

Subject Homeless Youth
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Overview

This bill modifies the homeless youth report to include details about shelter-linked youth mental health grants and creates the shelter-linked youth mental health grants, directs the commissioner of human services to report to the legislature on providing homeless youth access to birth records and Minnesota identification cards at no cost, and appropriates money for shelter-linked youth mental health grants, grant evaluations, and the homeless youth act.

Summary

Section	Description
1	<p>Homeless youth report.</p> <p>Amends § 256K.45, subd. 2. Modifies the biennial homeless youth report by requiring the commissioner to include information regarding shelter-linked youth mental health grants.</p>
2	<p>Shelter-Linked Youth Mental Health Grants.</p> <p>Creates § 256K.46.</p> <p>Subd. 1. Establishment and authority. Paragraph (a) requires the commissioner to make grants to provide mental health services to homeless or sexually exploited youth and specifies eligibility requirements.</p> <p>Paragraph (b) requires the commissioner to consult with the commissioner of management and budget to identify evidence-based mental health services for youth and give priority in awarding grants to proposals that include evidence-based mental health services for youth.</p> <p>Paragraph (c) allows the commissioner to make two-year grants.</p> <p>Paragraph (d) lists allowable uses of grant funds.</p> <p>Subd. 2. Definitions. Defines the terms “commissioner,” “housing provider,” “mental health practitioner,” and “youth.”</p>

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	<p>Subd. 3. Eligibility. Lists eligibility criteria for housing providers to be eligible applicants for shelter-linked youth mental health grants.</p> <p>Subd. 4. Allowable grant activities. Lists activities grant recipients may conduct with community-based mental health practitioners.</p> <p>Subd. 5. Reporting. Requires grant recipients to report annually on the use of shelter-linked youth mental health grants to the commissioner by December 31, beginning in 2020. Lists the information that must be included in the report. Requires the commissioner to include shelter-linked youth mental health grants in the homeless youth biennial report.</p>
3	<p>Direction to commissioner; homeless youth access to birth records and Minnesota identification cards.</p> <p>No later than January 15, 2020, requires the commissioner of human services, in consultation with others, to report to the legislature with recommendations, including proposed legislation, to provide homeless youth with access to birth records and Minnesota identification cards at no cost.</p>
4	<p>Appropriation.</p> <p>Subd. 1. Shelter-linked youth mental health grants. Appropriates unspecified amounts in fiscal years 2020 and 2021 from the general fund to the commissioner of human services for shelter-linked youth mental health grants.</p> <p>Subd. 2. Grant evaluations. Paragraph (a) appropriates unspecified amounts in fiscal years 2020 and 2021 from the general fund to the commissioner of management and budget to evaluate grant recipients' use of evidence-based mental health services for youth. Specifies this is a onetime appropriation.</p> <p>Paragraph (b) allows the commissioner of human services to award grants to applicants proposing services that are theory-based or promising practices in fiscal years 2020 and 2021 only, and requires the commissioner of management and budget to conduct program evaluations.</p> <p>Subd. 3. Homeless youth act. Appropriates \$5,619,000 in fiscal year 2020 and \$5,619,000 in fiscal year 2021 from the general fund to the commissioner of human services for the homeless youth act. Specifies priority must be given to fund activities related to providing mobile case management and housing for young families. Adds this appropriation to the base.</p>



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