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Introduction and first reading  
 Referred to Transportation Finance and Policy

OFFICIAL STATUS

- 1.1 A bill for an act
- 1.2 relating to transportation; authorizing a pilot program to provide transit passes for
- 1.3 social services organizations; requiring a report.
- 1.4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:
- 1.5 Section 1. **SOCIAL SERVICES TRANSIT PASS PILOT PROGRAM.**
- 1.6 Subdivision 1. Pilot program authorized. (a) Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes,
- 1.7 section 473.408, the Metropolitan Council may offer passes for free transit service to political
- 1.8 subdivisions and organizations that provide direct social services, social services outreach,
- 1.9 or referrals to social services providers, including services for homelessness, mental health,
- 1.10 and chemical dependency.
- 1.11 (b) A pass under this subdivision may only be used while the person is performing social
- 1.12 services for individuals who are using the transit system.
- 1.13 Subd. 2. Expiration. The authority under subdivision 1 expires the later of (1) one year
- 1.14 after the council commences offering the passes, or (2) December 31, 2020.
- 1.15 Subd. 3. Legislative report. If the Metropolitan Council offers transit passes as provided
- 1.16 in subdivision 1, the Metropolitan Council must submit by December 31, 2021, a report to
- 1.17 the chairs, ranking minority members, and staff of the legislative committees with jurisdiction
- 1.18 over transportation policy and finance and to the members of the Legislative Commission
- 1.19 on Metropolitan Government regarding the social services transit pass pilot program. At a
- 1.20 minimum, the report must include an overview of the pilot program, a review of social
- 1.21 services activity and its impacts or effectiveness, and recommendations on continuing to
- 1.22 offer the passes.

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**EFFECTIVE DATE; APPLICATION.** This section is effective the day following

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final enactment, and applies in the counties of Anoka, Carver, Dakota, Hennepin, Ramsey,

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Scott, and Washington.