

1.1 **Senator Rosen from the Committee on Finance, to which was re-referred**

1.2 **S.F. No. 3372:** A bill for an act relating to higher education; appropriating money for
1.3 amyotrophic lateral sclerosis research; requiring a report.

1.4 Reports the same back with the recommendation that the bill be amended as follows:

1.5 Page 1, after line 4, insert:

1.6 "Section 1. [256.9755] CAREGIVER SUPPORT PROGRAMS.

1.7 Subdivision 1. **Program goals.** It is a goal of all area agencies on aging and caregiver
1.8 support programs to support family caregivers of persons with amyotrophic lateral sclerosis
1.9 (ALS) who are living in the community by:

1.10 (1) promoting caregiver support programs that serve Minnesotans in their homes and
1.11 communities;

1.12 (2) providing, within the limits of available funds, the caregiver support services that
1.13 enable the family caregiver to access caregiver support programs in the most cost-effective
1.14 and efficient manner; and

1.15 (3) providing information, education, and training to respite caregivers and volunteers
1.16 about caring for, managing, and coping with care for a person with ALS.

1.17 Subd. 2. **Authority.** The Minnesota Board on Aging shall allocate to area agencies on
1.18 aging the state funds which are received under this section for the caregiver support program
1.19 in a manner consistent with federal requirements. The board shall give priority to those
1.20 areas where there is a high need of respite services as evidenced by the data provided by
1.21 the board.

1.22 Subd. 3. **Caregiver support services.** Funds allocated under this section to an area
1.23 agency on aging for caregiver support services must be used in a manner consistent with
1.24 the National Family Caregiver Support Program to reach family caregivers of persons with
1.25 ALS, except that such funds may be used to provide services benefiting people under the
1.26 age of 60 and their caregivers. The funds must be used to provide social, nonmedical,
1.27 community-based services and activities that provide respite for caregivers and social
1.28 interaction for participants.

1.29 Subd. 4. **Report.** By January 15, 2025, and every other January 15 thereafter, the
1.30 Minnesota Board on Aging shall submit a progress report about the caregiver support grants
1.31 in this section to the chairs and ranking minority members of the legislative committees
1.32 and divisions with jurisdiction over human services. The progress report must include
1.33 metrics of the use of the grant program."

2.1 Page 1, line 5, after "APPROPRIATION" insert "; ALS RESEARCH"

2.2 Page 1, line 9, after "including" insert "identifying clinical and translational research
2.3 and innovations, developing outcomes and objectives with the goal of bettering the lives of
2.4 individuals with ALS and finding a cure for the disease, and"

2.5 Page 1, line 10, delete "\$150,000 per fiscal year, beginning in"

2.6 Page 1, line 11, delete "fiscal year 2023 to fiscal year 2026," and insert "\$400,000"

2.7 Page 1, line 19, after the period, insert "Applicants may coordinate research endeavors
2.8 and submit a joint application. When reviewing the proposals, the commissioner shall make
2.9 an effort to avoid approving a grant for an applicant whose research is duplicative of an
2.10 existing grantee's research."

2.11 Page 2, line 2, after the period, insert "The report must also include relevant findings,
2.12 results, and outcomes of the grant program, and any other information for which the
2.13 commissioner deems significant or useful."

2.14 Page 2, line 4, delete "July 1" and insert "June 30"

2.15 Page 2, after line 4, insert:

2.16 "Sec. 3. **APPROPRIATION; CAREGIVER SUPPORT PROGRAMS.**

2.17 \$5,000,000 in fiscal year 2023 is appropriated from the general fund to the commissioner
2.18 of human services for the Minnesota Board on Aging for the purposes of caregiver support
2.19 programs under Minnesota Statutes, section 256.9755. Programs receiving funding under
2.20 this section must include an ALS-specific respite service in their caregiver support program.
2.21 This is a onetime appropriation and is available until June 30, 2026."

2.22 Renumber the sections in sequences

2.23 Amend the title as follows:

2.24 Page 1, line 3, after "research" insert "and caregiver support programs"

2.25 Amend the title numbers accordingly

2.26 And when so amended the bill do pass. Amendments adopted. Report adopted.

2.27*Julie Rosen*.....
2.28 (Committee Chair)

2.29 March 10, 2022.....
2.30 (Date of Committee recommendation)