

1.1 moves to amend H.F. No. 1298 as follows:

1.2 Page 1, after line 5, insert:

1.3 "Sec. [256.9756] CAREGIVER RESPITE SERVICES GRANTS.

1.4 Subdivision 1. Caregiver respite services grant program established. The
1.5 commissioner of human services must establish a caregiver respite services grant program
1.6 to increase the availability of respite services for family caregivers of people with dementia
1.7 and older adults and to provide information, education, and training to respite caregivers
1.8 and volunteers regarding caring for people with dementia. From the funds made available
1.9 for this purpose, the commissioner must award grants on a competitive basis to respite
1.10 service providers, giving priority to areas of the state where there is a high need of respite
1.11 services.

1.12 Subd. 2. Eligible uses. Grant recipients awarded grant funding under this section must
1.13 use a portion of the grant award as determined by the commissioner to provide free or
1.14 subsidized respite services for family caregivers of people with dementia and older adults.

1.15 Subd. 3. Report. By January 15, 2026, and every other January 15 thereafter, the
1.16 commissioner shall submit a progress report about the caregiver respite services grants in
1.17 this section to the chairs and ranking minority members of the legislative committees and
1.18 divisions with jurisdiction over human services. The progress report must include metrics
1.19 of the use of the grant program funds."

1.20 Page 2, line 8, before "companion" insert "adult"

1.21 Page 2, after line 22, insert:

2.1 "Sec. **DIRECTION TO COMMISSIONER OF HUMAN SERVICES;**
2.2 **CAREGIVER RESPITE SERVICES GRANTS.**

2.3 Beginning in fiscal year 2025, the commissioner of human services must continue the
2.4 respite services for older adults grant program established under Laws 2021, First Special
2.5 Session chapter 7, article 17, section 17, subdivision 3, under the authority granted under
2.6 Minnesota Statutes, section 256.9756. The commissioner may begin the grant application
2.7 process for awarding grants under Minnesota Statutes, section 256.9756, during fiscal year
2.8 2024 in order to facilitate the continuity of the grant program during the transition from a
2.9 temporary program to a permanent one."

2.10 Page 2, delete section 2, and insert:

2.11 "Sec. **APPROPRIATIONS; CAREGIVER RESPITE SERVICES GRANTS.**

2.12 \$2,000,000 in fiscal year 2025 is appropriated from the general fund to the commissioner
2.13 of human services for caregiver respite services grants under Minnesota Statutes, section
2.14 256.9756."

2.15 Renumber the sections in sequence and correct the internal references

2.16 Amend the title accordingly