

A bill for an act
relating to human services; restoring senior nutrition funding; providing senior
nutrition grants to serve certain populations; appropriating money.

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

Section 1. **SENIOR NUTRITION FUNDING.**

Subdivision 1. **Increase in base funding.** \$822,000 is appropriated from the general
fund to the commissioner of human services for the biennium ending June 30, 2009, to
restore funding for senior nutrition programs under Minnesota Statutes, section 256.9752.
This funding shall become part of the base funding for senior nutrition programs for the
biennium beginning July 1, 2009.

Subd. 2. **Targeted grants.** \$200,000 is appropriated from the general fund to the
commissioner of human services for the biennium ending June 30, 2009, to be used to
provide two-year grants to senior nutrition programs to fund innovative methods of
delivering services to: (1) persons facing language or cultural barriers in accessing
services; (2) persons with special diets; (3) persons living in isolated rural areas; and (4)
other hard-to-serve populations. Grants may be renewed for additional two-year periods,
if the commissioner of human services determines that a grant recipient has significantly
increased access to services for a hard-to-serve population. This funding shall become part
of the base funding for senior nutrition programs for the biennium beginning July 1, 2009.