Senator Klein from the Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection, to which was referred

S.F. No. 3859: A bill for an act relating to health insurance; mandating coverage without cost-sharing of immunizations for routine use without a prescription; establishing the Minnesota Science-Based Vaccine Advisory Council; establishing advisory council duties; appropriating money; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 62Q.46, subdivision 1; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 145.

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

Page 2, line 5, delete "West Coast Health Alliance" and insert "Minnesota Science-Based Vaccine Advisory Council established under section 145.675"

Page 3, after line 21, insert:

"Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 62Q.46, is amended by adding a subdivision to read:

Subd. 4. **Reimbursement.** (a) The commissioner of commerce must reimburse health plan companies for coverage described under subdivision 1, paragraph (a), clause (2), items (ii) and (iii). Treatments and services covered by the health plan as of January 1, 2023, are ineligible for payment under this subdivision by the commissioner of commerce.

(b) Health plan companies must report to the commissioner of commerce quantified costs attributable to the benefit described under subdivision 1, paragraph (a), clause (2), items (ii) and (iii), in a format developed by the commissioner.

(c) The commissioner of commerce must evaluate submissions and make payments to health plan companies as provided in Code of Federal Regulations, title 45, section 155.170.

Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 62Q.46, is amended by adding a subdivision to read:

Subd. 5. **Appropriation.** Beginning in fiscal year 2028, an amount necessary to make payments to health plan companies to defray the cost of providing coverage, as described in subdivision 4, is annually appropriated from the general fund to the commissioner of commerce. The amount appropriated under this subdivision must include the administrative costs incurred by the commissioner to make the defrayal payments."

Page 5, after line 9, insert:

"(d) The commissioner of health must develop an application process and required documents that each appointing authority must collect and review prior to appointing an applicant to the advisory council, including at minimum:

(1) two letters of support for an applicant submitted by an individual with an established professional relationship with the applicant and who is a trusted scientist, clinician, and public health leader;

(2) disclosure by the applicant and their immediate family members of any financial interests that may be considered a conflict of interest if the applicant participates in the advisory council as a member; and

(3) evidence of completing a background study."

Renumber the sections in sequence

Amend the title as follows:

Page 1, line 3, after the first semicolon, insert "requiring the commissioner of commerce to make defrayal payments to health plan companies;"

Amend the title numbers accordingly

And when so amended the bill do pass and be re-referred to the Committee on Health and Human Services. Amendments adopted. Report adopted.

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(Committee Chair)

March 10, 2026.....
(Date of Committee recommendation)