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State of Minnesota

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NINETY-SECOND SESSION

H. F. No. 4797

04/21/2022 Authored by Boldon The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Human Services Finance and Policy

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to human services; funding a grant for a Somali mental health pilot project;
1.3 requiring a report; appropriating money.

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

1.5 Section 1. APPROPRIATION; SOMALI MENTAL HEALTH PILOT PROJECT.

1.6 (a) \$900,000 in fiscal year 2022 and \$900,000 in fiscal year 2023 are appropriated from
1.7 the general fund to the commissioner of human services for a grant to the Intercultural
1.8 Mutual Assistance Association for a pilot project in Rochester to provide mental health
1.9 education and support services to Somali students and mothers. This is a onetime
1.10 appropriation. The Intercultural Mutual Assistance Association will partner with the
1.11 Rochester Math and Science Academy and the Somali American Social Service Association
1.12 to implement the pilot project.

1.13 (b) As part of the pilot project, the Intercultural Mutual Assistance Association and its
1.14 partners shall:

1.15 (1) expand a dialectical behavioral therapy skills in schools pilot program for 20 or more
1.16 additional students attending the Rochester Math and Science Academy and offer the program
1.17 annually;

1.18 (2) develop and provide an educational program at the Rochester Math and Science
1.19 Academy to build resiliency skills and improve students' social and emotional development;

1.20 (3) establish a discussion group for mothers of students attending the Rochester Math
1.21 and Science Academy in order to promote physical and emotional wellness;

- 2.1 (4) use grant funds for pilot program development and implementation, staffing, training,
- 2.2 and administrative costs; and
- 2.3 (5) by January 15, 2024, submit a report to the chairs and ranking minority members of
- 2.4 the legislative committees with jurisdiction over mental health detailing the results of the
- 2.5 pilot project.