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Introduction and first reading
Referred to Human Services Reform Finance and Policy

OFFICIAL STATUS

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to human services; appropriating money for renovation of a publicly owned
1.3 former juvenile treatment facility into a facility providing mental health, child
1.4 welfare, and other services to children and families.

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

1.6 Section 1. **APPROPRIATION.**

1.7 \$5,500,000 in fiscal year 2020 is appropriated from the general fund to the commissioner
1.8 of human services for renovation of the former KidsPeace Mesabi Academy in Buhl,
1.9 Minnesota. The renovation must include space for a stabilization and evaluation unit for
1.10 children ten to 18 years old experiencing mental health or child welfare trauma. The unit
1.11 must include 13 beds for males and 13 beds for females. The renovation must also include
1.12 space for a family center providing at least the following services: crisis counseling,
1.13 mediation and reunification services, supervised visitation, outpatient therapy, diagnostic
1.14 assessments, and Rule 25 assessments. The family center must include four classrooms
1.15 operated by the Mountain Iron-Buhl, Independent School District No. 712 for students in
1.16 the stabilization and evaluation unit. This is a onetime appropriation and is available until
1.17 June 30, 2023.