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State of Minnesota
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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H. F. No. 1228

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

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to human services; directing the commissioner of human services to seek
1.3 federal waivers and approvals for a residential campus program for individuals
1.4 with autism spectrum disorder; appropriating money.

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

1.6 Section 1. **DIRECTION TO COMMISSIONER; WAIVER REQUEST.**

1.7 (a) The commissioner of human services, in consultation with stakeholders, shall
1.8 request from the federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services all waivers and
1.9 approvals necessary to create and fund a residential campus program to serve individuals
1.10 who are diagnosed with autism spectrum disorder as defined by diagnostic code 299.00
1.11 in the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders (DSM-V), and who are
1.12 able to live in a supported housing environment that provides 24-hour supervision. The
1.13 program must:

1.14 (1) provide continuous on-site supervision;

1.15 (2) provide sensory or other therapeutic programming as appropriate for each
1.16 resident; and

1.17 (3) incorporate independent living skills, socialization skills, and vocational skills,
1.18 as appropriate for each resident.

1.19 (b) The commissioner shall submit the request to the federal Centers for Medicare
1.20 and Medicaid Services no later than January 1, 2016.

1.21 Sec. 2. **APPROPRIATION; INDIVIDUALS WITH AUTISM SPECTRUM**
1.22 **DISORDER.**

2.1 (a) \$250,000 is appropriated in fiscal year 2016 from the general fund to the
2.2 commissioner of human services to meet the needs of individuals diagnosed with autism
2.3 spectrum disorder. This appropriation may be used to:

2.4 (1) create a best practices curriculum for serving individuals with autism spectrum
2.5 disorder in residential placements with therapeutic programming;

2.6 (2) conduct workshops around the state to provide best practices training to autism
2.7 service providers;

2.8 (3) create a tiered service plan with outcomes for autism service providers;

2.9 (4) assess and monitor the progress of the foster care for individuals with autism
2.10 program under Laws 2012, chapter 247, article 5, section 7; and

2.11 (5) commission an informational documentary to be produced through Twin Cities
2.12 Public Television and aired on the Minnesota Channel for three years. This video must be
2.13 made available to providers throughout the state as part of the training curriculum.

2.14 (b) The commissioner may contract with a third party to complete one or more of
2.15 the activities under paragraph (a).

2.16 (c) Any unexpended balance in the first year carries forward to the second year of
2.17 the biennium. This is a onetime appropriation.