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H. F. No. 474

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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to public safety; establishing a pilot project for enhanced community
1.3 supervision of individuals on probation, parole, supervised release, or pretrial
1.4 status who are struggling with mental illness and at heightened risk to recidivate;
1.5 creating a multidisciplinary caseload management team providing community-based
1.6 mental health treatment alternatives to incarceration; appropriating money.

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

1.8 Section 1. **SPECIALIZED MENTAL HEALTH COMMUNITY SUPERVISION.**

1.9 Subdivision 1. **Authorization.** The commissioner of corrections shall award a grant to
1.10 Anoka County to develop and implement a pilot project to evaluate the impact of a
1.11 coordinated, multidisciplinary service delivery approach for offenders on probation, parole,
1.12 supervised release, or pretrial status struggling with mental illness in the community. The
1.13 pilot project is from July 1, 2019, to June 30, 2020.

1.14 Subd. 2. **Pilot project goals and design.** (a) The pilot project must provide enhanced
1.15 assessment, case management, treatment services, and community supervision for criminal
1.16 justice clients with mental illness struggling to manage symptoms and behavior resulting
1.17 in heightened risk to harm self or others, recidivate, commit violations of supervision, or
1.18 face incarceration or reincarceration.

1.19 (b) The goals of the pilot project are to:

1.20 (1) improve mental health service delivery and supervision coordination through
1.21 establishment of a multidisciplinary caseload management team that must include at least
1.22 one probation officer and social services professional who share case management
1.23 responsibilities;

2.1 (2) provide expedited assessment, diagnosis, and community-based treatment and
2.2 programming for acute symptom and behavior management;

2.3 (3) enhance community supervision through a specialized caseload and team specifically
2.4 trained to work with individuals with mental illness;

2.5 (4) offer community-based mental health treatment and programming alternatives to jail
2.6 or prison incarceration if available and appropriate;

2.7 (5) reduce the number of incarceration days related to unmanaged mental illness and
2.8 technical violations;

2.9 (6) eliminate or reduce duplication of services between county social services and
2.10 corrections; and

2.11 (7) improve collaboration and reduce barriers among criminal justice-system partners,
2.12 county social services, and community service providers.

2.13 Subd. 3. **Target population.** The target population of the pilot project is:

2.14 (1) adult offenders on probation, parole, supervised release, or pretrial status assessed
2.15 with significant or unmanaged mental illness or acute symptoms who may pose a risk to
2.16 self or others, increased risk to recidivate, or commit technical violations of supervision;

2.17 (2) adult offenders receiving county social service case management for mental illness
2.18 and under correctional supervision in Anoka County; and

2.19 (3) adult offenders incarcerated in jail with significant or unmanaged mental illness who
2.20 may be safely treated in a community setting under correctional supervision.

2.21 Subd. 4. **Evaluation and report.** By October 1, 2020, Anoka County must report to the
2.22 commissioner of corrections on the impact and outcomes of the project.

2.23 Sec. 2. **APPROPRIATION.**

2.24 \$..... in fiscal year 2020 is appropriated from the general fund to the commissioner of
2.25 corrections to award a grant to Anoka County for establishment of a mental health community
2.26 supervision caseload pilot project under section 1.