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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Workforce Development Finance and Policy

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to vocational rehabilitation; modifying independent living services;
1.3 amending Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 268A.11.

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

1.5 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 268A.11, is amended to read:

1.6 **268A.11 INDEPENDENT LIVING SERVICES.**

1.7 Subdivision 1. **Purposes and services.** The purposes of independent living services and
1.8 the services that are to be provided are those that are consistent with Code of Federal
1.9 Regulations, title 34, ~~parts 365 to 367~~ 45, part 1329.

1.10 Subd. 2. **Administration.** This section shall be administered by the Department of
1.11 Employment and Economic Development through the Vocational Rehabilitation Services
1.12 Program. The department may employ staff as reasonably required to administer this section
1.13 and may accept and receive funds from nonstate sources for the purpose of effectuating this
1.14 section.

1.15 Subd. 3. **Certification.** No applicant Center for Independent Living may receive funding
1.16 under this section unless it has received certification from the Vocational Rehabilitation
1.17 Services Program.

1.18 The Vocational Rehabilitation Services Program shall review the programs of Centers
1.19 for Independent Living receiving funds ~~from~~ under this section to determine ~~their adherence~~
1.20 ~~to~~ compliance with the standards adopted by rule and if the standards are substantially met
1.21 defined in section 725(b) and assurances in section 725(c) of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973,
1.22 and if fulfilled, shall issue appropriate certifications.

2.1 Subd. 4. **Application of Centers for Independent Living.** The Vocational Rehabilitation
2.2 Services Program shall require Centers for Independent Living to complete application
2.3 forms, expenditure reports, and proposed plans and budgets. These reports must be in the
2.4 manner and on the form prescribed by the Vocational Rehabilitation Services Program.
2.5 When applying, the Center for Independent Living shall agree to provide reports and records;
2.6 and make available records for audit as may be required by the Vocational Rehabilitation
2.7 Services Program.

2.8 The applicant Center for Independent Living shall be notified in writing by the Vocational
2.9 Rehabilitation Services Program concerning the approval of budgets and plans.