CHAPTER 66--S.F.No. 3813

An act relating to health; transferring funds for public health response planning and preparation for coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19); appropriating federal funds.

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

Section 1. **PUBLIC HEALTH RESPONSE; TRANSFER OF FUNDS.**

The commissioner of management and budget shall transfer $20,889,000 in fiscal year 2020 from the general fund to the public health response contingency account under Minnesota Statutes, section 144.4199, for a public health response related to a potential outbreak of the SARS-CoV-2 virus and coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19). This is a onetime transfer. Between the day of enactment of this act and February 1, 2021, up to $4,622,000 of the transfer in this section may be used by the commissioner of health for any pandemic influenza or outbreak of a communicable or infectious disease that requires a public health response, consistent with the use of funds under Minnesota Statutes, section 144.4199. For the purposes of this transfer for the SARS-CoV-2 virus and coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19), the determination criteria in Minnesota Statutes, section 144.4199, subdivision 3, and the requirements in Minnesota Statutes, section 144.4199, subdivision 5, paragraph (a), and subdivision 7, paragraph (a), do not apply. Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes, section 144.4199, subdivision 1, any unobligated and unexpended amount in the contingency account over $5,000,000 on February 1, 2021, shall transfer to the general fund. Any amount remaining in the account after February 1, 2021, is not subject to the restrictions provided in this section, with the exception that, any amount received after February 1, 2021, under the requirement in Minnesota Statutes, section 144.4199, subdivision 5, paragraph (b), attributable to this section shall be transferred to the general fund.

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

Sec. 2. **COVID-19; FEDERAL FUNDS APPROPRIATION AND REPORTING.**

All federal money received in fiscal years 2020 and 2021 by the commissioner of health for preparedness and response to an outbreak of the SARS-CoV-2 virus and coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) is appropriated in the fiscal year in which it is received. Before spending federal funds appropriated in this section, the commissioner of management and budget shall report the anticipated federal funds appropriated under this section and their intended purpose to the Legislative Advisory Commission, consistent with the urgent federal funds request procedure under Minnesota Statutes, section 3.3005, subdivision 4. By January 15, 2021, the commissioner of health shall report the actual federal funds received and appropriated under this section and their actual use to the chairs and ranking minority members of the legislative committees with jurisdiction over health and human services policy and finance.

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

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