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02/12/2024	11525	Introduction and first reading Referred to Human Services
03/04/2024	11867a	Comm report: To pass as amended and re-refer to Higher Education
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A bill for an act

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relating to human services; appropriating money for ALS research and caregiver

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support programs; amending Laws 2022, chapter 42, section 2.

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

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Section 1. Laws 2022, chapter 42, section 2, is amended to read:

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Sec. 2. **APPROPRIATION; ALS RESEARCH.**

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(a) \$20,000,000 in fiscal year 2023 is appropriated from the general fund to the

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commissioner of the Office of Higher Education to award competitive grants to applicants

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for research into amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS). The commissioner may work with

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the Minnesota Department of Health to administer the grant program, including identifying

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clinical and translational research and innovations, developing outcomes and objectives

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with the goal of bettering the lives of individuals with ALS and finding a cure for the disease,

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and application review and grant recipient selection. Not more than \$400,000 may be used

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by the commissioner to administer the grant program.

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(b) Grants shall be awarded to support clinical and translational research related to ALS.

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Research topics may include but are not limited to environmental factors, disease

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mechanisms, disease models, biomarkers, drug development, clinical studies, precision

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medicine, medical devices, assistive technology, and cognitive studies.

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(c) Eligible applicants for the grants are research facilities, universities, and health

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systems located in Minnesota. Applicants must submit proposals to the commissioner in

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the time, form, and manner established by the commissioner. Applicants may coordinate

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research endeavors and submit a joint application. When reviewing the proposals, the

commissioner shall make an effort to avoid approving a grant for an applicant whose research is duplicative of an existing grantee's research.

(d) Beginning January 15, 2023, and annually thereafter until January 15, 2027, the commissioner shall submit a report to the legislature specifying the applicants receiving grants under this section, the amount of each grant, the purposes for which the grant funds were used, and the amount of the appropriation that is unexpended. The report must also include relevant findings, results, and outcomes of the grant program, and any other information which the commissioner deems significant or useful.

(e) This is a onetime appropriation. Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes, section 16A.28, unencumbered balances under this section do not cancel until June 30, ~~2026~~ 2029.

Sec. 2. **APPROPRIATION; ALS RESEARCH.**

(a) \$..... in fiscal year 2025 is appropriated from the general fund to the commissioner of the Office of Higher Education for the purposes of providing additional funding for amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS) competitive research grants under Laws 2022, chapter 42, section 2. Not more than \$..... may be used by the commissioner to administer the grant program.

(b) Until January 15, 2030, the commissioner shall continue to annually submit the report required under Laws 2022, chapter 42, section 2.

(c) This is a onetime appropriation. Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes, section 16A.28, unencumbered balances under this section do not cancel until June 30, 2029.

Sec. 3. **APPROPRIATION; CAREGIVER SUPPORT PROGRAMS.**

\$..... in fiscal year 2025 is appropriated from the general fund to the commissioner of human services for the Minnesota Board on Aging for the purposes of the caregiver support programs under Minnesota Statutes, section 256.9755. Programs receiving funding under this section must include an ALS-specific respite service in their caregiver support program. This is a onetime appropriation.