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H. F. No. **4536**

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

- 1.1 A bill for an act
- 1.2 relating to human services; establishing a statewide pool to assess certain
- 1.3 out-of-home placements; providing grants to certain counties for lost funding;
- 1.4 developing Family First Prevention Services Act programming; providing funding
- 1.5 for a third-party contract to ensure compliance with Family First Prevention
- 1.6 Services Act requirement; providing for Family First Prevention Services Act
- 1.7 county funding; appropriating money.
- 1.8 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:
- 1.9 Section 1. **APPROPRIATION; STATEWIDE POOL OF QUALIFIED**
- 1.10 **INDIVIDUALS.**
- 1.11 (a) \$1,300,000 in fiscal year 2023 is appropriated from the general fund to the
- 1.12 commissioner of human services for grants to one or more grantees to establish and manage
- 1.13 a pool of state-funded qualified individuals to assess potential out-of-home placement of a
- 1.14 child in a qualified residential treatment program at no cost to counties or Tribal Nations.
- 1.15 (b) Up to \$200,000 of the appropriation each fiscal year is available for grantee contracts
- 1.16 to manage the state-funded pool of qualified individuals. This amount must also pay for
- 1.17 qualified individual training, certification, and background studies.
- 1.18 (c) Any remaining funds from the appropriation not used for the grantee contracts in
- 1.19 paragraph (b) to manage the state-funded pool, training, certification, or background studies
- 1.20 must be used to provide qualified individual services to counties and Tribal Nations that
- 1.21 have joined the American Indian child welfare initiative pursuant to Minnesota Statutes,
- 1.22 section 256.01, subdivision 14b, to provide qualified residential treatment program
- 1.23 assessments at no cost to the counties or Tribal Nations.

2.1 Sec. 2. **APPROPRIATION; GRANTS TO COUNTIES FOR LOST FUNDING.**

2.2 \$..... in fiscal year 2023 is appropriated from the general fund to the commissioner of
2.3 human services for grants to counties that lost funding from Title IV-E under the Family
2.4 First Prevention Services Act (FFPSA) due to the transition to a qualified residential treatment
2.5 program model and the new requirements under the FFPSA. This is a onetime appropriation.

2.6 Sec. 3. **APPROPRIATION; DEVELOP FAMILY FIRST PREVENTION SERVICES**
2.7 **ACT PROGRAMMING.**

2.8 (a) \$..... in fiscal year 2023 is appropriated from the general fund to the commissioner
2.9 of human services to develop and implement programming identified in the Family First
2.10 Prevention Services Act prevention plan, including but not limited to parents as teachers,
2.11 motivational interviewing, and kinship navigation programming focusing on priority areas
2.12 of need. \$..... of the appropriation is for counties and Tribal Nations to implement the
2.13 programming in this section. Of the remaining appropriation, up to five percent may be
2.14 used by the commissioner for administrative costs. This is a onetime appropriation.

2.15 (b) Counties and Tribal Nations may use the programming implementation funding for:

2.16 (1) training;

2.17 (2) preparing curriculum;

2.18 (3) travel costs for staff; and

2.19 (4) other related purposes as determined by the commissioner.

2.20 Sec. 4. **APPROPRIATION; THIRD-PARTY CONTRACT FOR FAMILY FIRST**
2.21 **PREVENTION SERVICES ACT REQUIREMENTS.**

2.22 \$..... in fiscal year 2023 is appropriated from the general fund to the commissioner of
2.23 human services to contract with a third party to ensure the federal requirements under the
2.24 Family First Prevention Services Act for evaluation, fidelity monitoring, and continuous
2.25 quality improvement are met. This is a onetime appropriation and is available until June
2.26 30, 2025.

2.27 Sec. 5. **APPROPRIATION; FAMILY FIRST PREVENTION SERVICES ACT**
2.28 **COUNTY FUNDING.**

2.29 (a) \$..... in fiscal year 2023 is appropriated from the general fund to the commissioner
2.30 of human services for grants to counties and Tribal Nations to develop local infrastructure

3.1 that meets the requirements under the Family First Prevention Services Act for evaluation,
3.2 fidelity monitoring, and continuous quality improvement.

3.3 (b) Counties and Tribal Nations may use the funding for at least one of the following
3.4 purposes:

3.5 (1) data collection;

3.6 (2) program development;

3.7 (3) administrative or staffing support;

3.8 (4) community engagement; and

3.9 (5) training.