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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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H. F. No. 4578

03/04/2024 Authored by Virnig, Harder, Bahner and Huot The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Health Finance and Policy

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to human services; appropriating money for county implementation of
1.3 service delivery transformation requirements and information technology
1.4 modernization projects.

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

1.6 Section 1. APPROPRIATION; COUNTY GRANTS FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF
1.7 SERVICE DELIVERY TRANSFORMATION REQUIREMENTS.

1.8 \$5,000,000 in fiscal year 2025 is appropriated from the general fund to the commissioner
1.9 of human services for grants to counties to offset county costs related to the implementation
1.10 of the Department of Human Services service delivery transformation information technology
1.11 initiatives. The commissioner must award a grant to each county and develop a formula to
1.12 distribute grant money in an equitable manner, based on the number of persons served by
1.13 each county human services agency and other factors the commissioner determines to be
1.14 relevant. The commissioner must also develop a framework to offset county costs for
1.15 implementation of future information technology or service delivery initiatives in the
1.16 Department of Human Services or the Department of Children, Youth, and Families. This
1.17 is a onetime appropriation.

1.18 Sec. 2. APPROPRIATION; COUNTY GRANTS FOR INFORMATION
1.19 TECHNOLOGY INFRASTRUCTURE.

1.20 \$50,000,000 in fiscal year 2025 is appropriated from the general fund to the commissioner
1.21 of human services for grants to counties for information technology modernization and
1.22 infrastructure projects. Eligible projects would focus on county development of information
1.23 technology modernizations to interface with legacy information technology systems within

- 2.1 the Department of Human Services and collaborative information technology infrastructure  
2.2 projects between larger and smaller counties. In developing the request for proposals and  
2.3 evaluating county applicants for grants under this section, the commissioner must consult  
2.4 with county associations such as the Minnesota Association of County Social Services  
2.5 Administrators and the Minnesota Counties Computer Cooperative. This is a onetime  
2.6 appropriation.