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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NINETY-SECOND SESSION

H. F. No. 3217

1.1   A bill for an act

1.2   relating to agriculture; protecting data about individuals who seek mental or
1.3   behavioral health assistance or who contact the Minnesota Farm and Rural Helpline;
1.4   amending Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 13.643, by adding a subdivision.

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

1.6   Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 13.643, is amended by adding a subdivision

1.7   to read:

1.8   Subd. 8. **Mental or behavioral health data.** (a) The following data collected and

1.9   maintained by the Department of Agriculture, Minnesota State Colleges and Universities,

1.10   and any other pass-through recipients about any individual who seeks assistance with a

1.11   mental or behavioral health issue or who contacts the Minnesota Farm and Rural Helpline

1.12   are private or nonpublic:

1.13   (1) data that identify the individual; and

1.14   (2) data provided by the individual identifying another person.

1.15   (b) The Department of Agriculture, Minnesota State Colleges and Universities, and any

1.16   other pass-through recipients may release data collected under this subdivision to appropriate

1.17   parties in connection with an emergency if knowledge of the data is necessary to protect

1.18   the health or safety of any person.

1.19   **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.

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