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Overview

This bill appropriates funds for a variety of children's mental health services and training. It requires continuation of mental health case management services for children who reach the age of majority, and requires the commissioner to ensure that facilities serving the complex needs of children with a serious emotional disturbance have services and staff to provide effective, high quality treatment.

Section

- 1 Availability of case management services.** Amends §245.4881, subd. 1. Requires case management services to continue for a child over age 18 with a serious emotional disturbance if requested by the child or the child's family. Requires that before discontinuation of case management services a transition plan must be developed before the child's 18th or the young adult's 26th birthday. Provides that the service recipient and the recipient's parent, guardian, or legal representative must develop the transition plan.
- 2 Child and adolescent behavioral health services.** Requires the commissioner to consult with stakeholders and interested parties to develop recommendations and legislation, if necessary, for the state-operated child and adolescent behavioral health services facility to ensure that:
 - ▶ services provided meet the complex needs of the children and adolescents;
 - ▶ personnel and staff have specific expertise and training to meet the treatment needs of the children and adolescents served by the facility; and
 - ▶ high-quality, effective treatment is provided.

Section

3 **Psychiatric residential treatment facility license.** Requires the commissioner to establish a work group to develop licensure standards for psychiatric residential treatment facilities.

4 **Appropriations.**

Subd. 1. Children’s mental health crisis services. Appropriates an unspecified amount from the general fund to the commissioner to expand children’s mental health crisis services and to provide training to mental health crisis response teams that serve both children and adults.

Subd. 2. Mental health first aid training. Appropriates \$45,000 from the general fund to the commissioner to provide mental health first aid training to teachers, social service personnel, law enforcement, and others to help them identify risk factors and warning signs of mental health problems in children.

Subd. 3. Respite care. Appropriates an unspecified amount from the general fund to the commissioner to provide respite care to families who have a child with serious emotional disturbance.

Subd. 4. Community health worker training. Appropriates \$15,000 from the general fund to the commissioner for training of community health workers on mental illness in children and adults.

Subd. 5. School-linked mental health services. Appropriates \$5,000,000 from the general fund to the commissioner of human services for:

- ▶ grants to schools for children’s school-linked mental health services;
- ▶ two FTEs in the children’s Mental Health Division to manage grants; and
- ▶ consultation to schools that do not have school-linked mental health service grants but want to collaborate with a community mental health provider.