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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Human Services Policy

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to human services; establishing homelessness program outcomes; requiring
1.3 reports; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 256K.

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

1.5 Section 1. 256K.36] HOMELESSNESS PROGRAM OUTCOMES.

1.6 Subdivision 1. Requirements. The commissioner of human services must develop and
1.7 implement a uniform outcome measurement and reporting system for programs providing
1.8 shelter or supportive services for persons experiencing homelessness funded in whole or in
1.9 part by state funds, including emergency services grants under section 256E.36, long-term
1.10 homeless supportive services under section 256K.26, and Homeless Youth Act grants under
1.11 section 256K.45.

1.12 Subd. 2. Definition. (a) For the purposes of this section, the terms defined in this
1.13 subdivision have the meanings given.

1.14 (b) "Person experiencing homelessness" means a person or family lacking a fixed,
1.15 regular, and adequate nighttime residence; homeless youth as defined in section 256K.45,
1.16 subdivision 1a; households experiencing long-term homelessness as described in section
1.17 256K.26; or a homeless person as the term is used in section 256E.36.

1.18 Subd. 3. Uniform outcome report card; reporting by commissioner. (a) By December
1.19 31 of each even-numbered year, the commissioner must submit a report to the chairs and
1.20 ranking minority members of the legislative committees with jurisdiction over homelessness
1.21 policy and finance. The report must contain the following information by year for each
1.22 program subject to the requirements of subdivision 1:

- 2.1 (1) the total number of clients served;
- 2.2 (2) the total cost of the program;
- 2.3 (3) an analysis of the change in the number of persons experiencing homelessness in
- 2.4 Minnesota;
- 2.5 (4) an analysis of the change in housing opportunities with supportive services;
- 2.6 (5) an analysis of the change in employability, self-sufficiency, and other social outcomes
- 2.7 for persons experiencing homelessness;
- 2.8 (6) an analysis of the change in the use of emergency health care, shelter, child protection,
- 2.9 corrections, and similar services used by persons experiencing homelessness;
- 2.10 (7) the total cost of the program per client; and
- 2.11 (8) the administrative cost of the program.
- 2.12 (b) The report to the legislature must contain client information by education level, race
- 2.13 and ethnicity, gender, and geography and a comparison of clients who were in stable housing
- 2.14 90 days following the last day of receiving shelter or supportive services and those who
- 2.15 were not.
- 2.16 (c) The requirements of this section apply to programs administered directly by the
- 2.17 commissioner of human services or administered by other organizations under a grant made
- 2.18 by the Department of Human Services.
- 2.19 **Subd. 4. Data to commissioner; uniform report card.** (a) A recipient of a grant or
- 2.20 direct appropriation made by or through the Department of Human Services must report
- 2.21 data to the commissioner of human services by September 1 of each even-numbered year
- 2.22 on each of the items in subdivision 3 for each program it administers. The data must be in
- 2.23 a format prescribed by the commissioner.
- 2.24 (b) Beginning July 1, 2023, the commissioner of human services shall provide notice to
- 2.25 grant applicants and recipients regarding the data collection and reporting requirements
- 2.26 under this subdivision and must provide technical assistance to applicants and recipients to
- 2.27 assist in complying with the requirements of this section.
- 2.28 **Subd. 5. Information.** (a) The commissioner of human services must make the
- 2.29 information collected and reported under subdivisions 3 and 4 available on the Department
- 2.30 of Human Services' website.
- 2.31 (b) The commissioner must provide analysis of the data required under subdivision 3.

3.1 (c) The analysis under paragraph (b) must also include an executive summary of program
3.2 outcomes, including but not limited to the number of clients served, the cost per client,
3.3 whether or not there has been a decrease in the number of persons experiencing homelessness
3.4 in Minnesota, and a comparison of program outcomes by client characteristics.

3.5 (d) The data required in the comparative analysis under paragraph (c) must be presented
3.6 in both written and graphic formats.

3.7 **Subd. 6. Limitations on appropriations.** (a) Except as provided in paragraph (b), a
3.8 program that is a recipient of state funds as of September 1 of an even-numbered year and
3.9 subject to the requirements of this section, is not eligible for additional state funds for
3.10 programs providing shelter or supportive services for any fiscal year beginning after June
3.11 30 of the following odd-numbered year, unless all of the reporting requirements under
3.12 subdivision 4 have been satisfied.

3.13 (b) A program with an initial request for funds on or after July 1 in an even-numbered
3.14 year may be considered for receipt of state funds for programs providing shelter or supportive
3.15 services for two years only if the program submits a plan that is approved by the
3.16 commissioner of human services demonstrating how the program will meet the data collection
3.17 and reporting requirements under subdivision 4. Any subsequent request for funds after an
3.18 initial request is subject to the requirements of paragraph (a).