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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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H. F. No. 1201

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

1.1 A bill for an act  
1.2 relating to human services; appropriating money to expand the statewide text  
1.3 message suicide prevention program.

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

1.5 Section 1. **APPROPRIATIONS; TEXT MESSAGE SUICIDE PREVENTION**  
1.6 **PROGRAM.**

1.7 \$1,500,000 in fiscal year 2016 and \$1,500,000 in fiscal year 2017 are appropriated  
1.8 from the general fund to the commissioner of human services for a grant to a nonprofit  
1.9 organization to expand the statewide text message suicide prevention program. The  
1.10 program shall provide a suicide prevention counseling text line designed to use text  
1.11 messaging to connect individuals with crisis counselors, provide emergency information,  
1.12 and make referrals to local resources within the community. The program shall include  
1.13 training in schools and communities to encourage use of the program. This is an ongoing  
1.14 appropriation and shall be added to the base.