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State of Minnesota

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NINETY-THIRD SESSION

H. F. No. 2772

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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Human Services Finance

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to health; establishing an addiction and recovery office in the Department
1.3 of Health; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 144.

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

1.5 Section 1. [144.063] YOUTH SUBSTANCE USE AND ADDICTION RECOVERY
1.6 OFFICE.

1.7 (a) The commissioner of health shall establish a Youth Substance Use and Addiction
1.8 Recovery Office to focus on preventing adolescent substance use and addiction. The
1.9 commissioner shall employ a director to lead the Youth Substance Use and Addiction
1.10 Recovery Office and staff necessary to fulfill its purpose.

1.11 (b) The director shall:

1.12 (1) make efforts to bridge mental health and substance abuse treatment silos and work
1.13 across agencies to focus the state's role and resources in preventing youth substance use
1.14 and addiction;

1.15 (2) develop and share resources on evidence-based strategies and programs for addressing
1.16 youth substance use and prevention;

1.17 (3) establish and manage external partnerships and build relationships with communities,
1.18 community leaders, and persons and organizations with direct experience with youth
1.19 substance use and addiction; and

1.20 (4) work to achieve progress on established measurable goals that track the state's efforts
1.21 in preventing substance use and addiction among the state's youth population.

2.1 Sec. 2. **APPROPRIATION; YOUTH SUBSTANCE USE AND ADDICTION**
2.2 **RECOVERY OFFICE.**

2.3 \$..... in fiscal year 2024 and \$..... in fiscal year 2025 are appropriated from the general
2.4 fund to the commissioner of health to establish the Youth Substance Use and Addiction
2.5 Recovery Office in section 1.