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

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1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to children; extending the Task Force on the Protection of Children.
1.3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

1.4 Section 1. **TASK FORCE ON THE PROTECTION OF CHILDREN;**
1.5 **EXTENSION.**

1.6 (a) The Task Force on the Protection of Children, created by Executive Order 14-15
1.7 on September 22, 2014, and scheduled to expire on March 31, 2015, shall be extended
1.8 until March 31, 2016.

1.9 (b) Current legislative members of the task force shall serve as cochairs.

1.10 (c) The commissioner of education shall appoint a member to serve on the task force.

1.11 (d) The task force shall continue to review the child protection system, may examine
1.12 issues related to adverse child experiences, and shall:

1.13 (1) identify issues and current practices that need improvement in order to protect
1.14 children;

1.15 (2) focus on practices and issues that result in out-of-home placement of children,
1.16 especially children of color, in order to reduce the incidence of out-of-home placement;

1.17 (3) focus on issues presented by runaway youth and youth who are pushed out of
1.18 their homes and the services needed to protect these youth; and

1.19 (4) identify the needs of children who are identified by schools as at-risk.

1.20 (e) The task force shall evaluate the effects of any statutory changes made by the
1.21 2015 legislature.

1.22 (f) The task force shall issue a preliminary report and recommendations to the
1.23 legislature, the governor, and the public by September 30, 2015, and a final report and
1.24 recommendations by March 31, 2016.

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