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H. F. No. 1767

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

A bill for an act

relating to human services; providing grant funds for nontraditional counseling services; appropriating money.

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

Section 1. **APPROPRIATIONS.**

(a) \$750,000 is appropriated for the 2016-2017 biennium from the general fund to the commissioner of human services for three grants under paragraphs (b) to (d) for service providers in Hennepin County that provide critical services that are nontraditional for specific underserved populations. The providers of these services receive either no public funding or inadequate public funding under the existing health and human services network. Funds are available until expended.

(b) \$250,000 is for services provided at a family nurturing center that works with families at risk of child abuse and neglect by offering effective parenting education, support, and skill development to offset issues related to intergenerational poverty, racial disparities, chaos, and trauma experienced by families living in the Minneapolis Phillips neighborhood and surrounding communities. The center provides an early education program for children and provides a positive learning environment and a strong foundation for future learning, at no cost to income-qualifying families.

(c) \$250,000 is for counseling services for teens and young adults experiencing homelessness or without adequate adult care or family resources, including supportive services and counseling related to depression, suicide, anxiety, school failure, and chemical abuse.

(d) \$250,000 is for services provided at a walk-in counseling center for adults and youth whose social and emotional problems, frequently evolving from experiences of

- 2.1 abuse, childhood trauma, and inadequate family and social support, are serious obstacles
2.2 in their lives. The counseling service provides free, anonymous, no-appointment-needed
2.3 services for individuals who cannot afford deductibles, premiums, or co-pays.