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Subject Enhanced supervision of individuals struggling with mental illness

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Summary

Section Description

1 Specialized mental health community supervision.

Establishes and describes a pilot project.

Subd. 1. Authorization. Directs the commissioner of corrections to award a grant to Anoka County to develop and implement a pilot project to evaluate a delivery approach for offenders under supervision and struggling with mental illness.

Subd. 2. Pilot project goals and design. Requires the pilot project to provide enhanced services and supervision to individuals with mental illness struggling to manage symptoms and behavior. Identifies goals including improving mental health service delivery, providing expedited assessment and treatment, enhancing community supervision, offering alternatives to jail or prison, reducing the number of incarceration days related to mental illness, eliminating the duplication of services, and improving collaboration between criminal justice partners and mental health providers.

Subd. 3. Target population. Identifies certain adult offenders with mental illness as the target population.

Subd. 4. Evaluation and report. Requires a report to the commissioner of corrections on the impact and outcome of the project.

2 Appropriation.

Appropriates an unspecified amount in fiscal year 2020 to fund the pilot project established under section 1.

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