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## Bill Summary

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### Overview

This bill establishes the MFIP child well-being pilot project and appropriates an unspecified amount of money for the pilot project.

#### Section

#### **1 MFIP Child Well-Being Pilot Project.**

**Subd. 1. Establishment.** Requires the commissioner of human services, in consultation with others, to establish and implement a pilot project in up to three counties to determine effective strategies to increase MFIP child well-being.

**Subd. 2. Pilot project goals.** Lists the goals of the pilot project including: to provide early childhood development information and resources to MFIP parents; to determine effective strategies to help parents; to consider county staff training issues related to early childhood development and child well-being; and to maximize the use of existing resources.

**Subd. 3. County application; participation.** Allows counties to apply to the commissioner of human services to participate in the pilot project on the forms and according to the timelines established by the commissioner. Specifies the determination process for county participation. Requires the commissioner to provide technical assistance to participating counties.

**Subd. 4. Services.** Lists the services that may be provided under the pilot project. Specifies that families must be receiving services under the pilot project no later than July 1, 2015.

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**Subd. 5. Parental participation.** Requires the project to allow parents to count participation in approved early childhood programs as an approved MFIP work activity, if included in the caregiver's employment plan.

**Subd. 6. Report and recommendations.** Requires the commissioner of human services to report to the legislative committees with jurisdiction over health and human services policy and finance by January 15, 2017, regarding pilot project participants and outcomes. Requires the commissioner to provide recommendations to the same legislative committees to improve MFIP child well-being outcomes and to expand the project statewide if the results of the project indicate project participants achieved better outcomes.

**Subd. 7. Expiration.** Makes this section expire June 30, 2017.

**2 Appropriation.** Appropriates an unspecified amount for the biennium ending June 30, 2015, from the general fund to the commissioner of human services for the MFIP child well-being pilot project.