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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; consolidating various home and community-based
1.3 service grant programs into the home and community-based services innovation
1.4 pool; requiring reports; amending Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 256B.0921;
1.5 repealing Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 256B.0658.

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

1.7 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 256B.0921, is amended to read:

1.8 **256B.0921 HOME AND COMMUNITY-BASED SERVICES INCENTIVE**
1.9 **INNOVATION POOL.**

1.10 Subdivision 1. Innovation pool established. The commissioner of human services shall
1.11 develop an initiative to provide ~~incentives~~ payments for innovation in:

1.12 (1) achieving integrated competitive employment for people eligible for publicly funded
1.13 home and community-based services;

1.14 (2) achieving integrated competitive employment for youth with disabilities under age
1.15 25 upon their graduation from school;

1.16 (3) ~~living~~ supporting and assisting people eligible for publicly funded home and
1.17 community-based services to live in the most integrated setting possible; ~~and~~

1.18 (4) assisting home and community-based waiver service providers projected to receive
1.19 at least a ten percent decrease in revenue due to the transition to service rates calculated
1.20 under section 256B.4914 in developing innovative service delivery models; and

1.21 (5) other outcomes determined by the commissioner.

2.1 The commissioner shall seek requests for proposals and ~~shall~~ may contract with one or
2.2 more entities to provide incentive payments for meeting identified outcomes.

2.3 Subd. 2. Reports required. (a) Recipients of innovation incentive payments shall provide
2.4 the commissioner with a report on the activities funded through the innovation initiative in
2.5 a format and at a time specified by the commissioner.

2.6 (b) The commissioner shall provide the chairs and ranking minority members of the
2.7 legislative committees with jurisdiction over human services with a biennial report
2.8 summarizing and synthesizing all the activities and outcomes of the projects funded through
2.9 the innovation initiative. The biennial report is due on January 15 of each odd-numbered
2.10 year.

2.11 Sec. 2. REPEALER.

2.12 Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 256B.0658, is repealed.

256B.0658 HOUSING ACCESS GRANTS.

The commissioner of human services shall award through a competitive process contracts for grants to public and private agencies to support and assist individuals eligible for publicly funded home and community-based services, including state plan home care, to access housing. Grants may be awarded to agencies that may include, but are not limited to, the following supports: assessment to ensure suitability of housing, accompanying an individual to look at housing, filling out applications and rental agreements, meeting with landlords, helping with Section 8 or other program applications, helping to develop a budget, obtaining furniture and household goods, if necessary, and assisting with any problems that may arise with housing.