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

1.1 A bill for an act  
1.2 relating to human services; establishing a law enforcement and mental health  
1.3 co-response pilot project; appropriating money.  
1.4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

1.5 Section 1. **DAKOTA COUNTY LAW ENFORCEMENT AND MENTAL HEALTH**  
1.6 **CO-RESPONSE PILOT PROJECT.**

1.7 Subdivision 1. **Authorization.** The commissioner of human services shall develop,  
1.8 implement, and approve a law enforcement and mental health co-response pilot project  
1.9 from July 1, 2017 to January 1, 2019, in Dakota County, whereby a member of law  
1.10 enforcement and a member of the county community services staff co-respond to first  
1.11 responder calls involving mental health challenges. The pilot project must include Dakota  
1.12 County Community Services and the Dakota County Sheriff's Department that covers five  
1.13 cities within Dakota County.

1.14 Subd. 2. **Program implementation.** The commissioner shall work in partnership with  
1.15 Dakota County Community Services and the Dakota County Sheriff's Department to develop  
1.16 and implement the pilot project.

1.17 Subd. 3. **County duties.** Before implementation, the county partners shall:

1.18 (1) complete the preliminary planning process and program design by October 1, 2017,  
1.19 and, if approved by the commissioner for implementation, enter into agreements governing  
1.20 the operation of the pilot project. The agreements must identify the metrics for evaluation  
1.21 and impact, and include timelines for implementation; and

(2) develop and agree on a utilization review process that must be described in the agreements governing the operation of the pilot project.

Subd. 4. **Program evaluation.** Dakota County shall evaluate the pilot project and report the results of the evaluation to the chairs and ranking minority members of the legislative committees with jurisdiction over mental health issues by March 31, 2019. The evaluation must include:

(1) the metrics and impact, as required under subdivision 3, in addition to conclusions and recommendations, with regard to the following:

(i) reducing the likelihood of emergency room referrals for nonmedical emergencies;

(ii) reducing the likelihood of arrest, while controlling for whether or not arrest was deemed a possibility;

(iii) reducing the necessity of 72-hour transport holds;

(iv) increasing the number of crisis plans developed and loaded into emergency call management systems;

(v) increasing positive perceptions and attitudes from both law enforcement and client perspective regarding quality assurance, sense of safety, preparedness, effectiveness, and satisfaction with outcomes; and

(vi) increasing the number of referrals to behavioral health or other service providers; and

(2) the success in achieving the following recommendations in the Governor's Task Force on Mental Health final report, in the State Advisory Council on Mental Health's 2016 report to governor and legislature, and by Dakota County's Adult Detention Alternative Initiative Executive Committee:

(i) new services that contribute to a comprehensive mental health continuum of care;

(ii) services that promote mental health and prevent mental illness;

(iii) services that ensure integration with the mental health delivery system when appropriate;

(iv) supports for improving access to mental health services;

(v) services that address the needs of diverse populations;

(vi) promotion of person-centered, trauma-informed care;

(vii) implementation of short-term improvements to crisis response; and

3.1 (viii) diversion from jail.

3.2 Subd. 5. **Administration.** The county entity administering the pilot project shall:

3.3 (1) administer the pilot project in a manner consistent with the objectives described;

3.4 (2) ensure stewardship of state funding for purposes of the pilot project; and

3.5 (3) provide timely and pertinent information as negotiated in agreements governing  
3.6 operation of the pilot project.

3.7 Subd. 6. **Discontinuation.** Participation in the pilot project may be discontinued for any  
3.8 reason by any of the county partners after 30 days' written notice to the other parties and  
3.9 the commissioner.

3.10 Sec. 2. **APPROPRIATION.**

3.11 Subdivision 1. **Human services.** (a) \$..... in fiscal year 2018 is appropriated from the  
3.12 general fund to the commissioner of human services for the duration of the pilot project  
3.13 under section 1 to be transferred to Dakota County for one full-time county mental health  
3.14 social service worker.

3.15 (b) \$25,000 in fiscal year 2018 is appropriated from the general fund to the commissioner  
3.16 of human services for the duration of the pilot project under section 1 to be transferred to  
3.17 Dakota County for evaluation of the pilot project.

3.18 Subd. 2. **Public safety.** \$..... in fiscal year 2018 is appropriated from the general fund  
3.19 to the commissioner of public safety for the duration of the pilot project under section 1 to  
3.20 be transferred to Dakota County for one full-time crisis intervention-trained officer and one  
3.21 full-time police-based mentor.