

State of Minnesota

H. F. No. **1659**

1.1 A bill for an act

1.2 relating to health; appropriating money for shelter, services, and other activities

1.3 for sexually exploited youth and youth at risk of sexual exploitation.

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

1.5 Section 1. **APPROPRIATIONS; SEXUALLY EXPLOITED YOUTH AND YOUTH**

1.6 **AT RISK OF SEXUAL EXPLOITATION.**

1.7 Subdivision 1. **Commissioner of human services.** (a) \$1,000,000 in fiscal year 2020

1.8 and \$1,000,000 in fiscal year 2021 are appropriated from the general fund to the

1.9 commissioner of human services for emergency shelter and transitional and long-term

1.10 housing beds for sexually exploited youth and youth at risk of sexual exploitation.

1.11 (b) \$50,000 in fiscal year 2020 and \$50,000 in fiscal year 2021 are appropriated from

1.12 the general fund to the commissioner of human services for training and technical assistance.

1.13 (c) \$100,000 in fiscal year 2020 and \$100,000 in fiscal year 2021 are appropriated from

1.14 the general fund to the commissioner of human services for a full-time equivalent position

1.15 to support Safe Harbor grant administration and monitoring, training, and technical assistance.

1.16 (d) Youth 24 years of age or younger are eligible for shelter, housing, and services under

1.17 this subdivision. In funding shelter and housing under this subdivision, the commissioner

1.18 shall emphasize activities that promote capacity-building and development of resources in

1.19 greater Minnesota.

1.20 Subd. 2. **Commissioner of health.** (a) \$700,000 in fiscal year 2020 and \$700,000 in

1.21 fiscal year 2021 are appropriated from the general fund to the commissioner of health for

2.1 trauma-informed, culturally specific services for sexually exploited youth. Youth 24 years
2.2 of age or younger are eligible for services under this paragraph.

2.3 (b) \$150,000 in fiscal year 2020 and \$150,000 in fiscal year 2021 are appropriated from
2.4 the general fund to the commissioner of health for training, technical assistance, protocol
2.5 implementation, and evaluation activities related to the Safe Harbor program. Of these
2.6 appropriations:

2.7 (1) \$50,000 each fiscal year is for training and protocol implementation activities; and

2.8 (2) \$100,000 each fiscal year is for an independent academic evaluation of the Safe
2.9 Harbor No Wrong Door Response which would include establishing the prevalence of sex
2.10 trafficking within Minnesota, effectiveness and outcomes of the Safe Harbor No Wrong
2.11 Door Response along with recommendations on strengths and areas for growth, and
2.12 improvement of the Safe Harbor No Wrong Door Response.