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Overview

This bill creates the caregiver support program under the Minnesota Board on Aging and appropriates \$200,000 per year for the program.

The National Family Caregiver Support Program is administered by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Administration on Aging, and was established in 2000. The program provides grants to states based on each state's share of the population 70 years of age and older to fund services to support family caregivers, including:

- individual counseling, organization of support groups, and caregiver training;
- respite care; and
- limited supplemental services (see https://aoa.acl.gov/AoA_Programs/HCLTC/Caregiver/).

Section

1 Caregiver support programs. Creates § 256.9755.

Subd. 1. Program goals. States the goal of all area agencies on aging and caregiver support programs is to support family caregivers of persons with Alzheimer's disease or other related dementias who are living in the community by promoting caregiver support programs and providing caregiver support services.

Section

Subd. 2. Authority. Requires the Minnesota Board on Aging to allocate to the area agencies on aging the caregiver support program state and federal funds in a manner consistent with federal requirements.

Subd. 3. Caregiver support services. Requires funds allocated to an area agency on aging for caregiver support services to be used in a manner consistent with the National Family Caregiver Support Program to reach family caregivers with Alzheimer's disease or related dementias. Requires funds to be used to provide social, nonmedical, community-based services and activities that provide respite for caregivers and social interaction for participants.

2 Appropriation; Caregiver Support Programs. Appropriates \$200,000 in fiscal year 2018 from the general fund to the commissioner of human services for the Minnesota Board on Aging for the purposes of the caregiver support program. Adds this appropriation to the base.