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ARTICLE 18

726.14

PREVENTING HOMELESSNESS

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

726.17 Subd. 4. **Funding.** The commissioner must prioritize providing trauma-informed,
726.18 culturally inclusive services for sexually exploited youth or youth at risk of sexual
726.19 exploitation under this section.

726.20 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 256E.33, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

726.21 Subdivision 1. **Definitions.** (a) The definitions in this subdivision apply to this section.

726.22 (b) "Transitional housing" means housing designed for independent living and provided
726.23 to a homeless person or family at a rental rate of at least 25 percent of the family income
726.24 for a period of up to ~~24~~ 36 months. If a transitional housing program is associated with a
726.25 licensed facility or shelter, it must be located in a separate facility or a specified section of
726.26 the main facility where residents can be responsible for their own meals and other daily
726.27 needs.

726.28 (c) "Support services" means an assessment service that identifies the needs of individuals
726.29 for independent living and arranges or provides for the appropriate educational, social, legal,
726.30 advocacy, child care, employment, financial, health care, or information and referral services
726.31 to meet these needs.

727.1 Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 256E.33, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

727.2 Subd. 2. **Establishment and administration.** A transitional housing program is
727.3 established to be administered by the commissioner. The commissioner may make grants
727.4 to eligible recipients or enter into agreements with community action agencies or other
727.5 public or private nonprofit agencies to make grants to eligible recipients to initiate, maintain,
727.6 or expand programs to provide transitional housing and support services for persons in need
727.7 of transitional housing, which may include up to six months of follow-up support services
727.8 for persons who complete transitional housing as they stabilize in permanent housing. The
727.9 commissioner must ensure that money appropriated to implement this section is distributed
727.10 as soon as practicable. The commissioner may make grants directly to eligible recipients.

THE FOLLOWING SECTION IS FROM SENATE ARTICLE 13.
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333.1 Sec. 16. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 145.4716, is amended by adding a subdivision
333.2 to read:

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

THE FOLLOWING SIX SECTIONS ARE FROM SENATE ARTICLE 10.

246.21 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 256E.33, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

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247.10 as soon as practicable. The commissioner may make grants directly to eligible recipients.

727.11 The commissioner may extend use up to ten percent of the appropriation available for of
 727.12 this program for persons needing assistance longer than 24 36 months.

727.13 Sec. 4. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 256I.03, subdivision 7, is amended to read:

727.14 Subd. 7. **Countable income.** "Countable income" means all income received by an
 727.15 applicant or recipient as described under section 256P.06, less any applicable exclusions or
 727.16 disregards. For a recipient of any cash benefit from the SSI program who does not live in
 727.17 a setting as described in section 256I.04, subdivision 2a, paragraph (b), clause (2), countable
 727.18 income means the SSI benefit limit in effect at the time the person is a recipient of housing
 727.19 support, less the medical assistance personal needs allowance under section 256B.35. ~~If the~~
 727.20 ~~SSI limit or benefit is reduced for a person due to events other than receipt of additional~~
 727.21 ~~income, countable income means actual income less any applicable exclusions and disregards.~~
 727.22 If there is a reduction in a housing support recipient's benefit due to circumstances other
 727.23 than receipt of additional income, applicable exclusions and disregards apply when
 727.24 determining countable income. For a recipient of any cash benefit from the RSDI program,
 727.25 SSI program, or veterans' programs who lives in a setting as described in section 256I.04,
 727.26 subdivision 2a, paragraph (b), clause (2), countable income means 30 percent of the
 727.27 recipient's total benefit amount from these programs, after applicable exclusions or disregards,
 727.28 at the time the person is a recipient of housing support. For these recipients, the medical
 727.29 assistance personal needs allowance, as described in section 256I.04, subdivision 1, paragraph
 727.30 (a), clause (2), does not apply.

728.1 Sec. 5. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 256K.45, is amended by adding a subdivision to
 728.2 read:

728.3 Subd. 7. **Awarding of grants.** (a) Grants shall be awarded under this section only after
 728.4 a review of the grant recipient's application materials, including past performance and
 728.5 utilization of grant money. The commissioner shall not reduce an existing grant award
 728.6 amount unless the commissioner first determines that the grant recipient has failed to meet
 728.7 performance measures or has used grant money improperly.

247.11 The commissioner may extend use up to ten percent of the appropriation available for of
 247.12 this program for persons needing assistance longer than 24 36 months.

250.15 Sec. 9. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 256K.45, subdivision 6, is amended to read:

250.16 Subd. 6. **Funding.** Funds appropriated for this section may be expended on programs
 250.17 described under subdivisions 3 to 5 and 8, technical assistance, and capacity building to
 250.18 meet the greatest need on a statewide basis. The commissioner will provide outreach,
 250.19 technical assistance, and program development support to increase capacity to new and
 250.20 existing service providers to better meet needs statewide, particularly in areas where services
 250.21 for homeless youth have not been established, especially in greater Minnesota.

250.22 Sec. 10. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 256K.45, is amended by adding a subdivision
 250.23 to read:

250.24 Subd. 7. **Awarding of grants.** (a) Grants awarded under this section shall not be used
 250.25 for any activity other than the authorized activities under this section, and the commissioner
 250.26 shall not create additional eligibility criteria or restrictions on the grant money.

250.27 (b) Grants shall be awarded under this section only after a review of the grant recipient's
 250.28 application materials, including past performance and utilization of grant money. The
 250.29 commissioner shall not reduce an existing grant award amount unless the commissioner
 250.30 first determines that the grant recipient has failed to meet performance measures or has used
 250.31 grant money improperly.

728.8 (b) For grants awarded pursuant to a two-year grant contract, the commissioner shall
 728.9 permit grant recipients to carry over any unexpended amount from the first contract year
 728.10 to the second contract year.

728.11 Sec. 6. Laws 2021, First Special Session chapter 8, article 6, section 1, subdivision 7, is
 728.12 amended to read:

728.13 Subd. 7. **Report.** (a) No later than February 1, 2022, the task force shall submit an initial
 728.14 report to the chairs and ranking minority members of the house of representatives and senate
 728.15 committees and divisions with jurisdiction over housing and preventing homelessness on
 728.16 its findings and recommendations.

728.17 (b) No later than ~~August 31, 2022~~ December 15, 2022, the task force shall submit a final
 728.18 report to the chairs and ranking minority members of the house of representatives and senate
 728.19 committees and divisions with jurisdiction over housing and preventing homelessness on
 728.20 its findings and recommendations.

728.21 Sec. 7. **PREGNANT AND PARENTING HOMELESS YOUTH STUDY.**

728.22 (a) The commissioner of human services must conduct a study of the prevalence of
 728.23 pregnancy and parenting among homeless youth and youth who are at risk of homelessness.

728.24 (b) The commissioner shall submit a final report by December 31, 2023, to the chairs
 728.25 and ranking minority members of the legislative committees with jurisdiction over human
 728.26 services finance and policy.

728.27 Sec. 8. **SEXUAL EXPLOITATION AND TRAFFICKING STUDY.**

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

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

251.1 (c) For grants awarded pursuant to a two-year grant contract, the commissioner shall
 251.2 permit grant recipients to carry over any unexpended amount from the first contract year
 251.3 to the second contract year.

251.4 Sec. 11. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 256K.45, is amended by adding a subdivision
 251.5 to read:

251.6 Subd. 8. **Provider repair or improvement grants.** (a) Providers that serve homeless
 251.7 youth under this section may apply for a grant of up to \$100,000 under this subdivision to
 251.8 make minor or mechanical repairs or improvements to a facility providing services to
 251.9 homeless youth or youth at risk of homelessness.

251.10 (b) Grant applications under this subdivision must include a description of the repairs
 251.11 or improvements and the estimated cost of the repairs or improvements.

251.12 (c) Grantees under this subdivision cannot receive grant funds under this subdivision
 251.13 for two consecutive years.

313.21 Sec. 55. Laws 2021, First Special Session chapter 8, article 6, section 1, subdivision 7, is
 313.22 amended to read:

313.23 Subd. 7. **Report.** (a) No later than February 1, 2022, the task force shall submit an initial
 313.24 report to the chairs and ranking minority members of the house of representatives and senate
 313.25 committees and divisions with jurisdiction over housing and preventing homelessness on
 313.26 its findings and recommendations.

313.27 (b) No later than ~~August 31~~ December 15, 2022, the task force shall submit a final report
 313.28 to the chairs and ranking minority members of the house of representatives and senate
 313.29 committees and divisions with jurisdiction over housing and preventing homelessness on
 313.30 its findings and recommendations.

729.4 Sec. 9. **EMERGENCY SHELTER FACILITIES.**

729.5 Subdivision 1. **Definitions.** (a) For the purposes of this section, the following terms have
729.6 the meanings given.

729.7 (b) "Commissioner" means the commissioner of human services.

729.8 (c) "Eligible applicant" means a statutory or home rule charter city, county, Tribal
729.9 government, not-for-profit corporation under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue
729.10 Code, or housing and redevelopment authority established under Minnesota Statutes, section
729.11 469.003.

729.12 (d) "Emergency shelter facility" or "facility" means a facility that provides a safe, sanitary,
729.13 accessible, and suitable emergency shelter for individuals and families experiencing
729.14 homelessness, regardless of whether the facility provides emergency shelter during the day,
729.15 overnight, or both.

729.16 Subd. 2. **Project criteria.** (a) The commissioner shall prioritize grants under this section
729.17 for projects that improve or expand emergency shelter facility options by:

729.18 (1) adding additional emergency shelter facilities by renovating existing facilities not
729.19 currently operating as emergency shelter facilities;

729.20 (2) adding additional emergency shelter facility beds by renovating existing emergency
729.21 shelter facilities, including major projects that address an accumulation of deferred
729.22 maintenance or repair or replacement of mechanical, electrical, and safety systems and
729.23 components in danger of failure;

729.24 (3) adding additional emergency shelter facility beds through acquisition and construction
729.25 of new emergency shelter facilities; and

729.26 (4) improving the safety, sanitation, accessibility, and habitability of existing emergency
729.27 shelter facilities, including major projects that address an accumulation of deferred
729.28 maintenance or repair or replacement of mechanical, electrical, and safety systems and
729.29 components in danger of failure.

729.30 (b) A grant under this section may be used to pay for 100 percent of total project capital
729.31 expenditures, or a specified project phase, up to \$10,000,000 per project.

730.1 (c) All projects funded with a grant under this section must meet all applicable state and
730.2 local building codes at the time of project completion.

730.3 (d) The commissioner must use a competitive request for proposal process to identify
730.4 potential projects and eligible applicants on a statewide basis.

730.5 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 1, 2022.