

Subject Information technology

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Overview

As amended, this bill would establish a new state fund to modernize the information technology (IT) systems used by state agencies, counties, and Tribal Nations to administer human services programs. Before spending money appropriated by the legislature from this new fund, the Department of Human Services (DHS), the Department of Children, Youth, and Families (DCYF), and the Department of Information Technology Services (MNIT) would be required to consult the new advisory council.

The bill would also appropriate money for certain priority county and agency IT modernization projects, establish a bicameral legislative commission to oversee human services system modernization, and require Minnesota Management and Budget to transfer money to the new fund in certain circumstances.

Summary

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| 1 | <p>Transfer; human services systems modernization fund.</p> <p>Requires Minnesota Management and Budget to transfer money from the general fund to the new fund established in section 3 by October 15 of each odd-numbered year when the balance in the fund is less than \$50,000,000 and the actual general fund closing balance for the previous biennium is larger than the balance anticipated at the end of the previous budget-making session. This new transfer would come after an existing, similar required transfer to the state's disaster assistance contingency account.</p> |
| 2 | <p>Human Services Systems Modernization Advisory Council.</p> <p>Establishes a council to advise state agencies and the legislature regarding the modernization of IT systems used by state agencies, counties, and Tribal Nations to administer human services programs. The council would consist of representatives of DHS, DCYF, MNIT, the Association of Minnesota Counties, the Minnesota Association of County Social Service Administrators, and federally recognized Indian</p> |

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	<p>Tribes. Establishes council duties. Requires DHS, DCYF, and MNIT to consult the council before initiating any work on a major IT modernization project or procurement that would materially affect counties or Tribal Nations. If the agencies do not adopt a council recommendation, they must provide a written explanation to the council and the leaders of certain legislative committees. Requires the council to report annually to the legislative commission created under section 4 and the leaders of certain legislative committees.</p>
3	<p>Human services modernization fund.</p> <p>Establishes a new fund in the state treasury as a source of funding for multiyear modernization of the IT systems used by state agencies, counties, and Tribal Nations to administer human services programs. Prohibits state agencies from encumbering money appropriated from the fund until the agency has consulted the new advisory council as required under section 2. Specifies the eligible and ineligible uses of money in the account and lists specific eligible activities. Requires MNIT to develop and maintain a multiyear modernization plan for human services IT systems. Specifies mandatory plan elements. Requires MNIT to report annually to the advisory council established under section 2, the legislative commission created under section 4, and the leaders of certain legislative committees regarding the projects funded from the account and other specified items.</p>
4	<p>Legislative Commission on Human Services Systems.</p> <p>Establishes an eight-member bicameral, bipartisan legislative commission to oversee, monitor, and provide recommendations on the modernization of human services systems. Specifies duties. Requires the Legislative Coordinating Commission to provide administrative support. Requires DHS, DCYF, MNIT, counties, and other state agencies to cooperate with the commission and provide requested information. Requires the commission to report annually to the leaders of certain legislative committees.</p>
5	<p>Human Services Systems Modernization Advisory Council; first appointments and meeting.</p> <p>Establishes deadlines for appointments to, and the first meeting of, the advisory council created under section 2.</p>
6	<p>Legislative Commission on Human Services Systems; first appointments and meeting.</p> <p>Establishes deadlines for appointments to, and the first meeting of, the commission created under section 4.</p>

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7	Appropriation; county information technology systems updates. Appropriates money from the general fund to MNIT to update information technology services used by counties, as specified in subdivision 3. Authorizes MNIT to award grants to counties for purposes of this section.
8	Appropriation; Legislative Commission on Human Services Systems. Appropriates money to the Legislative Coordinating Commission to administer the commission established under section 4.
9	Appropriation; Human Services Systems Modernization Advisory Council. Appropriates money from the new human services systems modernization fund to MNIT to support the advisory council established under section 2.
10	Appropriation; commissioner of children, youth, and families. Appropriates money from the new human services systems modernization fund to DCYF for several specified purposes.
11	Appropriation; commissioner of human services. Appropriates money from the new human services systems modernization fund to DHS for two specified purposes.
12	Appropriation; commissioner of information technology. Appropriates money from the new human services systems modernization fund to MNIT for technology projects eligible under section 3.
13	Appropriation; fraud prevention and detection. Appropriates money from the new human services systems modernization fund to MNIT for specified fraud prevention and detection purposes.
14	Transfer. Transfers money from the general fund to the new human services systems modernization fund.



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