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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Governmental Operations, Reform, Technology and Elections

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Committee Recommendation and Adoption of Report:

To Pass

Read Second Time

1.1 A bill for an act  
1.2 relating to state government; eliminating the Minnesota Council on Disability  
1.3 sunset; amending Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 256.482, subdivisions 1, 8.

1.4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

1.5 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 256.482, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

1.6 Subdivision 1. **Establishment; members.** There is hereby established the Council  
1.7 on Disability which shall consist of 21 members appointed by the governor. Members  
1.8 shall be appointed from the general public and from organizations which provide services  
1.9 for persons who have a disability. A majority of council members shall be persons with a  
1.10 disability or parents or guardians of persons with a disability. There shall be at least  
1.11 one member of the council appointed from each of the state development regions. The  
1.12 commissioners of the Departments of Education, Human Services, Health, and Human  
1.13 Rights and the directors of the Rehabilitation Services and State Services for the Blind in  
1.14 the Department of Employment and Economic Development or their designees shall serve  
1.15 as ex officio members of the council without vote. In addition, the council may appoint ex  
1.16 officio members from other bureaus, divisions, or sections of state departments which are  
1.17 directly concerned with the provision of services to persons with a disability.

1.18 Notwithstanding the provisions of section 15.059, each member of the council  
1.19 appointed by the governor shall serve a three-year term and until a successor is appointed  
1.20 and qualified. The compensation and removal of all members shall be as provided in  
1.21 section 15.059. The council performs functions that are not purely advisory, therefore the  
1.22 expiration dates provided in section 15.059 do not apply. The governor shall appoint a  
1.23 chair of the council from among the members appointed from the general public or who

2.1 are persons with a disability or their parents or guardians. Vacancies shall be filled by the  
2.2 authority for the remainder of the unexpired term.

2.3 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.

2.4 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 256.482, subdivision 8, is amended to read:

2.5 ~~Subd. 8. **Sunset.** Notwithstanding section 15.059, subdivision 5, the Council on~~  
2.6 ~~Disability shall not sunset until June 30, 2007.~~

2.7 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.