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Introduction and first reading  
Referred to Human Services Reform Finance and Policy

1.1 A bill for an act  
1.2 relating to human services; modifying treatment of vacant beds for the purposes  
1.3 of payments to intermediate care facilities for therapeutic leave days; requiring  
1.4 reports; appropriating money; amending Minnesota Statutes 2016, section  
1.5 256B.5012, by adding a subdivision.

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

1.7 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 256B.5012, is amended by adding a subdivision  
1.8 to read:

1.9 Subd. 3a. **Therapeutic leave days.** Notwithstanding Minnesota Rules, part 9505.0415,  
1.10 subpart 7, a vacant bed in an intermediate care facility for persons with developmental  
1.11 disabilities shall be counted as a reserved bed when determining occupancy rates and  
1.12 eligibility for payment of a therapeutic leave day.

1.13 Sec. 2. **APPROPRIATION; HOME AND COMMUNITY-BASED SERVICES**  
1.14 **REFORM WAIVER CONSOLIDATION.**

1.15 \$72,000 in fiscal year 2018 and \$105,000 in fiscal year 2019 are appropriated from the  
1.16 general fund to the commissioner of human services to conduct a study on consolidating  
1.17 the four disability home and community-based services waivers into one program. The  
1.18 unencumbered balance in the first year does not cancel but is available in the second year.  
1.19 Based on the finding of the consolidation study, the commissioner of human services shall  
1.20 submit recommendations for the consolidation of the four home and community-based  
1.21 services waivers into one program to the chairs and ranking minority members of the  
1.22 legislative committees with jurisdiction over health and human services by January 15,  
1.23 2019.