

**Subject** Pilot program for chosen family hosting to prevent youth homelessness

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### Overview

This bill establishes a pilot program to formalize situations where a youth stays in the residence of a caring adult who the youth considers chosen family to avoid being homeless. This bill appropriates \$8,000,000 in fiscal year 2023 from the general fund to the commissioner of human services to fund the program.

## Summary

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| 1 | <p><b>Pilot program for chosen family hosting to prevent youth homelessness.</b></p> <p>Requires the commissioner of human services to establish a pilot program and prescribes rules for program administration, eligible applicants, funding applications, and reporting requirements.</p> <p><b>Subd. 1. Establishment.</b> Requires the commissioner of human services to establish a pilot program to formalize situations where a caring adult who a youth considers to be chosen family allows a youth to stay at the adult's residence to avoid being homeless.</p> <p><b>Subd. 2. Definitions.</b> Defines the terms "chosen family" and "set of participants" for purposes of this pilot program.</p> <p><b>Subd. 3. Administration.</b> Requires the commissioner to contract with a technical assistance provider to assist in the evaluation of the program and to submit annual updates and a final report to the commissioner. Requires funding recipients to partner with at least one set of participants, to mediate agreements about the living situation within each set of participants, to provide monthly stipends to each set of participants to offset the costs of the living arrangement, and to connect each set of participants with community resources.</p> <p><b>Subd. 4. Technical assistance provider.</b> Provides criteria for selecting the technical assistance provider, including location in Minnesota and in-depth</p> |
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experience with research on and evaluation of youth homelessness from a holistic perspective.

**Subd. 5. Eligible applicants.** Defines eligible applicants as providers serving homeless youth in Minnesota. Requires funding to be awarded to funding recipients beginning no later than March 31, 2023.

**Subd. 6. Applications.** Requires that providers seeking funding apply to the commissioner with a description of the proposed project, the amount of money requested, and a proposed budget for the requested funds.

**Subd. 7. Reporting.** Requires the technical assistance provider to submit annual updates and a final report to the commissioner on the efficacy and cost-effectiveness of the program.

**2 Appropriation.**

Appropriates \$8,000,000 in fiscal year 2023 from the general fund to the commissioner of human services for the pilot program for chosen family hosting to prevent youth homelessness. Sets aside a blank amount of this appropriation for a contract with a technical assistance provider. Provides that the appropriation is onetime and available until June 30, 2027.



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