

A bill for an act
relating to human services; directing the commissioner of human services to
allocate permanent funding for Minnesota Faith in Action; proposing coding for
new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 256.

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

Section 1. **[256.9761] COMMISSIONER TO ALLOCATE FUNDING;
MINNESOTA FAITH IN ACTION.**

Subdivision 1. **Appropriation.** The commissioner of human services shall annually
allocate \$600,000 from the department's existing budget to support up to 30 existing Faith
in Action volunteer groups in the state not currently receiving ongoing state support at
\$20,000 per group. The commissioner shall allocate the funding by issuing up to \$300,000
semiannually to Minnesota Faith in Action, to be distributed to the Faith in Action
volunteer groups selected through a request for proposals process jointly agreed to with
the commissioner. These funds must be used to support seniors, the disabled, or persons
with long-term illnesses in areas of: transportation, home modifications, chores, friendly
visiting, and respite care. Services performed must be secular in nature.

Subd. 2. **Report.** The Faith in Action groups selected are required to report
quarterly to the commissioner of human services as to (1) number of persons served by the
funds, and (2) types of services provided. The commissioner reserves the right to cancel
funding to any group at any time the commissioner determines the funds are not being
spent in accordance with this section. The performance of the selected Faith in Action
groups must be evaluated jointly and be used as a future funding criterion. This funding
must be available on an ongoing basis to support the activities in this section. For purposes
of this section, "Minnesota Faith in Action" is the state association of Faith in Action and

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- 2.1 is a 501(c)(3) corporation. A participating Faith in Action volunteer group must be a
- 2.2 501(c)(3) corporation or have a fiscal host that is a 501(c)(3) corporation.