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H. F. No. 1660

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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Children and Families Finance and Policy

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to children; directing the commissioner of children, youth, and families
1.3 to conduct a statewide needs assessment for out-of-school and youth programming;
1.4 requiring a report; appropriating money.

1.5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

1.6 Section 1. DIRECTION TO COMMISSIONER OF CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND
1.7 FAMILIES; REPORT ON OUT-OF-SCHOOL AND YOUTH PROGRAMMING.

1.8 (a) The commissioner of children, youth, and families must evaluate statewide availability
1.9 of out-of-school and youth programming that is available to youth 21 years of age and
1.10 younger. The evaluation must include:

1.11 (1) data on current state, county, and city programs that offer enrichment activities, the
1.12 funding for those activities, and the populations served by those activities; and

1.13 (2) a financial assessment that includes a complete list of state and local public programs
1.14 and public financing mechanisms.

1.15 (b) The commissioner must utilize a community engagement process throughout the
1.16 evaluation. The commissioner must engage with youth 21 years of age and younger, families
1.17 with youth 21 years of age and younger, providers from city or county-based programs and
1.18 community organizations, and subject-matter experts. The community engagement process
1.19 must evaluate common barriers and gaps to accessing out-of-school and youth programming
1.20 and must also provide recommendations on how to improve access to and the quality of
1.21 out-of-school and youth programming.

2.1 (c) By February 15, 2026, the commissioner must provide a report to the chairs and
 2.2 ranking minority members of the legislative committees with jurisdiction over children,
 2.3 youth, and families. The report must include:

2.4 (1) the commissioner's findings from the evaluation and community engagement process;
 2.5 and

2.6 (2) finance and policy recommendations to expand access to quality out-of-school and
 2.7 youth programming for youth 21 years of age and younger.

2.8 **Sec. 2. APPROPRIATION; REPORT ON OUT-OF-SCHOOL AND YOUTH**
 2.9 **PROGRAMMING.**

2.10 \$..... in fiscal year 2026 is appropriated from the general fund to the commissioner of
 2.11 children, youth, and families for the out-of-school and youth programming evaluation and
 2.12 report. This is a onetime appropriation.