

Subject Safe Harbor Shelter and Housing

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Overview

This bill establishes safe harbor shelter and housing grants and appropriates money for safe harbor for sexually exploited youth.

The safe harbor program provides statewide services and shelter to support youth who are survivors of sexual exploitation and their families.

Summary

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1	Youth eligible for services.
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Amends § 145.4716, subd. 3. Makes a conforming change related to the establishment of the safe harbor shelter and housing grant program.

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Creates § 256K.47.

Subd. 1. Grant program established. Requires the commissioner of human services to: (1) establish a safe harbor shelter and housing grant program; and (2) award grants to providers who are committed to serving sexually exploited youth and youth at risk of sexual exploitation. Requires grantees to use grant money to provide street and community outreach programs, emergency shelter programs, or supportive housing programs to address the specialized outreach, shelter, and housing needs of sexually exploited youth and youth at risk of sexual exploitation.

Subd. 2. Youth eligible services. Specifies youth 24 years of age or younger are eligible for all shelter, housing beds, and services provided under this section and all services, support, and programs provided by the commissioner of health to sexually exploited youth and youth at risk of sexual exploitation.

Subd. 3. Street and community outreach. Requires street and community outreach programs to locate, contact, and provide information, referrals, and

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services to eligible youth. Lists the activities that may be included in information, referrals, and services provided by street and community outreach programs.

Subd. 4. Emergency shelter program. Requires emergency shelter programs to provide eligible youth with referral and walk-in access to emergency short-term residential care. Lists the services that may be provided at emergency shelters.

Subd. 5. Supportive housing programs. Requires supportive housing programs to help eligible youth find and maintain safe and dignified housing and provide related supportive services and referrals. Allows supportive housing programs to provide rental assistance. Lists the services that may be included in supportive housing programs.

Subd. 6. Funding. Specifies funds appropriated for safe harbor shelter and housing may be expended on street and community outreach, emergency shelter, and supportive housing programs, technical assistance, and capacity building to meet the greatest need on a statewide basis.

3 Appropriations; Sexually exploited youth and youth at risk of sexual exploitation.

Subd. 1. Commissioner of human services. Appropriates \$9,000,000 in each fiscal year of the 2024-2025 biennium from the general fund to the commissioner of human services for sexually exploited youth or youth at risk of homelessness.

Subd. 2. Commissioner of health. Appropriates \$9,000,000 in each fiscal year of the 2024-2025 biennium from the general fund to the commissioner of health for sexually exploited youth or youth at risk of homelessness.

Subd. 3. Regional navigators. Appropriates \$2,000,000 in each fiscal year of the 2024-2025 biennium from the general fund to the commissioner of health for safe harbor regional navigators.



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