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S.F. No. 897

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DATE	D-PG	OFFICIAL STATUS
02/13/2017	582	Introduction and first reading
		Referred to Aging and Long-Term Care Policy
03/01/2017	931	Author added Frentz
03/02/2017		Comm report: To pass as amended and re-refer to Human Services Reform Finance and Policy

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A bill for an act

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relating to human services; modifying provisions governing caregiver support

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programs and services; appropriating money; proposing coding for new law in

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Minnesota Statutes, chapter 256.

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

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Section 1. **[256.9755] CAREGIVER SUPPORT PROGRAMS.**

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Subdivision 1. **Program goals.** It is the goal of all area agencies on aging and caregiver

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support programs to support family caregivers of persons with Alzheimer's disease or other

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related dementias who are living in the community by:

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(1) promoting caregiver support programs that serve Minnesotans in their homes and

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communities; and

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(2) providing, within the limits of available funds, the caregiver support services that

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will enable the family caregiver to access caregiver support programs in the most

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cost-effective and efficient manner.

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Subd. 2. **Authority.** The Minnesota Board on Aging shall allocate to area agencies on

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aging the state and federal funds which are received for the caregiver support program in a

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manner consistent with federal requirements.

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Subd. 3. **Caregiver support services.** Funds allocated to an area agency on aging for

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caregiver support services must be used in a manner consistent with the National Family

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Caregiver Support Program to reach family caregivers of persons with Alzheimer's disease

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or related dementias. The funds must be used to provide social, nonmedical,

2.1 community-based services and activities that provide respite for caregivers and social
2.2 interaction for participants.

2.3 Sec. 2. **APPROPRIATION; CAREGIVER SUPPORT PROGRAMS.**

2.4 \$200,000 in fiscal year 2018 is appropriated from the general fund to the commissioner
2.5 of human services for the Minnesota Board on Aging for the purposes of caregiver support
2.6 programs under Minnesota Statutes, section 256.9755. This appropriation is added to the
2.7 base.