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H. F. No. 713

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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Health and Human Services Reform
02/09/2017 Adoption of Report: Re-referred to the Committee on Public Safety and Security Policy and Finance

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to health; requiring a statewide sex trafficking victims strategic plan and
1.3 report; appropriating money.

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

1.5 Section 1. **SAFE HARBOR FOR ALL; STATEWIDE SEX TRAFFICKING VICTIMS**
1.6 **STRATEGIC PLAN.**

1.7 (a) By October 1, 2018, the commissioner of health, in consultation with the
1.8 commissioners of public safety and human services, shall develop a comprehensive strategic
1.9 plan to address the needs of sex trafficking victims statewide.

1.10 (b) In developing the plan, the commissioner of health shall seek recommendations from
1.11 professionals, community members, and stakeholders from across the state, with an emphasis
1.12 on the communities most impacted by sex trafficking. At a minimum, the commissioner
1.13 must seek input from the following groups: sex trafficking survivors and their family
1.14 members, statewide crime victim services coalitions, victim services providers, nonprofit
1.15 organizations, task forces, prosecutors, public defenders, tribal governments, public safety
1.16 and corrections professionals, public health professionals, human services professionals,
1.17 and impacted community members.

1.18 (c) By January 15, 2019, the commissioner of health shall report to the chairs and ranking
1.19 minority members of the legislative committees with jurisdiction over health and human
1.20 services and criminal justice finance and policy on developing the statewide strategic plan,
1.21 including recommendations for additional legislation and funding. The report must contain
1.22 policy considerations regarding decriminalization of Minnesota Statutes, section 609.324,
1.23 subdivisions 6 and 7.

2.1 (d) As used in this section, "sex trafficking victim" has the meaning given in Minnesota
2.2 Statutes, section 609.321, subdivision 7b.

2.3 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 1, 2017.

2.4 Sec. 2. **APPROPRIATION; SAFE HARBOR FOR ALL MODEL.**

2.5 \$75,000 in fiscal year 2018 is appropriated from the general fund to the commissioner
2.6 of health to develop the statewide strategic plan and report required under section 1.