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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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H. F. No. 1540

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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Commerce Finance and Policy

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to commerce; establishing a Mental Health Parity and Substance Abuse
1.3 Accountability Office in the Department of Commerce; appropriating money;
1.4 proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 62Q.

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

1.6 Section 1. [62Q.465] MENTAL HEALTH PARITY AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE
1.7 ACCOUNTABILITY OFFICE.

1.8 (a) The Mental Health Parity and Substance Abuse Accountability Office is established
1.9 within the Department of Commerce to create and execute effective strategies for
1.10 implementing the requirements under:

1.11 (1) Minnesota Statutes, section 62Q.47;

1.12 (2) the federal Mental Health Parity Act of 1996, Public Law 104-204;

1.13 (3) the federal Paul Wellstone and Pete Domenici Mental Health Parity and Addiction
1.14 Equity Act of 2008, Public Law 110-343, division C, sections 511 and 512;

1.15 (4) the Affordable Care Act, as defined under section 62A.011, subdivision 1a; and

1.16 (5) amendments made to, and federal guidance or regulations issued or adopted under,
1.17 the acts listed under clauses (2) to (4).

1.18 (b) The office may oversee compliance reviews, conduct and lead stakeholder
1.19 engagement, review consumer and provider complaints, and serve as a resource for ensuring
1.20 health plan compliance with mental health and substance abuse requirements.

2.1 Sec. 2. APPROPRIATION.

2.2 \$500,000 in fiscal year 2024 is appropriated from the general fund to the commissioner
2.3 of commerce to create and operate the Mental Health Parity and Substance Abuse
2.4 Accountability Office.