

Subject Vulnerable adult protective services

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Summary

This bill provides a direction to the commissioner of human services and three appropriations to the commissioner related to protective services for vulnerable adults.

Section 1 directs the commissioner to establish multidisciplinary working groups to develop policy and provide guidance on aspects of adult protective services related to type of disability, racial and ethnic inequity in service provision, and best practices. The section requires the commissioner to submit an annual report to the legislature on working group activities and conclusions. Section 1 is effective the day following final enactment and expires December 15, 2024.

Section 2 appropriates \$30,000,000 in fiscal year 2023 from the general fund to the commissioner for allocation to counties and Tribes for adult protection grants.

Section 3 appropriates \$10,000,000 in fiscal year 2023 from the general fund to the commissioner for pilot projects that address disparities in adult protective services. The section requires the commissioner to submit a report to the legislature after the pilot projects conclude, and specifies that the appropriation for the pilot projects is onetime and available until June 30, 2024.

Section 4 appropriates \$250,000 in onetime funding in fiscal year 2023 from the general fund to the commissioner to establish working groups, aimed at developing policy and guidance on changes to the structured decision-making intake assessment tool.