

## **Laws of Minnesota 2024, Chapter 125, Article 4, Section 9**

### **MENTALLY ILL AND DANGEROUS CIVIL COMMITMENT REFORM TASK FORCE**

#### **Establishment and Purpose.**

The Mentally Ill and Dangerous Civil Commitment Reform Task Force is established to evaluate current statutes related to mentally ill and dangerous civil commitments and develop recommendations to optimize the use of state-operated mental health resources and increase equitable access and outcomes for patients.

#### **Duties of the Task Force.**

The task force must:

- (1) analyze current trends in mentally ill and dangerous civil commitments, including but not limited to the length of stay for individuals committed in Minnesota as compared to other jurisdictions;
- (2) review national practices and criteria for civil commitment of individuals who have a mental illness and represent a danger to the public;
- (3) develop recommended statutory changes necessary to provide services to the high number of mentally ill and dangerous civilly committed individuals;
- (4) develop funding and statutory recommendations for alternatives to the current mentally ill and dangerous civil commitment process;
- (5) identify what types of placements and services are necessary to serve individuals civilly committed as mentally ill and dangerous in the community;
- (6) make recommendations to reduce barriers to discharge from the forensic mental health program for individuals civilly committed as mentally ill and dangerous;
- (7) develop recommended plain language statutory changes to clarify operational definitions for terms used within Minnesota Statutes, section 253B.18;
- (8) develop recommended statutory changes to provide clear direction to the commissioner of human services and facilities to which individuals are civilly committed to address situations in which an individual is committed as mentally ill and dangerous and is later determined to not have an organic disorder of the brain or a substantial psychiatric disorder of thought, mood, perception, orientation, or memory; and
- (9) evaluate and make statutory and funding recommendations for the voluntary return of individuals civilly committed as mentally ill and dangerous to community facilities.

#### **Report required.**

By August 1, 2025, the task force shall submit to the chairs and ranking minority members of the legislative committees with jurisdiction over mentally ill and dangerous civil commitments a written report that includes the outcome of the duties in subdivision 7, including but not limited to recommended statutory changes.

#### **Task Force Expiration.**

The task force will expire on January 1, 2026.