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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Human Services Finance and Policy
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- 1.1 A bill for an act
- 1.2 relating to human services; establishing a working group on labor trafficking and
- 1.3 exploitation; appropriating money.
- 1.4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:
- 1.5 Section 1. **WORKING GROUP ON LABOR TRAFFICKING AND EXPLOITATION.**
- 1.6 Subdivision 1. **Establishment.** No later than September 1, 2022, the commissioner of
- 1.7 human services shall convene a multidisciplinary working group to study and make
- 1.8 recommendations to the legislature in response to labor trafficking and exploitation involving
- 1.9 adults and juveniles in Minnesota.
- 1.10 Subd. 2. **Membership.** (a) The commissioner shall invite the following individuals and
- 1.11 organizations to participate in the working group:
- 1.12 (1) survivors of labor trafficking and exploitation as well as representatives from Safe
- 1.13 Harbor service providers;
- 1.14 (2) the commissioner of labor and industry or a designee;
- 1.15 (3) the commissioner of public safety, or a designee, and representatives from the Bureau
- 1.16 of Criminal Apprehension and Office of Justice Programs;
- 1.17 (4) the commissioner of commerce or a designee;
- 1.18 (5) the commissioner of employment and economic development or a designee;
- 1.19 (6) the commissioner of human rights or a designee;
- 1.20 (7) the commissioner of transportation or a designee;

- 2.1 (8) the Office of the Attorney General;
- 2.2 (9) the Minnesota judicial branch;
- 2.3 (10) Tribal governments;
- 2.4 (11) the Minnesota County Attorneys Association;
- 2.5 (12) the Board of Public Defense;
- 2.6 (13) the Minnesota state ethnic councils;
- 2.7 (14) municipal Labor Standards Enforcement divisions;
- 2.8 (15) research entities;
- 2.9 (16) statewide and indigenous crime victim coalitions;
- 2.10 (17) community-based service providers;
- 2.11 (18) labor unions;
- 2.12 (19) worker centers;
- 2.13 (20) health care providers;
- 2.14 (21) legal services providers;
- 2.15 (22) child welfare organizations;
- 2.16 (23) adult protection organizations; and
- 2.17 (24) other interested parties.
- 2.18 (b) The commissioner shall ensure that the working group is inclusive of underrepresented
- 2.19 voices and that at least one survivor of labor trafficking and exploitation is in a leadership
- 2.20 role.
- 2.21 (c) The commissioner shall convene the first meeting of the working group. At its first
- 2.22 meeting, the members of the working group shall appoint a chairperson.
- 2.23 Subd. 3. **Reimbursement for expenses.** Survivors of labor trafficking and exploitation
- 2.24 participating in the working group may receive reimbursement for expenses as specified in
- 2.25 Minnesota Statutes, section 15.059, subdivision 6.
- 2.26 Subd. 4. **Duties.** The working group must review, assess, and make specific
- 2.27 recommendations to expand and strengthen the statewide response to labor trafficking and
- 2.28 exploitation involving adults and juveniles. The recommendations must include policy,
- 2.29 procedure, legislation, programming, and training in the following areas:

3.1 (1) increasing prevention and intervention services for victims and survivors of labor
3.2 trafficking and exploitation;

3.3 (2) funding required to expand laws and services in a comprehensive manner to address
3.4 the needs of victims and survivors of labor trafficking and exploitation;

3.5 (3) coordinating the design, implementation, monitoring, and evaluation of data collection
3.6 and reporting to understand the extent of labor trafficking and exploitation; and

3.7 (4) disseminating the findings of the working group after its report is submitted to the
3.8 legislature.

3.9 Subd. 5. **Administrative support.** The Department of Human Services shall provide
3.10 administrative support to the working group.

3.11 Subd. 6. **Report to the legislature.** The commissioner shall file a report detailing the
3.12 working group's findings and recommendations with the chairs and ranking minority members
3.13 of the house of representatives and senate committees having policy and finance jurisdiction
3.14 over public safety, judiciary, health and human services, labor and industry, commerce,
3.15 jobs, and transportation by January 15, 2023.

3.16 Subd. 7. **Expiration.** The working group on labor trafficking and exploitation expires
3.17 the day following submission of the report required under subdivision 6.

3.18 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.

3.19 Sec. 2. **APPROPRIATION; WORKING GROUP ON LABOR TRAFFICKING AND**
3.20 **EXPLOITATION.**

3.21 \$..... in fiscal year 2023 is appropriated from the general fund to the commissioner of
3.22 human services to convene and provide administrative support to the working group on
3.23 labor trafficking and exploitation and to prepare the report required of the working group.
3.24 This is a onetime appropriation.