

Subject Appropriations for service delivery transformation and IT modernization

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Summary

This bill appropriates money for costs related to information technology (IT) initiatives at the county level and the Departments of Human Services and Children, Youth, and Families.

First, the bill appropriates \$5,000,000 in onetime funding in fiscal year 2026 for grants to counties to offset county costs related to implementing the Department of Human Services' service delivery transformation IT initiatives. It requires the commissioner to award a grant to each county and develop a formula to distribute funds equitably. It also requires the commissioner to develop a framework to offset county costs for future service delivery and IT initiatives.

The bill also appropriates onetime funding in fiscal year 2026 for grants to counties for IT modernization and infrastructure projects, and outlines project eligibility requirements. It also requires the commissioner to consult with county associations in developing the request for proposals and evaluating grant applications.

Lastly, the bill appropriates \$40,000,000 in fiscal year 2026 to the commissioner of children, youth, and families for improvements to the social services information system (SSIS), as onetime funding available until June 30, 2027.