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## Bill Summary

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### Overview

This bill modifies the Runaway and Homeless Youth Act, to: identify mission goals, modify uses of funds, appropriate additional funding for the program, and remove a mandated report.

#### Section

- 1 Homeless youth act.** Modifies the Homeless Youth Act to change the name of the program, express a mission focus on homeless youth (that continues to include runaways), require grants to providers that meet certain mission criteria, direct funded emergency shelter programs to include homeless youth assistance, and modify allowed uses of funds appropriated for the program. Changes to uses of appropriations include:
  - ▶ requiring provider commitment to various homeless youth and housing programs;
  - ▶ eliminating a permitted set-aside of up to four percent for evaluation of programs serving youth; and
  - ▶ removing a requirement that a significant share of funds be used in Greater Minnesota.
- 2 Appropriation.** Appropriates \$8 million for the Homeless Youth Act from the general fund to the Department of Human Services, for fiscal years 2014-15. Adds this amount to the base appropriation for future biennia.
- 3 Repealer.** Repeals required development of a report on homeless and runaway youth as well as coordination of services funded under the Homeless Youth Act.