

moratorium and the associated needs determination process for licenses and license applications requested by a county with an approved disability services reform plan.

Section 3 amends **252.291**, **subdivision 1 – Moratorium**, by including conforming changes to account for the ICF/DD licensing moratorium exception under new subdivision 2c.

Section 4 adds 252.291, subdivision 2c - Exception for data-based county disability service reform sites, which exempts from the existing ICF/DD license moratorium new ICF/DD licenses for facilities requested by a county with an approved disability services reform plan.

Section 5 prohibits the commissioner of human services from modifying day treatment and habilitation services without the explicit legislative approval to do so and requires the commissioner to consult with the legislative commission on any such proposal.

Section 6 prohibits the commissioner of employment and economic development from modifying prevocational rehabilitative services without the explicit legislative approval to do so and requires the commissioner to consult with the legislative commission on any such proposal.

Section 7 contains appropriations for the legislative commission on intellectual and developmental disabilities and for grants to counties to develop disability services system reform plans.