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### Overview

This bill creates a grant program, administered by the commissioner of human services, for licensed programs that provide stable housing and support services for vulnerable youth.

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**1**      **Stable housing and support services for vulnerable youth.** Proposes coding for § 256K.46.

**Subd. 1. Definitions.** Defines the following terms, for the purposes of this section:

- (a) “Eligible applicant”
- (b) “Living essentials”
- (c) “Support services”
- (d) “Transitional housing”
- (e) “Vulnerable youth”

**Subd. 2. Grants authorized.** Requires the commissioner of human services to award grants to programs licensed to provide transitional housing and supportive services to vulnerable youth, for two-year periods. Specifies that the commissioner shall determine the number of grants awarded and that the commissioner may reallocate underspending.

**Subd. 3. Commissioner required to grant variance.** Requires the commissioner to grant a variance allowing a program licensed to provide transitional housing and

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support services to 16 and 17 year olds, to serve 13 to 17 year olds under this grant program.

**Subd. 4. Allocation of grants.** (a) Specifies the information that must be included in the grant applications.

(b) Specifies the purposes of the grants, including, but not limited to, the following:

(1) transitional housing, meals, and living essentials to vulnerable youth and their children;

(2) support services;

(3) mental health and substance use disorder counseling;

(4) staff training;

(5) case management and referral services;

(6) aftercare and follow-up services.

(c) Requires the commissioner to establish criteria for grants; specifies some criteria. Allows commissioner to request additional information.

**Subd. 5. Awarding of grants.** Establishes dates by which the commissioner must notify grantees and disburse funds.

**2 Report to legislature.** Requires the commissioner to deliver a report on the outcomes of the projects funded under this grant program by December 1, 2020, to the chairs and ranking minority members of the relevant legislative committees. Specifies what the report must include.

**3 Appropriation.** Appropriates funds for the grant program established in this bill.