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Introduction and first reading  
Referred to Human Services Reform Finance and Policy

1.1 A bill for an act  
1.2 relating to human services; appropriating money for a Somali mental health pilot  
1.3 project; requiring a report.

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

1.5 Section 1. APPROPRIATION; SOMALI MENTAL HEALTH PILOT PROJECT.

1.6 (a) \$450,000 in fiscal year 2020 is appropriated from the general fund to the commissioner  
1.7 of human services for a grant to the Intercultural Mutual Assistance Association for a pilot  
1.8 project in Rochester to provide mental health education and support services to Somali  
1.9 students and mothers. The Intercultural Mutual Assistance Association will partner with  
1.10 the Rochester STEM Academy, Rochester Math and Science Academy, the Somali Rebuild  
1.11 Organization, and NAMI of Southeast Minnesota to implement the pilot project.

1.12 (b) As part of the pilot project, the Intercultural Mutual Assistance Association and its  
1.13 partners shall:

1.14 (1) expand a Dialectical Behavioral Therapy Skills in Schools pilot program for ten or  
1.15 more additional students attending the Rochester Math and Science Academy, and offer the  
1.16 program annually;

1.17 (2) develop and provide a Dialectical Behavioral Therapy Skills in Schools program for  
1.18 ten or more high school students attending the Rochester STEM Academy;

1.19 (3) develop and provide an educational program at the Rochester STEM Academy and  
1.20 Rochester Math and Science Academy to build resiliency skills and improve students' social  
1.21 and emotional development; and

2.1 (4) establish a discussion group for mothers of students attending the Rochester STEM  
2.2 Academy and Rochester Math and Science Academy, in order to promote physical and  
2.3 emotional wellness.

2.4 (c) Grant funds may be used for pilot program development and implementation, staffing,  
2.5 training, and administrative costs.

2.6 (d) By January 15, 2021, the Intercultural Mutual Assistance Association must submit  
2.7 a report to the chairs and ranking minority members of the committees of the house of  
2.8 representatives and the senate with jurisdiction over mental health detailing the results of  
2.9 the pilot project. This is a onetime appropriation.