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H. F. No. 1494

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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Human Services Policy
03/20/2023 Adoption of Report: Amended and re-referred to the Committee on Human Services Finance
Pursuant to Joint Rule 2.03, re-referred to the Committee on Rules and Legislative Administration
03/22/2023 Adoption of Report: Re-referred to the Committee on Human Services Finance
Joint Rule 2.03 has been waived for any subsequent committee action on this bill

For reference and coding, the first
page of the bill has been provided.

For a complete copy of the bill, visit the
House website at: www.house.mn.gov

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to human services; establishing human services provider workplace safety
1.3 grants; appropriating money; requiring a report.

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

1.5 Section 1. **APPROPRIATIONS; HUMAN SERVICES PROVIDER WORKPLACE**
1.6 **SAFETY GRANTS.**

1.7 (a) \$10,000,000 in fiscal year 2024 and \$10,000,000 in fiscal year 2025 are appropriated
1.8 from the general fund to the commissioner of human services for human services provider
1.9 workplace safety grants to increase safety measures in human services workplaces providing
1.10 behavioral health care; services for children, families, and vulnerable adults; services for
1.11 older adults and people with disabilities; and other social services or related care.

1.12 (b) Grants must be awarded to eligible applicants that meet application requirements on
1.13 a first-come, first-served basis. Forty percent of grant funds in each fiscal year must be
1.14 awarded to eligible agencies or organizations located outside of the seven-county
1.15 metropolitan area. Each grant award must be for at least \$5,000, but no more than \$100,000.

1.16 (c) Eligible applicants include county human services agencies, Tribal human services
1.17 agencies, or other human services provider organizations or agencies.

1.18 (d) Eligible applicants must submit applications in a form and manner prescribed by the
1.19 commissioner. Applications must include information about:

1.20 (1) the type of provider organization that will receive grant funding;

1.21 (2) the specific safety measures or activities for which the applicant will use the grant
1.22 funding;

(3) the specific policies that will be implemented or upheld to ensure that individuals' rights to privacy and data protection are protected during the use of safety equipment obtained or operated through grant funding;

(4) a proposed budget for each of the specific activities for which the applicant will use the grant funding;

(5) an outline of efforts to enhance or improve existing safety measures or proposed new measures to improve the safety of human services providers employed by the agency or organization;

(6) sample consent forms for any safety equipment that has capacity to record, store, or share audio or video that will be collected from clients prior to implementation of grant-funded safety measures, excluding equipment located in public spaces in provider-controlled, licensed settings;

(7) how the grant-funded measures will lead to long-term improvements in safety and stability for workers and individuals accessing services from the grant applicant; and

(8) methods the grant applicant will use to evaluate effectiveness of the safety measures and changes that will be made if the measures are deemed ineffective.

(e) Grant funds may be used to provide or facilitate:

(1) the procurement and installation of safety equipment, including but not limited to:

(i) cellular telephones;

(ii) personal radios;

(iii) wearable tracking devices for staff to share location with supervisors, subject to the federal Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA) data privacy requirements outlined in Code of Federal Regulations, title 45, parts 160 and 164, subparts A and E;

(iv) security systems and cameras in public spaces in provider-controlled, licensed settings; and

(v) panic buttons;

(2) training for providers, which may include:

(i) sessions and exercises for crisis management, strategies for de-escalating conflict situations, safety planning, and self-defense in accordance with positive support strategies and person-centered practices;

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1.1 Long from the Committee on Rules and Legislative Administration to which was referred:

1.2 H. F. No. 1494, A bill for an act relating to human services; establishing human services
1.3 provider workplace safety grants; appropriating money; requiring a report.

1.4 Reported the same back with the recommendation that the bill be re-referred to the
1.5 Committee on Human Services Finance.

1.6 Joint Rule 2.03 has been waived for any subsequent committee action on this bill.

1.7 This Committee action taken March 21, 2023

1.8, Chair