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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 vulnerable adults; directing the commissioner of human services to  
1.3 establish working groups to implement policy recommendations; appropriating  
1.4 money for adult protection grants; requiring a report; appropriating money for  
1.5 adult protection pilot projects and working groups.

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

1.7 Section 1. **DIRECTION TO COMMISSIONER OF HUMAN SERVICES;**  
1.8 **IMPLEMENTING RECOMMENDATIONS FROM ADULT PROTECTIVE**  
1.9 **SERVICES STANDARDIZED INTAKE DECISION TOOL REPORT.**

1.10 (a) The commissioner of human services shall establish three multidisciplinary working  
1.11 groups comprised of relevant stakeholders to develop policy and provide guidance on:

1.12 (1) providing adult protective services for individuals with disabilities related to mental  
1.13 health and substance use disorder;

1.14 (2) addressing racial and ethnic inequity in adult protective services; and

1.15 (3) developing, implementing, and sharing best practices among county adult protective  
1.16 services agencies.

1.17 (b) The commissioner shall provide an annual report on the activities and conclusions  
1.18 of the working groups and any legislative recommendations to the chairs and ranking  
1.19 minority members of the legislative committees with jurisdiction over adult protective  
1.20 services by December 15, 2022, and each year thereafter.

1.21 (c) This section expires on December 15, 2024.

1.22 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.

2.1 Sec. 2. **APPROPRIATION; ADULT PROTECTION GRANTS.**

2.2 \$30,000,000 in fiscal year 2023 is appropriated from the general fund to the commissioner  
2.3 of human services for allocation to county boards and Tribal governments under Minnesota  
2.4 Statutes, section 256M.42.

2.5 Sec. 3. **APPROPRIATION; PILOT PROGRAM FOR EQUAL ACCESS TO ADULT**  
2.6 **PROTECTIVE SERVICES.**

2.7 \$10,000,000 in fiscal year 2023 is appropriated from the general fund to the commissioner  
2.8 of human services for pilot projects that address inequities related to race, ethnicity, and  
2.9 mental health or mental illness in county adult protection services. In developing the pilot  
2.10 project requirements, the commissioner must incorporate findings and recommendations  
2.11 from the commissioner's 2021 Evaluation Report of Adult Protective Services Standardized  
2.12 Intake Decision Tool. Pilot projects funded under this section must be designed to measurably  
2.13 increase adult protective services for eligible individuals, while reducing disparities related  
2.14 to race, ethnicity, and mental health or mental illness among the vulnerable adult population  
2.15 served. After the pilot projects conclude, the commissioner must submit a report detailing  
2.16 the findings and outcomes of the pilot projects to the to the chairs and ranking minority  
2.17 members of the legislative committees with jurisdiction over adult protective services. This  
2.18 is a onetime appropriation and is available until June 30, 2024.

2.19 Sec. 4. **APPROPRIATION; IMPLEMENTING RECOMMENDATIONS FROM**  
2.20 **ADULT PROTECTIVE SERVICES STANDARDIZED INTAKE DECISION TOOL**  
2.21 **REPORT.**

2.22 \$250,000 in fiscal year 2023 is appropriated from the general fund to the commissioner  
2.23 of human services to establish working groups that will develop policy and guidance on  
2.24 changes to the structured decision-making intake assessment tool, based on recommendations  
2.25 from the commissioner's 2021 Evaluation Report of Adult Protective Services Standardized  
2.26 Intake Decision Tool. This is a onetime appropriation.