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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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H. F. No. 1575

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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Public Safety and Criminal Justice Reform Finance and Policy Division

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to corrections; authorizing a jail to share certain inmate mental illness
1.3 information with a local county social services agency; amending Minnesota
1.4 Statutes 2018, sections 13.851, by adding a subdivision; 641.15, subdivision 3a.

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

1.6 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 13.851, is amended by adding a subdivision
1.7 to read:

1.8 Subd. 12. Mental health screening. The treatment of data collected by a sheriff or local
1.9 corrections agency related to individuals who may have a mental illness is governed by
1.10 section 641.15, subdivision 3a.

1.11 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 641.15, subdivision 3a, is amended to read:

1.12 Subd. 3a. Intake procedure; approved mental health screening. As part of its intake
1.13 procedure for new prisoners inmates, the sheriff or local corrections shall use a mental health
1.14 screening tool approved by the commissioner of corrections in consultation with the
1.15 commissioner of human services and local corrections staff to identify persons who may
1.16 have mental illness. Names of persons who have screened positive or may have a mental
1.17 illness may be shared with the local county social services agency. The jail may refer an
1.18 offender to county personnel of the welfare system, as defined in section 13.46, subdivision
1.19 1, paragraph (c), in order to arrange for services upon discharge and may share private data
1.20 on the offender as necessary to:

1.21 (1) provide assistance in filling out an application for medical assistance or
1.22 MinnesotaCare;

- 2.1 (2) make a referral for case management as provided under section 245.467, subdivision  
2.2 4;
- 2.3 (3) provide assistance in obtaining a state photo identification;
- 2.4 (4) secure a timely appointment with a psychiatrist or other appropriate community  
2.5 mental health provider;
- 2.6 (5) provide prescriptions for a 30-day supply of all necessary medications; or
- 2.7 (6) coordinate behavioral health services.