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Introduction and first reading
Referred to Human Services Reform Finance and Policy

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to child protection; modifying agency responsibility for assessing and
1.3 investigating child maltreatment allegations; appropriating money; amending
1.4 Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 626.556, subdivision 3c.

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

1.6 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 626.556, subdivision 3c, is amended to read:

1.7 Subd. 3c. **Local welfare agency, Department of Human Services or Department of**
1.8 **Health responsible for assessing or investigating reports of maltreatment.** (a) The county
1.9 local welfare agency is the agency responsible for assessing or investigating allegations of
1.10 maltreatment in child foster care, family child care, legally unlicensed child care, ~~juvenile~~
1.11 ~~correctional facilities licensed under section 241.021 located in the local welfare agency's~~
1.12 ~~county~~, and reports involving children served by an unlicensed personal care provider
1.13 organization under section 256B.0659. Copies of findings related to personal care provider
1.14 organizations under section 256B.0659 must be forwarded to the Department of Human
1.15 Services provider enrollment.

1.16 (b) The Department of Human Services is the agency responsible for assessing or
1.17 investigating allegations of maltreatment in juvenile correctional facilities licensed by the
1.18 Department of Corrections under section 241.021 and in facilities licensed under chapters
1.19 245A and 245D, except for child foster care and family child care.

1.20 (c) The Department of Health is the agency responsible for assessing or investigating
1.21 allegations of child maltreatment in facilities licensed under sections 144.50 to 144.58 and
1.22 144A.43 to 144A.482.

2.1 Sec. 2. **CHILDREN'S RESIDENTIAL FACILITIES MALTREATMENT**
2.2 **INVESTIGATIONS; APPROPRIATION.**

2.3 \$79,000 in fiscal year 2018 and \$68,000 in fiscal year 2019 are appropriated from the
2.4 general fund to the commissioner of human services to conduct assessments and
2.5 investigations of allegations of child maltreatment occurring in children's residential facilities
2.6 licensed by the Department of Corrections under Minnesota Statutes, section 241.021, and
2.7 governed by Minnesota Rules, chapter 2960. The commissioner shall collaborate with
2.8 counties to ensure that all allegations of maltreatment are communicated to the Department
2.9 of Human Services.