

Subject DHS Homelessness, Housing, and Support Services Policy

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Overview

This bill contains the Department of Human Services (DHS) homelessness, housing, and support services policy provisions, including provisions related to projects for assistance in transition from homelessness, housing with support for adults with serious mental illness, general assistance, Minnesota supplemental aid, housing support, and the Homeless Youth Act report.

Summary

Section	Description
1	<p>Allowable grant activities.</p> <p>Amends § 245.991, subd. 3. Clarifies that allowable grant activities under the projects for assistance in transition from homelessness (PATH) program include services for individuals with a substance use disorder and aligns eligible uses with the program purpose.</p> <p>Provides a July 1, 2026, effective date.</p>
2	<p>Eligible beneficiaries.</p> <p>Amends § 245.992, subd. 2. Expands eligibility for housing with support for adults with serious mental illness to include individuals with a substance use disorder.</p> <p>Provides a July 1, 2026, effective date.</p>
3	<p>Eligibility.</p> <p>Amends § 256D.05, subd. 1. Removes language requiring mandatory vendor payments of general assistance benefits for individuals with substance use disorder.</p> <p>Provides an immediate effective date.</p>

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4	<p>Emergency need.</p> <p>Amends § 256D.06, subd. 2. Requires county agencies to annually provide the commissioner with their written criteria for providing emergency general assistance.</p> <p>Provides an August 1, 2026, effective date.</p>
5	<p>Potential eligibility.</p> <p>Amends § 256D.54, subd. 1. Extends the time period during which a Minnesota Supplemental Aid applicant must apply for other benefits from 30 days to 90 days.</p> <p>Provides an immediate effective date.</p>
6	<p>Housing support agreements.</p> <p>Amends § 256I.04, subd. 2b. Requires county and Tribal agencies to develop, make available, and report on processes the agencies use to review and approve housing support agreements with providers.</p> <p>Provides a July 1, 2026, effective date.</p>
7	<p>Reporting.</p> <p>Amends § 256K.46, subd. 5. Removes a requirement that the commissioner include the shelter-linked youth mental health services program in the biennial Homeless Youth Act report, which is repealed in this bill.</p> <p>Provides an immediate effective date.</p>
8	<p>Repealer.</p> <p>Repeals Minn. Stat. § 256D.09, subds. 2a (vendor payments for drug dependent persons) and 2b (disability verification; substance use disorder); and 256K.45, subd. 2 (homeless youth report).</p>



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