

1.1 A bill for an act

1.2 relating to human services; establishing an advisory committee to simplify  
1.3 program administration; requiring studies and reports; amending Minnesota  
1.4 Statutes 2006, section 256.01, by adding a subdivision.

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

1.6 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 256.01, is amended by adding a  
1.7 subdivision to read:

1.8 Subd. 23. **Administrative simplification; county cost study.** (a) The commissioner  
1.9 shall establish and convene the first meeting of an advisory committee to identify ways  
1.10 to simplify and streamline human services laws and administrative requirements. The  
1.11 advisory committee shall select its chair from its membership at the first meeting.

1.12 (b) The committee shall consist of three senators appointed by the senate  
1.13 Subcommittee on Committees of the Committee on Rules and Administration, three  
1.14 state representatives appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives, and  
1.15 nine department staff and county representatives appointed by the commissioner. The  
1.16 appointments required under this paragraph must be completed by September 1, 2007.

1.17 (c) The committee shall discuss methods of reducing inconsistency between  
1.18 programs and complexity within programs in order to improve administrative efficiency  
1.19 and reduce the risk of recipient noncompliance. Topics for discussion may include child  
1.20 support enforcement, adoption services, child care licensing, child care assistance, and  
1.21 other programs. The state senators and state representatives on the advisory committee,  
1.22 in consultation with the advisory committee, shall report annually to the chairs of the  
1.23 legislative committees and divisions with jurisdiction over the Department of Human

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2.1 Services, beginning January 15, 2008, with recommendations developed by the advisory  
2.2 group.

2.3 (d) The commissioner, in consultation with the advisory committee, shall study  
2.4 and report to the legislature by January 15, 2009, on the transfer of any responsibilities  
2.5 between the department and counties that would result in more efficient and effective  
2.6 administration of human service programs.

2.7 Sec. 2. **EXPIRATION.**

2.8 Section 1 expires on June 30, 2012.