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Bill Summary

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Overview

This bill appropriates money for long-term homeless supportive services, housing and services for homeless youth, transitional housing programs, and emergency services grants.

Homeless programs support drop-in centers, shelters, and transitional housing programs operated by Community Action Agencies, tribal governments, and other nonprofit organizations in order to prevent homelessness, provide safe shelter, and increase the ability of homeless households to secure and maintain stable, independent housing and economic self-reliance.

Programs receiving grant support from DHS include:

- The Minnesota Transitional Housing Program (THP), which provides housing assistance (at congregate facilities and scattered-site apartments) and support services to people who are homeless;
- The Emergency Services Program (ESP), which funds the cost of providing shelter and support services to people who are homeless; and
- The Runaway and Homeless Youth Act (RHYA), which provides funding to non-profits that provide street outreach, drop-in centers, emergency shelter, transitional living programs and/or supportive housing for runaway, at-risk and homeless youth.

Section

- 1 Appropriations; human services programs.** (a) Appropriates \$9.95 million in each year of the 2014-2015 biennium from the general fund to the commissioner of human services for long-term homeless supportive services. Adds this appropriation to the base.
- (b) Appropriates \$5.95 million in each year of the 2014-2015 biennium from the general fund to the commissioner of human services for transitional housing programs. Adds this appropriation to the base.
- (c) Appropriates \$850,000 in each year of the 2014-2015 biennium from the general fund to the commissioner of human services for emergency services grants. Adds this appropriation to the base.
- (d) Appropriates \$4 million in each year of the 2014-2015 biennium from the general fund to the commissioner of human services to provide housing and services to homeless youth under the Runaway and Homeless Youth Act. Adds this appropriation to the base.