

Subject Emergency Services, Isolation Spaces, and Housing Support
Appropriations

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Overview

This bill appropriates money from the general fund to the commissioner of human services for emergency services, isolations spaces, and housing support in response to COVID-19.

Summary

Section	Description
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1	Appropriation; emergency services.
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Paragraph (a) appropriates \$9 million in fiscal year 2021 from the general fund to the commissioner of human services for emergency services grants. Lists how funds may be used.

Paragraph (b) allows the commissioner to allocate funds to programs, providers, or organizations providing or seeking to provide services to individuals experiencing homelessness through a single fiscal agent chosen by the commissioner.

Paragraph (c) requires grant applicants to describe how they intend to use grant funds. Limits use of funds to the purposes listed in this section.

Paragraph (d) requires grant recipients to notify the commissioner of the amount of any nonstate grant funds received for purposes under this section and to return any state grant funds in excess of actual costs to provide services. Requires any money paid to the commissioner to be deposited in the general fund.

Paragraph (e) specifies this is a onetime appropriation and is available until June 30, 2021, or until 60 days after the expiration of the COVID-19 peacetime emergency declared by the Governor, whichever occurs earlier.

Provides an immediate effective date.

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2	Appropriation; isolation spaces.
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Paragraph (a) appropriates \$4.3 million in fiscal year 2021 from the general fund to the commissioner of human services to establish or maintain isolation spaces from January 1, 2021, through February 28, 2021, for suspected or confirmed COVID-positive individuals experiencing homelessness or who cannot safely isolate at home and do not require a hospital level of care.

Paragraph (b) allows the commissioner to enter into contracts or to directly purchase goods or services to provide isolation spaces or services to establish or maintain such spaces.

Paragraph (c) allows the commissioner to allocate funding to maintain or extend existing contracts for isolation spaces entered into with Coronavirus Relief Funds. Allows the commissioner to enter into new contracts with eligible entities using expedited contracting authority.

Paragraph (d) specifies this is a onetime appropriation and is available until June 30, 2021, or until 60 days after the expiration of the COVID-19 peacetime emergency declared by the Governor, whichever occurs earlier.

Provides an immediate effective date.

3	Appropriation; housing support.
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Paragraph (a) appropriates \$4.2 million in fiscal year 2021 from the general fund to the commissioner of human services for housing support rate increases in order to maintain access to room and board from January 1, 2021, through February 28, 2021, including activities necessary to comply with federal and state health and safety guidance, in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. Specifies this is a onetime appropriation.

Paragraph (b) requires providers to submit documentation demonstrating increased funding was used for needs related to COVID-19 for the time period during which the funds appropriated under this section were expended.

Provides an immediate effective date.



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