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## Summary

This bill: (1) requires the commissioner of children, youth, and families, in consultation with others, to integrate application information and a referral process for the transit assistance program into the MNbenefits web portal; (2) requires Metro Transit and the Metropolitan Council to continue to process applications for the transit assistance program after the application information and a referral process are integrated into the MNbenefits web portal; and (3) appropriates money to the commissioner of children, youth, and families to integrate transit assistance program application information and a referral process into the MNbenefits web portal.

The MNbenefits web portal is developed in partnership between the state agencies that administer the programs, Minnesota IT Services, and Minnesota counties and Tribal nations, and allows individuals to apply for multiple benefit programs in one application. The web portal currently supports applications for various programs administered by the Departments of Human Services and Children, Youth, and Families, such as food assistance, emergency assistance, cash assistance, housing support, and child care assistance.