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S.F. No. 3968 – SNAP as medicine program establishment, as proposed to be amended by the A-1 amendment

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Section 1 establishes the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) as medicine program.

Subdivision 1 establishes the SNAP as medicine program to acknowledge multiple unmet needs of Minnesota adults experiencing homelessness, to reduce the number of Minnesota adults who are at significant risk of hunger, and to acknowledge that access to healthy food improves health outcomes.

Subdivision 2 requires the commissioner of human services to collaborate with nonprofit organizations engaged in SNAP outreach or legal services related to SNAP to re-enroll adults who lost SNAP benefits due to federal time limits. Also requires the commissioner to conduct targeted outreach to assist interested adults.

Subdivision 3 requires the commissioner of human services, in collaboration with the commissioner of health, counties, advocates, and community members, to develop recommendations for a sustainable SNAP as medicine program. Requires the recommendations to consider social determinants of health, the needs of Minnesota adults experiencing federal SNAP time limits, and the potential for federal waiver utilization. Additionally, requires the commissioner to submit a report to the legislature by January 1, 2025, that contains the recommendations.

Section 2 appropriates \$250,000 in fiscal year 2025 to the commissioner of human services for the administration of the SNAP as medicine program and specifies that it is a onetime appropriation.