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DATE	D-PG	OFFICIAL STATUS
02/15/2017	601	Introduction and first reading
		Referred to Human Services Reform Finance and Policy
03/02/2017	952a	Comm report: To pass as amended
	980	Second reading
	6107	Rule 47, returned to Human Services Reform Finance and Policy
		See First Special Session, SF2, Art. 2, Sec. 34

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A bill for an act

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relating to human services; modifying group residential housing funding; amending

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Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 256I.05, by adding a subdivision.

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

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Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 256I.05, is amended by adding a subdivision

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to read:

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Subd. 11. **Transfer of emergency shelter funds.** (a) The commissioner shall make a

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cost-neutral transfer of funding from the group residential housing fund to county human

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service agencies for emergency shelter beds removed from the group residential housing

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census under a biennial plan submitted by the county and approved by the commissioner.

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The biennial plan is due August 1, beginning August 1, 2017. The plan must describe: (1)

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anticipated and actual outcomes for persons experiencing homelessness in emergency

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shelters; (2) improved efficiencies in administration; (3) requirements for individual

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eligibility; and (4) plans for quality assurance monitoring and quality assurance outcomes.

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The commissioner shall review the county plan to monitor implementation and outcomes

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at least biennially, and more frequently if the commissioner deems necessary.

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(b) The funding under paragraph (a) may be used for the provision of room and board

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or supplemental services according to section 256I.03, subdivisions 2 and 8. Providers must

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meet the requirements of section 256I.04, subdivisions 2a to 2f. Funding will be allocated

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annually, and the room and board portion of the allocation shall be adjusted according to

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the percentage change in the group residential housing room and board rate. The room and

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board portion of the allocation shall be determined at the time of transfer. The commissioner

- 2.1 or county may return beds to the group residential housing fund with 180 days' notice,
- 2.2 including financial reconciliation.
- 2.3 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 1, 2017.