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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Health and Human Services

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to health; establishing a task force on youth violence prevention;
1.3 requiring reports; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter
1.4 145.

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

1.6 Section 1. **[145.99] TASK FORCE ON YOUTH VIOLENCE PREVENTION;**
1.7 **REPORT.**

1.8 Subdivision 1. **Membership.** (a) The task force on youth violence prevention
1.9 consists of:

- 1.10 (1) the commissioner of health or the commissioner's designee;
- 1.11 (2) the commissioner of public safety or the commissioner's designee;
- 1.12 (3) the commissioner of corrections or the commissioner's designee;
- 1.13 (4) an active or retired judge appointed by the chief justice of the Supreme Court;
- 1.14 (5) a representative of the St. Paul intervention project appointed by the head of
1.15 the project;
- 1.16 (6) six individuals, two who reside in an urban area, two who reside in a suburban
1.17 area, and two who reside in a rural area, appointed by the commissioner of health;
- 1.18 (7) an individual appointed by the executive director of the Indian Affairs Council;
- 1.19 (8) an individual appointed by the executive director of the Council on Affairs of
1.20 Chicano/Latino People;
- 1.21 (9) an individual appointed by the executive director of the Council on Black
1.22 Minnesotans; and
- 1.23 (10) an individual appointed by the executive director of the Council on
1.24 Asian-Pacific Minnesotans.

2.1 (b) When appointing task force members under paragraph (a), clauses (6) to (10),
2.2 the appointing authority shall attempt to select individuals from communities that are
2.3 disproportionately affected by violence.

2.4 (c) The commissioner of health shall convene the task force's first meeting.

2.5 (d) The task force shall select a chair from among its members.

2.6 Subd. 2. **Duties.** The task force shall address youth violence as a public health issue,
2.7 develop a strategic long-term multifaceted response, and oversee efforts to reduce youth
2.8 violence. Specifically, the task force shall:

2.9 (1) define the scope of the problem statewide;

2.10 (2) identify innovative comprehensive solutions that engage government, community
2.11 groups, faith communities, and businesses; and

2.12 (3) recommend policy changes and funding priorities to prevent youth violence.

2.13 Subd. 3. **Office space, support.** The commissioner of health shall provide office
2.14 space and administrative support to the task force.

2.15 Subd. 4. **Expenses, expiration.** The provisions of section 15.059 apply to the
2.16 task force except that members receive no compensation and the task force expires on
2.17 June 30, 2012.

2.18 Subd. 5. **Report.** By January 15 of each year, the task force shall report to the chairs
2.19 and ranking minority members of the senate and house of representatives committees
2.20 and divisions having jurisdiction over health policy and funding on the activities and
2.21 recommendations of the task force according to section 3.195.