
**Health Care & Wellness
Committee**

HB 2750

Brief Description: Modifying the process for designating regional support networks.

Sponsors: Representatives Cody, Hinkle and Green; by request of Department of Social and Health Services.

Brief Summary of Bill

- Establishes a process to replace a regional support network that voluntarily terminates its contract or refuses to sign a contract with the Department of Social and Health Services to act as a regional support network.

Hearing Date: 1/24/08

Staff: Dave Knutson (786-7146).

Background:

If a regional support network fails to meet state minimum standards or refuses to exercise their statutory and contractual responsibilities, the Department of Social and Health Services (Department) is required to assume the responsibilities of the regional support network. Currently, only a county or group of counties, or a private nonprofit entity are authorized to serve as a regional support network. If a regional support network fails to meet State minimum standards or refuses to exercise their statutory and contractual responsibilities, the Department will assume the responsibilities of the regional support network until a new entity is designated as the regional support network.

Summary of Bill:

A regional support network may be a county, group of counties, or a nonprofit or forprofit entity. If a regional support network fails to meet state minimum standards, refuses to exercise their statutory and contractual responsibilities, or notifies the Department it will no longer serve as a regional support network, the Department will assume the responsibilities of the regional support

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network until a new entity is designated as the regional support network through a competitive procurement process. A regional support network that voluntarily terminates its contract to act as a regional support network is prohibited from responding to a procurement or serving as a regional support network in the future. An entity selected through the procurement process to act as the regional support network is not required to contract for services with any county-owned or operated facility.

Contracts between a regional support network and the Department will include a provision that the regional support network provide the Department one hundred and eighty days advance notice of its intent to voluntarily terminate its contract to act as a regional support network.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Not requested.

Effective Date: The bill takes effect 90 days after adjournment of session in which bill is passed.