145.4718 PROGRAM EVALUATION.

(a) The director of child sex trafficking prevention established under section 145.4716 must conduct, or contract for, comprehensive evaluation of the statewide program for safe harbor for sexually exploited youth. The director must submit an updated evaluation to the commissioner of health and to the chairs and ranking minority members of the senate and house of representatives committees with jurisdiction over health and public safety by September 1 of each odd-numbered year. The evaluation must consider whether the program is reaching intended victims and whether support services are available, accessible, and adequate for sexually exploited youth, as defined in section 260C.007, subdivision 31.

(b) In conducting the evaluation, the director of child sex trafficking prevention must consider evaluation of outcomes, including whether the program increases identification of sexually exploited youth, coordination of investigations, access to services and housing available for sexually exploited youth, and improved effectiveness of services. The evaluation must also include examination of the ways in which penalties under section 609.3241 are assessed, collected, and distributed to ensure funding for investigation, prosecution, and victim services to combat sexual exploitation of youth.

History: *2013 c 108 art 12 s 45; 2025 c 12 s 1*