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State of Minnesota

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NINETY-THIRD SESSION

H. F. No. 3098

03/23/2023 Authored by Hicks The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Human Services Policy

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to human services; appropriating money for a Somali mental health pilot
1.3 project.

1.4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

1.5 Section 1. APPROPRIATION; SOMALI MENTAL HEALTH PILOT PROJECT.

1.6 (a) \$900,000 in fiscal year 2024 and \$900,000 in fiscal year 2025 are appropriated from
1.7 the general fund to the commissioner of human services for a grant to the Intercultural
1.8 Mutual Assistance Association for a pilot project in the city of Rochester to provide mental
1.9 health education and support services to Somali students and mothers. The Intercultural
1.10 Mutual Assistance Association shall partner with the Rochester Math and Science Academy
1.11 and the Somali American Social Service Association to implement the pilot project.

1.12 (b) As part of the pilot project, the Intercultural Mutual Assistance Association and its
1.13 partners shall:

1.14 (1) expand a Dialectical Behavioral Therapy Skills in Schools pilot program for 20 or
1.15 more additional students attending the Rochester Math and Science Academy and offer the
1.16 program annually;

1.17 (2) develop and provide an educational program at the Rochester Math and Science
1.18 Academy to build resiliency skills and improve students' social and emotional development;
1.19 and

1.20 (3) establish a discussion group for mothers of students attending the Rochester Math
1.21 and Science Academy to promote physical and emotional wellness.

2.1 (c) Grant funds may be used for pilot program development and implementation, staffing,
2.2 training, and administrative costs.

2.3 (d) By January 15, 2025, the Intercultural Mutual Assistance Association must submit
2.4 a report to the chairs and ranking minority members of the legislative committees with
2.5 jurisdiction over mental health detailing the results of the pilot project. This is a onetime
2.6 appropriation.