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Introduction and first reading
Referred to Transportation Finance and Policy

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1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to transportation; authorizing a pilot program to provide transit passes for
1.3 social services organizations; requiring a report.

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

1.5 Section 1. **SOCIAL SERVICES TRANSIT PASS PILOT PROGRAM.**

1.6 Subdivision 1. Pilot program authorized. (a) Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes,
1.7 section 473.408, the Metropolitan Council may offer passes for free transit service to political
1.8 subdivisions and organizations that provide direct social services, social services outreach,
1.9 or referrals to social services providers, including services for homelessness, mental health,
1.10 and chemical dependency.

1.11 (b) A pass under this subdivision may only be used while the person is performing social
1.12 services for individuals who are using the transit system.

1.13 Subd. 2. Expiration. The authority under subdivision 1 expires the later of (1) one year
1.14 after the council commences offering the passes, or (2) December 31, 2020.

1.15 Subd. 3. Legislative report. If the Metropolitan Council offers transit passes as provided
1.16 in subdivision 1, the Metropolitan Council must submit by December 31, 2021, a report to
1.17 the chairs, ranking minority members, and staff of the legislative committees with jurisdiction
1.18 over transportation policy and finance and to the members of the Legislative Commission
1.19 on Metropolitan Government regarding the social services transit pass pilot program. At a
1.20 minimum, the report must include an overview of the pilot program, a review of social
1.21 services activity and its impacts or effectiveness, and recommendations on continuing to
1.22 offer the passes.

- 2.1 **EFFECTIVE DATE; APPLICATION.** This section is effective the day following
- 2.2 final enactment, and applies in the counties of Anoka, Carver, Dakota, Hennepin, Ramsey,
- 2.3 Scott, and Washington.