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H. F. No. 910

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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Children and Families Finance and Policy

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to human services; funding family supportive housing programs;
1.3 appropriating money; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter
1.4 256K.

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

1.6 Section 1. 256K.50 FAMILY SUPPORTIVE HOUSING.

1.7 Subdivision 1. Definitions. (a) The definitions in this subdivision apply to this section.

1.8 (b) "Family" means a nontemporary household unit that includes at least one child and
1.9 one parent or legal guardian.

1.10 (c) "Family permanent supportive housing" means housing that:

1.11 (1) is not time limited;

1.12 (2) is affordable for those at or below 30 percent of the area median income;

1.13 (3) offers specialized support services to residents tailored to the needs of children and
1.14 families; and

1.15 (4) is available to families with multiple barriers to obtaining and maintaining housing,
1.16 including but not limited to those who are homeless or at risk of homelessness; those with
1.17 mental illness, substance use disorders, and other disabilities; and those referred by child
1.18 protection services.

1.19 (d) "Resident" means a resident of family permanent supportive housing.

1.20 Subd. 2. Specialized family support services. Specialized family support services are
1.21 nonmandatory, trauma-informed, and culturally appropriate services designed to help family

2.1 residents maintain secure, dignified housing and provide a safe, stable environment for  
2.2 children. Services provided may include but are not limited to:

2.3 (1) age-appropriate child-centric services for education and enrichment;

2.4 (2) stabilization services such as:

2.5 (i) educational assessment and referrals to educational programs;

2.6 (ii) career planning, work skill training, job placement, and employment retention;

2.7 (iii) budgeting and money management;

2.8 (iv) referral for counseling regarding violence and sexual exploitation;

2.9 (v) referral for medical or psychiatric services or substance use disorder treatment;

2.10 (vi) parenting skills training;

2.11 (vii) self-sufficiency support services or life skill training, including tenant education  
2.12 and support to sustain housing; and

2.13 (viii) aftercare and follow-up services; and

2.14 (3) 24-hour-a-day, seven-day-a-week on-site staffing including but not limited to front  
2.15 desk and security.

2.16 Subd. 3. **Funding.** Funds appropriated for this section may be expended on programs  
2.17 described under subdivision 2, technical assistance, and capacity building to meet the greatest  
2.18 need on a statewide basis. The commissioner must provide outreach, technical assistance,  
2.19 and program development support to increase capacity to new and existing service providers  
2.20 to better meet needs statewide.

2.21 Sec. 2. **APPROPRIATIONS.**

2.22 \$5,000,000 in fiscal year 2024 and \$5,000,000 in fiscal year 2025 are appropriated from  
2.23 the general fund to the commissioner of human services for the purposes of Minnesota  
2.24 Statutes, section 256K.50.