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## Bill Summary

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### Overview

This bill requires the operation of a statewide system to reimburse providers for employment support services for persons with mental illness. The system is to be

operated by the commissioners of economic security and human services. Existing law requires the development of the system, and this bill establishes its ongoing operation. The bill also establishes criteria to be used in selecting the programs and services to be funded. The criteria generally address the accessibility, goals, effectiveness, and other features of the programs and services. The bill also establishes reporting requirements to the legislature.

### Section

- 1 Employment support services and programs.** Adds § 245.4705. Requires the commissioner of human services to cooperate with the commissioner of economic security in the operation of a statewide system to reimburse providers of employment support services for persons with mental illness. The general requirement that the two commissioners cooperate in this effort is already in the statutes relating to the commissioner of economic security, but this section places it in the human services statutes as well.
- 2 Employment support services for persons with mental illness.** Amends § 268A.13. Specifies that the program of grants given by the commissioner of economic security for employment support services, which are already in statute, are to be used for the reimbursement system discussed in the other two sections of the bill.
- 3 Statewide reimbursement system for employment support services.** Amends § 268A.14. Requires the commissioner of economic security to work with the commissioner of human services in operating a statewide reimbursement system for providers of employment services to persons with mental illness, lists criteria for programs and services to be funded, and requires reports to the legislature.

**Subd. 1. Employment support services and programs.** Requires the commissioner of economic security to cooperate with the commissioner of human services to operate a statewide system of reimbursement of employment support services for persons with mental illnesses. Sets out a list of eleven criteria that the commissioners are to use to choose programs and services that are reimbursed under this section. Strikes language directing the commissioners to develop a plan for this system and specifying criteria that the plan must include (this language directing planning is no longer needed).

**Subd. 2. Report.** Before preparing a biennial budget request, requires the commissioners of economic security and human services to report to the legislature on the status and evaluation of grants currently funded, the level of unmet need, and recommendations for expanding the program to meet unmet needs.