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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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

03/13/2014

Adoption of Report: Amended and re-referred to the Committee on Health and Human Services Finance

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A bill for an act

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relating to human services; establishing a training program to clarify and

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interpret the Civil Commitment Act as it pertains to persons with mental illness;

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appropriating money.

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

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Section 1. **APPROPRIATION.**

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\$35,000 is appropriated from the general fund in fiscal year 2015 to the commissioner

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of human services to develop an online training program for interested individuals and

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personnel, specifically county and hospital staff and mental health providers, to understand,

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clarify, and interpret the Civil Commitment Act under Minnesota Statutes, chapter 253B, as

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it pertains to persons with mental illnesses. The training must be developed in collaboration

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with the ombudsman for mental health and developmental disabilities, Minnesota County

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Attorneys Association, National Alliance on Mental Illness of Minnesota, Mental Health

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Consumer/Survivor Network of Minnesota, Mental Health Association, Minnesota

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Psychiatric Society, Hennepin Commitment Defense Panel, Minnesota Disability Law

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Center, Minnesota Association of Community Mental Health Programs, Minnesota

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Hospital Association, and Minnesota Board of Public Defense. The purpose of the training

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is to promote better clarity and interpretation of the civil commitment laws.