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Overview

This bill appropriates \$2 million for the 2000-2001 biennium for programs that provide safe houses, transitional housing, and independent living assistance services for targeted youth ages 16 to 21.

- 1 Appropriation for youth housing programs.** Appropriates \$2 million to the commissioner of human services for the 2000-2001 biennium for programs that provide safe houses, transitional housing and independent living assistance services for targeted youth. ("Targeted youth" are defined in current law as youth ages 16 to 21 who are in out-of-home placement, leaving out-of-home placement, at risk of becoming homeless, or homeless.)

Requires the appropriation to be distributed using the request for proposal process and review committee mechanism that is currently specified in law. Permits monies that are unspent at the end of the first year of the biennium to be carried forward to the second year. Requires that this appropriation become part of the commissioner's base level funding.