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H. F. No. 3599

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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Human Services Finance and Policy
03/14/2022 Adoption of Report: Amended and re-referred to the Committee on Health Finance and Policy

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to human services; adding priority for trauma-informed services; creating
1.3 a study on sexual exploitation and trafficking; appropriating money for study on
1.4 sexual exploitation and trafficking; appropriating money for sexually exploited
1.5 youth; amending Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 145.4716, by adding a
1.6 subdivision.

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

1.8 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 145.4716, is amended by adding a subdivision
1.9 to read:

1.10 Subd. 4. Funding. Funds appropriated for this section shall not be used for any activity
1.11 other than the authorized activities under this section, and the commissioner shall not create
1.12 additional eligibility criteria or restrictions on the funds. The commissioner must prioritize
1.13 providing trauma-informed, culturally inclusive services for sexually exploited youth or
1.14 youth at risk of sexual exploitation under this section.

1.15 Sec. 2. SEXUAL EXPLOITATION AND TRAFFICKING STUDY.

1.16 (a) The commissioner of health must conduct a prevalence study on youth and adult
1.17 victim survivors of sexual exploitation and trafficking.

1.18 (b) The commissioner shall submit a final report by June 30, 2024, to the chairs and
1.19 ranking minority members of the legislative committees with jurisdiction over human
1.20 services finance and policy.

2.1 Sec. 3. **APPROPRIATION; SEXUAL EXPLOITATION AND TRAFFICKING**
2.2 **STUDY.**

2.3 \$..... in fiscal year 2023 is appropriated from the general fund to the commissioner of
2.4 health to fund a prevalence study on youth and adult victim survivors of sexual exploitation
2.5 and trafficking. This is a onetime appropriation and is available until June 30, 2024.

2.6 Sec. 4. **APPROPRIATIONS; SEXUALLY EXPLOITED YOUTH AND YOUTH AT**
2.7 **RISK OF SEXUAL EXPLOITATION.**

2.8 Subdivision 1. Commissioner of human services. \$9,000,000 in fiscal year 2023 is
2.9 appropriated from the general fund to the commissioner of human services for safe harbor
2.10 grants to fund street outreach, emergency shelter, and transitional and long-term housing
2.11 beds for sexually exploited youth and youth at risk of sexual exploitation. This appropriation
2.12 is added to the base.

2.13 Subd. 2. Commissioner of health. \$9,000,000 in fiscal year 2023 is appropriated from
2.14 the general fund to the commissioner of health for grants to fund supportive services including
2.15 but not limited to legal services, mental health therapy, substance use disorder counseling,
2.16 and case management for sexually exploited youth or youth at risk of sexual exploitation
2.17 under Minnesota Statutes, section 145.4716. This appropriation is added to the base.

2.18 Subd. 3. Safe harbor regional navigators. \$2,000,000 in fiscal year 2023 is appropriated
2.19 from the general fund to the commissioner of health for safe harbor regional navigators
2.20 under Minnesota Statutes, section 145.4717. This appropriation is added to the base.