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Introduction and first reading
Referred to Human Services Reform Finance and Policy

OFFICIAL STATUS

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to health; appropriating money for shelter, services, and other activities
1.3 for sexually exploited youth and youth at risk of sexual exploitation.

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

1.5 Section 1. **APPROPRIATIONS; SEXUALLY EXPLOITED YOUTH AND YOUTH**
1.6 **AT RISK OF SEXUAL EXPLOITATION.**

1.7 (a) \$700,000 in fiscal year 2020 and \$700,000 in fiscal year 2021 are appropriated from
1.8 the general fund to the commissioner of health for trauma-informed, culturally specific
1.9 services for sexually exploited youth. Youth 24 years of age or younger are eligible for
1.10 services under this paragraph.

1.11 (b) \$150,000 in fiscal year 2020 and \$150,000 in fiscal year 2021 are appropriated from
1.12 the general fund to the commissioner of health for training, technical assistance, protocol
1.13 implementation, and evaluation activities related to the Safe Harbor program. Of these
1.14 appropriations:

1.15 (1) \$50,000 each fiscal year is for training and protocol implementation activities; and

1.16 (2) \$100,000 each fiscal year is for an independent academic evaluation of the Safe
1.17 Harbor No Wrong Door Response that would include establishing the prevalence of sex
1.18 trafficking in Minnesota, effectiveness and outcomes of the Safe Harbor No Wrong Door
1.19 Response along with recommendations on strengths and areas for growth, and improvement
1.20 of the Safe Harbor No Wrong Door Response.