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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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H. F. No. 4438

03/18/2026 Authored by Bierman and Huot The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Health Finance and Policy

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to health; changing reporting provisions for the suicide prevention plan
1.3 and 988 Lifeline; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, sections 145.56, subdivision
1.4 5; 145.561, subdivision 2.

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

1.6 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 145.56, subdivision 5, is amended to read:

1.7 Subd. 5. Periodic evaluations; biennial reports. To the extent funds are appropriated
1.8 for the purposes of this subdivision, the commissioner shall conduct periodic evaluations
1.9 of the impact of and outcomes from implementation of the state's suicide prevention plan
1.10 and each of the activities specified in this section. By July 1, 2002, and On July 1 of each
1.11 even-numbered year thereafter, the commissioner shall report the results of these evaluations
1.12 to the chairs of the policy and finance committees in the house of representatives and senate
1.13 with jurisdiction over health and human services issues.

1.14 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 145.561, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

1.15 Subd. 2. 988 Lifeline. (a) The commissioner shall administer the designation of and
1.16 oversight for a 988 Lifeline center or a network of 988 Lifeline centers to answer contacts
1.17 from individuals accessing the Suicide and Crisis Lifeline from any jurisdiction within the
1.18 state 24 hours per day, seven days per week.

1.19 (b) The designated 988 Lifeline Center must:

1.20 (1) have an active agreement with the 988 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline program for
1.21 participation in the network and the department;

2.1 (2) meet the 988 Lifeline program requirements and best practice guidelines for  
2.2 operational and clinical standards;

2.3 (3) provide data and reports, and participate in evaluations and related quality  
2.4 improvement activities as required by the 988 Lifeline program and the department;

2.5 (4) identify or adapt technology that is demonstrated to be interoperable across mobile  
2.6 crisis and public safety answering points used in the state for the purpose of crisis care  
2.7 coordination;

2.8 (5) facilitate crisis and outgoing services, including mobile crisis teams in accordance  
2.9 with guidelines established by the 988 Lifeline program and the department;

2.10 (6) actively collaborate and coordinate service linkages with mental health and substance  
2.11 use disorder treatment providers, local community mental health centers including certified  
2.12 community behavioral health clinics and community behavioral health centers, mobile crisis  
2.13 teams, and community based and hospital emergency departments;

2.14 (7) offer follow-up services to individuals accessing the 988 Lifeline Center that are  
2.15 consistent with guidance established by the 988 Lifeline program and the department; and

2.16 (8) meet the requirements set by the 988 Lifeline program and the department for serving  
2.17 at-risk and specialized populations.

2.18 (c) The commissioner shall adopt rules to allow appropriate information sharing and  
2.19 communication between and across crisis and emergency response systems.

2.20 (d) The commissioner, having primary oversight of suicide prevention, shall work with  
2.21 the 988 Lifeline program, veterans crisis line, and other SAMHSA-approved networks for  
2.22 the purpose of ensuring consistency of public messaging about 988 services.

2.23 (e) The commissioner shall work with representatives from 988 Lifeline Centers and  
2.24 public safety answering points, other public safety agencies, and the commissioner of public  
2.25 safety to facilitate the development of protocols and procedures for interactions between  
2.26 988 and 911 services across Minnesota. Protocols and procedures shall be developed  
2.27 following available national standards and guidelines.

2.28 (f) The commissioner shall provide ~~an annual~~ a biennial public report on 988 Lifeline  
2.29 usage by July 1 of each even-numbered year, including data on answer rates, abandoned  
2.30 calls, and referrals to 911 emergency response. The biennial report may be included as a  
2.31 section within the state suicide prevention report required under section 145.56.