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DATE	D-PG	OFFICIAL STATUS
02/25/2019	536	Introduction and first reading
		Referred to State Government Finance and Policy and Elections
03/07/2019	657	Comm report: To pass and re-referred to Health and Human Services Finance and Policy

1.1 A bill for an act

1.2 relating to human services; requiring evaluation of grant programs; requiring

1.3 reports; amending Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 16A.055, subdivision 1a.

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

1.5 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 16A.055, subdivision 1a, is amended to read:

1.6 Subd. 1a. **Additional duties.** The commissioner may assist state agencies by providing

1.7 analytical, statistical, program evaluation using experimental or quasi-experimental design,

1.8 and organizational development services to state agencies in order to assist the agency to

1.9 achieve the agency's mission and to operate efficiently and effectively.

1.10 Sec. 2. **RESULTS FIRST EVALUATION OF GRANT PROGRAMS;**

1.11 **EVIDENCE-BASED PRACTICES.**

1.12 In consultation with the commissioner of management and budget, the commissioner

1.13 of human services shall establish a schedule to review each grant program administered by

1.14 the commissioner of human services to determine if the grant must be evaluated to determine

1.15 whether the grant uses or promotes evidence-based practices, theory-based practices, or

1.16 promising practices. Within available appropriations, the commissioner of human services,

1.17 in consultation with the commissioner of management and budget, shall identify grant

1.18 programs that an evaluation using an experimental or quasi-experimental design would

1.19 provide information necessary to promote evidence-based practices to improve the intended

1.20 outcomes of the grant. The evaluation process must include an analysis of programs or

1.21 activities that are theory-based or promising practices and the development of plans to

1.22 evaluate the theory-based or promising practices to develop an inventory of evidence-based

2.1 practices to use in future grant awards. The commissioner of human services, in consultation  
2.2 with the commissioner of management and budget, shall develop reports for the legislature  
2.3 and other stakeholders to provide information on incorporating evidence-based practices  
2.4 in program and budget decisions. The commissioner of management and budget, under  
2.5 Minnesota Statutes, section 15.08, may obtain additional relevant data to support the  
2.6 evaluation activities under this section.