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## Bill Summary

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### Overview

This bill appropriates funds for development of a comprehensive mental health center by Beltrami County.

#### Section

**1 Appropriation for comprehensive mental health center in Beltrami County.** Paragraph (a) appropriates \$1,500,000 for the 2016-2017 biennium to the commissioner of human services for a grant to Beltrami County. Requires the county to develop a comprehensive mental health center for individuals in Beltrami County or northwestern Minnesota who are under arrest or subject to arrest and experiencing a mental health crisis, or under a transport hold. Requires the center to be an integrated care model for providing mental health and substance use disorder treatment.

Paragraph (b) requires the program to maintain data and provide it to the commissioner of human services so that the program model can be evaluated to determine its effectiveness in reducing the incarceration and hospitalization rates of individuals served by the center. Instructs the commissioner to issue a report to the legislative committees with jurisdiction over health and human services and corrections every two years, beginning February 1, 2017.

Paragraph (c) instructs the commissioner of human services to encourage the commissioners of corrections, health, and the Minnesota Housing Finance Agency to provide technical assistance to the center. Requires the commissioners of human services and health to determine which agency will license and regulated the center. Requires the commissioners of human services and the Minnesota Housing Finance Agency to work with the center to provide short-term and long-term housing for the center's clients.