

LEGISLATIVE TASK FORCE ON ACCESS TO AFFORDABLE CHILD CARE

DRAFT WORK PLAN: AUGUST 2016 -- JANUARY 2017

(Last Updated: 8/24/2016)

"The task force is created to..."	August 30 Senate	TBD House	TBD Senate	TBD House	TBD Senate	TBD House	January 15 Report Due
Charge 1: Review the loss of child care providers in the state							
Charge 2: Assess affordability issues for providers and parents							
Charge 3: Identify areas that need to be addressed by the legislature							

*Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, section 256E.28: <https://www.revisor.mn.gov/laws/?year=2015&type=0&doctype=Chapter&id=71>

Task force members may receive input from the commissioner of human services, the commissioner of employment and economic development, providers, and stakeholders to review all action items.

Report requirements:

The task force, in cooperation with the commissioner of human services, shall issue a report to the legislative committees with jurisdiction over child care issues and the governor by January 15, 2017. The report must contain summary information obtained during the task force meetings and recommendations for additional legislative changes and procedures affecting access to affordable child care.

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<p>1: Regulatory Infrastructure</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • review the process of issuing and resolving correction orders issued to child care providers • review progress being made by the commissioner of human services to streamline paperwork and reduce redundancies for child care providers 							
<p>2: Workforce</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • assess the child care provider shortage in greater Minnesota • evaluate access to culturally appropriate child care • consider options for conducting exit interviews with providers who leave the child care field or choose not to be relicensed • consider creation of a board of child care to be responsible for all matters related to licensing of child care providers, both in-home and center-based programs, and to employ an advocate for child care providers 							

<p>3: Training</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • review the current preservice and in-service training requirements for family child care providers and child care center staff* • review the availability of training that is in place to meet the training needs of providers, including the content of this training, cost, and delivery methods • consider uniform training requirements for county employees and their supervisors who perform duties related to licensing 							
<p>4: Cost/Affordability</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • evaluate factors that contribute to child care costs for providers and families • review the time it takes for the department to provide Child Care Assistance Program reimbursement to providers 							

*This review shall include training required for licensure, including staff credentialing for child care center staff positions and the ways in which this training aligns with Minnesota's Career Lattice and Minnesota's Knowledge and Competency Framework for Early Childhood and School-Aged Care Practitioners