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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

EIGHTY-EIGHTH SESSION

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

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A bill for an act

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relating to human services; establishing a training program to clarify and

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interpret the Civil Commitment Act as it pertains to persons with mental illness;

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appropriating money.

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

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Section 1. APPROPRIATION.

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\$35,000 is appropriated from the general fund in fiscal year 2015 to the

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commissioner of human services to develop an online training program for interested

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individuals and personnel, specifically county and hospital staff and mental health

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providers, to understand, clarify, and interpret the Civil Commitment Act under Minnesota

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Statutes, chapter 253B, as it pertains to persons with mental illnesses. The training must

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be developed in collaboration with the ombudsman for mental health and developmental

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disabilities, Minnesota County Attorneys Association, National Alliance on Mental Illness

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of Minnesota, Mental Health Consumer/Survivor Network of Minnesota, Mental Health

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Association, Minnesota Psychiatric Society, Hennepin Commitment Defense Panel,

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Minnesota Disability Law Center, Minnesota Association of Community Mental Health

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Programs, and Minnesota Board of Public Defense. The purpose of the training is to

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promote better clarity and interpretation of the civil commitment laws.