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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Health and Human Services Reform
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- 02/22/2017 Adoption of Report: Re-referred to the Committee on Health and Human Services Finance

1.1 A bill for an act

1.2 relating to health; modifying duties of the director of child sex trafficking

1.3 prevention; transferring certain forfeited money from the commissioner of public

1.4 safety to the commissioner of health; appropriating money for shelter, services,

1.5 and other activities for sexually exploited youth and youth at risk of sexual

1.6 exploitation; amending Minnesota Statutes 2016, sections 145.4716, subdivision

1.7 2; 609.5315, subdivision 5c.

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

1.9 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 145.4716, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

1.10 Subd. 2. **Duties of director.** The director of child sex trafficking prevention is responsible

1.11 for the following:

1.12 (1) developing and providing comprehensive training on sexual exploitation of youth

1.13 for social service professionals, medical professionals, public health workers, and criminal

1.14 justice professionals;

1.15 (2) collecting, organizing, maintaining, and disseminating information on sexual

1.16 exploitation and services across the state, including maintaining a list of resources on the

1.17 Department of Health Web site;

1.18 (3) monitoring and applying for federal funding for antitrafficking efforts that may

1.19 benefit victims in the state;

1.20 (4) managing grant programs established under sections 145.4716 to 145.4718, ~~and~~;

1.21 609.3241, paragraph (c), clause (3); and 609.5315, subdivision 5c, clause (3);

1.22 (5) managing the request for proposals for grants for comprehensive services, including

1.23 trauma-informed, culturally specific services;

2.1 (6) identifying best practices in serving sexually exploited youth, as defined in section
2.2 260C.007, subdivision 31;

2.3 (7) providing oversight of and technical support to regional navigators pursuant to section
2.4 145.4717;

2.5 (8) conducting a comprehensive evaluation of the statewide program for safe harbor of
2.6 sexually exploited youth; and

2.7 (9) developing a policy consistent with the requirements of chapter 13 for sharing data
2.8 related to sexually exploited youth, as defined in section 260C.007, subdivision 31, among
2.9 regional navigators and community-based advocates.

2.10 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 609.5315, subdivision 5c, is amended to read:

2.11 Subd. 5c. **Disposition of money; prostitution.** Money forfeited under section 609.5312,
2.12 subdivision 1, paragraph (b), must be distributed as follows:

2.13 (1) 40 percent must be forwarded to the appropriate agency for deposit as a supplement
2.14 to the agency's operating fund or similar fund for use in law enforcement;

2.15 (2) 20 percent must be forwarded to the prosecuting authority that handled the forfeiture
2.16 for deposit as a supplement to its operating fund or similar fund for prosecutorial purposes;
2.17 and

2.18 (3) the remaining 40 percent must be forwarded to the commissioner of ~~public safety~~
2.19 health to be deposited in the safe harbor for youth account in the special revenue fund and
2.20 is appropriated to the commissioner for distribution to crime victims services organizations
2.21 that provide services to sexually exploited youth, as defined in section 260C.007, subdivision
2.22 31.

2.23 Sec. 3. **APPROPRIATIONS; SEXUALLY EXPLOITED YOUTH AND YOUTH AT**
2.24 **RISK OF SEXUAL EXPLOITATION.**

2.25 Subdivision 1. Commissioner of human services. (a) \$500,000 in fiscal year 2018 and
2.26 \$500,000 in fiscal year 2019 are appropriated from the general fund to the commissioner
2.27 of human services for emergency shelter and transitional and long-term housing beds for
2.28 sexually exploited youth and youth at risk of sexual exploitation.

2.29 (b) \$100,000 in fiscal year 2018 and \$100,000 in fiscal year 2019 are appropriated from
2.30 the general fund to the commissioner of human services for statewide youth outreach workers

3.1 connecting sexually exploited youth and youth at risk of sexual exploitation with shelter
3.2 and services.

3.3 (c) Youth 24 years of age or younger are eligible for shelter, housing beds, and services
3.4 under this subdivision. In funding shelter, housing beds, and outreach workers under this
3.5 subdivision, the commissioner shall emphasize activities that promote capacity-building
3.6 and development of resources in greater Minnesota.

3.7 Subd. 2. **Commissioner of health.** (a) \$325,000 in fiscal year 2018 and \$325,000 in
3.8 fiscal year 2019 are appropriated from the general fund to the commissioner of health for
3.9 trauma-informed, culturally specific services for sexually exploited youth. Youth 24 years
3.10 of age or younger are eligible for services under this paragraph.

3.11 (b) \$225,000 in fiscal year 2018 and \$225,000 in fiscal year 2019 are appropriated from
3.12 the general fund to the commissioner of health for training, technical assistance, protocol
3.13 implementation, and evaluation activities related to the safe harbor program. Of these
3.14 appropriations:

3.15 (1) \$100,000 each fiscal year is for providing training and technical assistance to
3.16 individuals and organizations that provide safe harbor services and receive funds for that
3.17 purpose from the commissioner of human services or commissioner of health;

3.18 (2) \$100,000 each fiscal year is for protocol implementation, which includes providing
3.19 technical assistance in establishing best practices-based systems for effectively identifying,
3.20 interacting with, and referring sexually exploited youth to appropriate resources; and

3.21 (3) \$25,000 each fiscal year is for program evaluation activities in compliance with
3.22 Minnesota Statutes, section 145.4718.

3.23 (c) In funding services and activities under this subdivision, the commissioner shall
3.24 emphasize activities that promote capacity-building and development of resources in greater
3.25 Minnesota.