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## **Section**

- **Duties of director.** Amends § 145.4716, subd. 2. Authorizes the commissioner of health to manage funds that were used or intended to be used to commit a crime related to prostitution or sex trafficking, were subject to forfeiture under state law, and were deposited in the safe harbor for youth account. The commissioner may use these funds for distribution to crime victims services organizations that serve sexually exploited youth.
- **Disposition of money; prostitution.** Amends § 609.5315, subd. 5c. Transfers authority to distribute the forfeited funds described in section 1, from the commissioner of public safety to the commissioner of health.
- 3 Appropriations; sexually exploited youth and youth at risk of sexual exploitation.
  - **Subd. 1. Commissioner of human services.** Appropriates \$600,000 each fiscal year from the general fund to the commissioner of human services for emergency shelter and housing beds and for statewide youth outreach workers. Provides that youth age 24 or younger are eligible for the shelter, housing beds, and services funded in this subdivision.
  - **Subd. 2. Commissioner of health.** Appropriates the following amounts from the general fund to the commissioner of health:
    - \$325,000 each fiscal year for services for sexually exploited youth. Youth age 24 or younger are eligible for these services; and
    - \$225,000 each fiscal year for training, technical assistance, protocol implementation, and program evaluation activities.