

Subject Census 2020 Mobilization

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Overview

This bill provides a right of access for census employees to multiunit residential facilities in Minnesota during the 2020 United States Census (apartment buildings, dormitories, nursing homes, and the like).

The bill also appropriates money and requires the commissioner of administration to implement a Census 2020 Mobilization program. A component of the program is awarding grants to local governments and nonpartisan, nonprofit organizations engaged in census mobilization activities. A list of priority outreach and mobilization activities is included.

Summary

Section	Description
1	<p>Access to multiunit facilities by United States Census employees.</p> <p>Requires employees of the U.S. Census who are conducting official business to be granted access to certain multiunit residential facilities, such as apartment buildings, dormitories, nursing homes, and the like.</p> <p>Certain conditions and limitations on the right of access are contained in the bill.</p> <p>The access rights contained in this section are similar to those afforded to candidates and campaigns seeking access to multiunit facilities prior to an election.</p> <p>The access rights provided in this section apply for a limited period of time: from January 1, 2020, to July 1, 2020.</p>
2	<p>Minnesota Census 2020 Mobilization.</p> <p>Establishes a Census 2020 mobilization program, under the jurisdiction of the commissioner of administration. In implementing the program, the commissioner must collaborate with the Minnesota Census 2020 Mobilization Partnership, a consortium of organizations working to raise awareness and maximize the state's participation in the 2020 United States Census.</p>

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	<p>The purpose of the program is to implement outreach and mobilization activities to increase the participation of Minnesotans in the census.</p> <p>At least 45 percent of any appropriations provided to the commissioner must be used for grants to local governments and nonpartisan, nonprofit community organizations engaged in census mobilization work. The commissioner is authorized to waive certain requirements in law related to the award of grants, state contracting procedure, and state IT purchasing requirements in order to facilitate timely distribution of funds and to maximize the impact of the outreach and mobilization activities.</p> <p>Targeted programs that must be supported by the mobilization program include the following (further detail is provided in the bill, in the subdivisions indicated):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Engaging hard to reach households (subd. 2)▪ Adapting to the electronic census (subd. 3)▪ Reaching historically undercounted communities (subd. 4)▪ Shared services to promote efficiency among mobilization partners and organizations (subd. 5)
3	<p>Appropriation; Minnesota census mobilization program.</p> <p>Appropriates money to the commissioner of administration for purposes of implementing the census mobilization program required in section 2 of the bill.</p>



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