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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; requiring nonprofit hospitals and outpatient surgical centers  
1.3 to report on community benefits in a standard way; establishing a work group;  
1.4 amending Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 144.698, subdivision 1.

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

1.6 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 144.698, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

1.7 Subdivision 1. **Yearly reports.** (a) Each hospital and each outpatient surgical center,  
1.8 which has not filed the financial information required by this section with a voluntary,  
1.9 nonprofit reporting organization pursuant to section 144.702, shall file annually with the  
1.10 commissioner of health after the close of the fiscal year:

1.11 (1) a balance sheet detailing the assets, liabilities, and net worth of the hospital or  
1.12 outpatient surgical center;

1.13 (2) a detailed statement of income and expenses;

1.14 (3) a copy of its most recent cost report, if any, filed pursuant to requirements of  
1.15 Title XVIII of the United States Social Security Act;

1.16 (4) a copy of all changes to articles of incorporation or bylaws;

1.17 (5) information on services provided to benefit the community, including services  
1.18 provided at no cost or for a reduced fee to patients unable to pay, teaching and research  
1.19 activities, or other community or charitable activities;

1.20 (6) information required on the revenue and expense report form set in effect on  
1.21 July 1, 1989, or as amended by the commissioner in rule;

1.22 (7) information on changes in ownership or control; and

1.23 (8) other information required by the commissioner in rule.

2.1 (b) Beginning with hospital fiscal year 2009, each nonprofit hospital shall report on  
2.2 community benefits under paragraph (a), clause (5), according to definitions specified by  
2.3 the commissioner.

2.4 (c) The commissioner of health shall convene a work group to provide  
2.5 recommendations on specific categories and definitions for the reporting of community  
2.6 benefits required in this section. The work group shall make its recommendations to the  
2.7 commissioner by October 1, 2007.