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H. F. No. 1473

03/11/2013 Authored by Clark, Mariani, Bly, Masin and Johnson, S., The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Health and Human Services Policy

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to human services; establishing a pilot project for peer-to-peer supports;
1.3 appropriating money.

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

1.5 Section 1. PEER-TO-PEER SUPPORTS PILOT PROJECT.

1.6 Subdivision 1. Establishment. The commissioner of human services may approve
1.7 and implement a pilot project to redesign and improve the peer-to-peer supports
1.8 delivery system for adults with developmental disabilities who are transitioning from an
1.9 institutional living setting to a less restrictive living situation.

1.10 Subd. 2. Purpose. Anecdotal and qualitative evidence suggests that peer-to-peer
1.11 supports improve the quality of life for persons with disabilities. The peer-to-peer supports
1.12 pilot project shall quantitatively evaluate these outcomes with regard to improved quality
1.13 of life for persons with developmental disabilities including, but not limited to:

- 1.14 (1) living full and meaningful lives;
1.15 (2) participating in the community;
1.16 (3) independently choosing appropriate housing and support services;
1.17 (4) having access to transportation;
1.18 (5) finding meaningful work opportunities; and
1.19 (6) being in control of financial decisions.

1.20 Subd. 3. Duties. (a) Pilot project activities must include, but are not limited to,
1.21 peer-to-peer training on:

- 1.22 (1) individual rights;
1.23 (2) decision making;
1.24 (3) self-determination;

2.1 (4) prevention of abuse; and

2.2 (5) participation in quality assurance monitoring.

2.3 (b) The pilot project must provide:

2.4 (1) resources for peer-led training sessions and instruction on how to use these
2.5 resources; and

2.6 (2) outreach to adults with developmental disabilities who are moving from an
2.7 institutional living setting to a less restrictive living situation.

2.8 (c) The pilot project shall identify outcomes of consumer involvement in the design,
2.9 implementation, and monitoring of Minnesota's Olmstead plan.

2.10 (d) The commissioner shall enter into an agreement with a statewide disability
2.11 organization run by and for persons with developmental disabilities to operate the pilot
2.12 project and provide the services and resources described in paragraphs (a) and (b).

2.13 Subd. 4. **Report.** The commissioner shall evaluate the pilot project under this
2.14 section and submit a report to the chairs and ranking minority members of the legislative
2.15 committees with jurisdiction over health and human services policy and finance and the
2.16 Olmstead Planning Committee on January 15, 2014, and January 15, 2015. The evaluation
2.17 of the pilot project must be based on criteria that is developed by the commissioner, the
2.18 implementing organization under subdivision 3, paragraph (d), and the Olmstead Planning
2.19 Committee prior to implementing the pilot project.

2.20 Sec. 2. **APPROPRIATION.**

2.21 \$480,000 for the biennium beginning July 1, 2013, is appropriated from the general
2.22 fund to the commissioner of human services to implement the pilot project in section 1.