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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; modifying the transitional housing program;
1.3 appropriating money; amending Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 256E.33,
1.4 subdivisions 1, 2.

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

1.6 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 256E.33, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

1.7 Subdivision 1. **Definitions.** (a) The definitions in this subdivision apply to this section.

1.8 (b) "Transitional housing" means housing designed for independent living and provided
1.9 to a homeless person or family at a rental rate of at least 25 percent of the family income
1.10 for a period of up to ~~24~~ 36 months. If a transitional housing program is associated with a
1.11 licensed facility or shelter, it must be located in a separate facility or a specified section of
1.12 the main facility where residents can be responsible for their own meals and other daily
1.13 needs.

1.14 (c) "Support services" means an assessment service that identifies the needs of individuals
1.15 for independent living and arranges or provides for the appropriate educational, social, legal,
1.16 advocacy, child care, employment, financial, health care, or information and referral services
1.17 to meet these needs.

1.18 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 256E.33, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

1.19 Subd. 2. **Establishment and administration.** A transitional housing program is
1.20 established to be administered by the commissioner. The commissioner may make grants
1.21 to eligible recipients or enter into agreements with community action agencies or other
1.22 public or private nonprofit agencies to make grants to eligible recipients to initiate, maintain,

2.1 or expand programs to provide transitional housing and support services for persons in need
2.2 of transitional housing, which may include up to six months of follow-up support services
2.3 for persons who complete transitional housing as they stabilize in permanent housing. The
2.4 commissioner must ensure that money appropriated to implement this section is distributed
2.5 as soon as practicable. The commissioner may make grants directly to eligible recipients.
2.6 The commissioner may extend use ~~up to ten percent of the appropriation available for~~ of
2.7 this program for persons needing assistance longer than ~~24~~ 36 months.

2.8 Sec. 3. **APPROPRIATION; TRANSITIONAL HOUSING PROGRAMS.**

2.9 \$9,000,000 for the biennium ending June 30, 2023, is appropriated from the general
2.10 fund to the commissioner of human services for transitional housing programs under
2.11 Minnesota Statutes, section 256E.33. This appropriation is added to the base.