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## Bill Summary

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### Overview

This bill creates grants for living at home programs for older adults and appropriates money for the grants.

#### Section

**1 Grants for Living At Home Programs for Older Adults.** Creates § 256B.86.

**Subd. 1. Contract.** Requires the commissioner to execute a contract with Living at Home Network for the distribution of grants to establish new and fund existing community-based living at home programs for older adults that enable older adults to live as independently as possible in their homes and communities. Makes execution of the contract contingent upon Living at Home Network meeting certain requirements.

**Subd. 2. Funding; organizations structure of Living at Home Network.** Requires Living at Home Network to be governed by a board, specifies membership of the board, prohibits board members from receiving compensation except for expenses directly related to serving on the board, and specifies the funding amount for Living at Home Network.

**Subd. 3. Duties of Living at Home Network.** Lists the duties of Living at Home Network under the terms of the contract.

**Subd. 4. Grant applicants.** Makes nonprofit organizations and local units of government eligible to apply for grants to establish and operate living at home programs for older adults. Requires grant applicants to match at least five percent of the grant funds received with funds from community sources.

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**Subd. 5. Criteria for programs.** Lists criteria programs receiving grant funds must meet.

**Subd. 6. Grant awards.** Requires grants to be awarded for four-year periods. Limits grant amounts for the initial grant period to \$80,000 per applicant. Requires grant amounts in subsequent grant periods to be increased to reflect cost of living adjustments. Subject to available funding, requires grants awarded under this section to be renewed every four years, unless Living at Home Network determines that the grant recipient is not in compliance with this section and any guidelines established by Living at Home Network.

**Subd. 7. Use of grant funds.** Allows grant funds to be used for both program development and the delivery of services. Prohibits funds from being used for religious activities.

**Subd. 8. Reporting requirements.** Requires Living at Home Network to establish reporting requirements for grant recipients and to periodically submit to the commissioner data received under this subdivision.

**2 Appropriation; Living at Home Grant Program.** Appropriates an unspecified amount in each year of the 2016-17 biennium from the general fund to the commissioner of human services for a contract with Living at Home Network for grants for living at home programs for older adults. Of this amount, requires an unspecified amount to be used each fiscal year to fund the development of new living at home programs.