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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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H. F. No. 2248

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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 sexually exploited youth; expanding the safe harbor director duties;
1.3 appropriating money for service grants and safe housing; amending Minnesota
1.4 Statutes 2013 Supplement, section 145.4716, subdivision 2.

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

1.6 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2013 Supplement, section 145.4716, subdivision 2,
1.7 is amended to read:

1.8 Subd. 2. **Duties of director.** The director of child sex trafficking prevention is
1.9 responsible for the following:

1.10 (1) developing and providing comprehensive training on sexual exploitation of
1.11 youth for social service professionals, medical professionals, public health workers, and
1.12 criminal justice professionals;

1.13 (2) collecting, organizing, maintaining, and disseminating information on sexual
1.14 exploitation and services across the state, including maintaining a list of resources on the
1.15 Department of Health Web site;

1.16 (3) monitoring and applying for federal funding for antitrafficking efforts that may
1.17 benefit victims in the state;

1.18 (4) managing grant programs established under sections 145.4716 to 145.4718;

1.19 (5) managing the request for proposals for grants for comprehensive services,
1.20 including trauma-informed, culturally specific services;

1.21 (6) identifying best practices in serving sexually exploited youth, as defined in
1.22 section 260C.007, subdivision 31;

1.23 ~~(6)~~ (7) providing oversight of and technical support to regional navigators pursuant
1.24 to section 145.4717;

2.1 ~~(7)~~ (8) conducting a comprehensive evaluation of the statewide program for safe
2.2 harbor of sexually exploited youth; and

2.3 ~~(8)~~ (9) developing a policy consistent with the requirements of chapter 13 for sharing
2.4 data related to sexually exploited youth, as defined in section 260C.007, subdivision 31,
2.5 among regional navigators and community-based advocates.

2.6 Sec. 2. **APPROPRIATIONS.**

2.7 (a) \$1,000,000 is appropriated from the general fund to the commissioner of human
2.8 services in fiscal year 2015 for the safe harbor shelter and housing fund for housing and
2.9 supportive services for youth who are sexually exploited.

2.10 (b) \$1,500,000 is appropriated from the general fund to the commissioner of health
2.11 for grants for comprehensive services, including trauma-informed, culturally specific
2.12 services, for youth who are sexually exploited.