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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Children and Families Finance and Policy
Adoption of Report: Amended and re-referred to the Committee on Ways and Means

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A bill for an act

relating to child protection; directing the commissioner to make recommendations

for paperwork reduction relating to child protection cases; appropriating money

to improve the Social Services Information System.

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

Section 1. **DIRECTION TO COMMISSIONER; PAPERWORK REDUCTION FOR**

CHILD PROTECTION CASES.

By January 15, 2026, the commissioner of children, youth, and families in partnership

with counties and local social services agencies, and in consultation with Minnesota's Tribal

governments, shall develop a plan to streamline and minimize required paperwork for child

protection cases. The plan must include a summary of proposed changes to current practice,

a proposed timeline to implement the changes, and procedures for soliciting ongoing input

regarding implementation from counties and Minnesota's Tribal governments. The procedures

for soliciting ongoing input must include a method of incorporating the input into the

implementation of the changes and ensuring that the planned improvements maximize

benefits and utility for children in placement, foster care providers, Tribes, counties, and

private child placing agencies.

Sec. 2. **APPROPRIATION; DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND**

FAMILIES INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY SYSTEMS IMPROVEMENTS.

\$40,000,000 in fiscal year 2026 is appropriated from the general fund to the commissioner

of children, youth, and families for improvements to the Social Services Information System.

This is a onetime appropriation.