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

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to human services; establishing a human services block grant program;
1.3 requiring a report; amending Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 252.275, subdivision
1.4 3.

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

1.6 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 252.275, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

1.7 Subd. 3. **Reimbursement.** Counties shall be reimbursed for all expenditures made
1.8 pursuant to subdivision 1 ~~at a rate of 70 percent~~, up to the allocation determined pursuant
1.9 to subdivisions 4 and 4b. However, the commissioner shall not reimburse costs of services
1.10 for any person if the costs exceed the state share of the average medical assistance costs for
1.11 services provided by intermediate care facilities for a person with a developmental disability
1.12 for the same fiscal year, and shall not reimburse costs of a onetime living allowance for any
1.13 person if the costs exceed \$1,500 in a state fiscal year. The commissioner may make
1.14 payments to each county in quarterly installments. The commissioner may certify an advance
1.15 of up to 25 percent of the allocation. Subsequent payments shall be made on a reimbursement
1.16 basis for reported expenditures and may be adjusted for anticipated spending patterns.

1.17 Sec. 2. HUMAN SERVICES BLOCK GRANT.

1.18 Subdivision 1. Human services block grant established. (a) The commissioner of
1.19 human services shall allocate to each participating county and tribe or tribal agency a human
1.20 services block grant for the following:

1.21 (1) MFIP consolidated support services under Minnesota Statutes, section 256J.626;

1.22 (2) SNAP employment and training under Minnesota Statutes, section 256D.051;

2.1 (3) child care program integrity activities under Minnesota Statutes, chapter 119B;

2.2 (4) services for vulnerable children and adults under Minnesota Statutes, chapter 256M,
2.3 including child protection activities under Minnesota Statutes, section 256M.41;

2.4 (5) child welfare disparities activities under Minnesota Statutes, section 256E.28;

2.5 (6) child welfare early intervention activities;

2.6 (7) foster care and adoption recruitment activities under Minnesota Statutes, section
2.7 260C.215;

2.8 (8) parent support outreach;

2.9 (9) fraud prevention activities under Minnesota Statutes, section 256.983;

2.10 (10) periodic data matching under Minnesota Statutes, section 256B.0561;

2.11 (11) gaps analysis under Minnesota Statutes, section 144A.351;

2.12 (12) preadmission screening and resident reviews;

2.13 (13) semi-independent living services under Minnesota Statutes, section 252.275; and

2.14 (14) adult mental health activities under Minnesota Statutes, section 256E.12.

2.15 (b) For the purposes of this section, beginning in fiscal year 2020, the commissioner of
2.16 human services shall allocate the grant amounts allocated in fiscal year 2019 for the activities
2.17 listed in paragraph (a) to the human services block grant. The amount for each county and
2.18 tribe or tribal agency under the human services block grant shall be equal to the aggregate
2.19 amount each county and tribe or tribal agency received in grants in fiscal year 2019 for the
2.20 activities listed in paragraph (a).

2.21 (c) Participating counties and tribes or tribal agencies shall allocate the human services
2.22 block grant amount to the activities listed in paragraph (a) and may contribute additional
2.23 funds to the activities listed in paragraph (a) at their discretion.

2.24 Subd. 2. **Reporting.** (a) Participating counties and tribes or tribal agencies shall report
2.25 to the commissioner of human services by September 30, 2021. The report shall describe
2.26 the use of the human services block grant funds, compare how the funds were allocated in
2.27 fiscal years 2020 and 2021 to how the funds were allocated in fiscal year 2019, and explain
2.28 the advantages or disadvantages of the human services block grant. The commissioner of
2.29 human services shall determine the form required for the reports and may specify additional
2.30 reporting requirements.

- 3.1 (b) The commissioner of human services shall provide a report summarizing the reports
3.2 of the participating counties and tribes to the legislative committees with jurisdiction over
3.3 human services by December 31, 2021.