

1.1 moves to amend H.F. No. 1661 as follows:

1.2 Delete everything after the enacting clause and insert:

1.3 "Section 1. **[256E.40] PREVENTING FOSTER CARE PLACEMENT KINSHIP**
1.4 **GRANT PROGRAM.**

1.5 Subdivision 1. **Establishment.** (a) The preventing foster care placement kinship grant
1.6 program is established, for eligible community-based nonprofit organizations to provide
1.7 support and connection to local and statewide resources for relative kinship caregivers who
1.8 are caring for relative children, to reduce the need for child welfare involvement or risk of
1.9 child welfare involvement.

1.10 (b) For purposes of this section, "relative" has the meaning given in section 256N.02,
1.11 subdivision 18.

1.12 Subd. 2. **Eligible grantees.** Eligible grantees are community-based nonprofit
1.13 organizations with a demonstrated history of relative kinship caregiver support, ability to
1.14 increase capacity of caregivers served, and ability to serve racially and geographically
1.15 diverse populations. Grantees shall be capable of developing kinship caregiver support in
1.16 alignment with a consistent set of replicable standards.

1.17 Subd. 3. **Allowable uses of grant funds.** Eligible grantees must use funds to assess
1.18 relative kinship caregiver and child needs, provide connection to local and statewide
1.19 resources, provide case management to assist with complex cases, and provide supports to
1.20 reduce the need for child welfare involvement or risk of child welfare involvement.

2.1 Sec. 2. **TRANSFER TO THE DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND**
2.2 **FAMILIES.**

2.3 The responsibilities and authorities under Minnesota Statutes, section 256E.40, shall
2.4 transfer to the Department of Children, Youth, and Families once it is operational. The
2.5 revisor of statutes shall renumber Minnesota Statutes, section 256E.40, with other community
2.6 social services responsibilities if legislation is enacted during the 2024 legislative session
2.7 recodifying the statutes governing community social services.

2.8 Sec. 3. **APPROPRIATION; PREVENTING FOSTER CARE PLACEMENT KINSHIP**
2.9 **GRANT PROGRAM.**

2.10 \$2,200,000 in fiscal year 2025 is appropriated from the general fund to the commissioner
2.11 of children, youth, and families for the preventing foster care placement kinship grant
2.12 program under Minnesota Statutes, section 256E.40. Any federal matching funds received
2.13 under this section must be used for the preventing foster care placement kinship grant
2.14 program. The base for this appropriation is \$3,600,000 in fiscal year 2026 and \$3,600,000
2.15 in fiscal year 2027.

2.16 Sec. 4. **APPROPRIATION; SUPPORT FOR RELATIVE CAREGIVERS.**

2.17 \$3,900,000 in fiscal year 2025 is appropriated from the general fund to the commissioner
2.18 of children, youth, and families for grants to eligible public and private agencies to deliver
2.19 individualized support services to current and prospective relative caregivers. For purposes
2.20 of this section, "relative" has the meaning given in Minnesota Statutes, section 256N.02,
2.21 subdivision 18. Grantees shall support relative caregivers and prospective relative caregivers
2.22 with foster care licensing and ongoing services specific to meet the unique needs of the
2.23 relative children and their current or prospective relative caregivers. The commissioner
2.24 shall prioritize grant awards to public and private licensing agencies that can demonstrate
2.25 expertise in supporting relative caregivers."

2.26 Amend the title accordingly