

1.1 **Senator Hoffman from the Committee on Human Services, to which was referred**

1.2 **S.F. No. 3459:** A bill for an act relating to substance use disorder treatment; modifying
1.3 continuing education requirements for licensed alcohol and drug counselors; allowing for
1.4 religious objections to placements in substance use disorder treatment programs; modifying
1.5 comprehensive assessment requirements; prohibiting courts or other placement authorities
1.6 from compelling an individual to participate in religious elements of substance use disorder
1.7 treatment; requiring a report; amending Minnesota Statutes 2022, sections 148F.075,
1.8 subdivision 2; 244.0513, by adding a subdivision; 245F.10, subdivision 1; 245G.13, by
1.9 adding a subdivision; 245G.15, subdivision 1; 253B.03, subdivisions 4, 10; 253B.04,
1.10 subdivision 1; Minnesota Statutes 2023 Supplement, sections 241.415; 245I.10, subdivision
1.11 6; 254B.05, subdivision 1; 609.14, subdivision 2a; proposing coding for new law in
1.12 Minnesota Statutes, chapter 254B.

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

1.14 Page 1, delete section 1

1.15 Page 2, after line 19, insert:

1.16 "Sec. 2. [241.417] SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER TREATMENT; RELIGIOUS
1.17 ELEMENTS.

1.18 (a) No court, corrections officer, probation officer, or other placing authority, or an
1.19 organization providing services under contract with any such individual or entity, shall
1.20 directly or indirectly compel an individual to participate in any religious element of a
1.21 substance use disorder treatment program if the individual objects in good faith. If an
1.22 individual objects to the religious character or any religious element of a substance use
1.23 disorder treatment program, the entity requiring the individual to receive substance use
1.24 disorder treatment must document the individual's objection and may require the individual
1.25 to participate in an equivalent alternative treatment program to which the individual has no
1.26 religious objection. If an equivalent alternative treatment program is not available within a
1.27 reasonable time, the individual may decline to participate in any religious element of a
1.28 treatment program to which the individual objects. An individual's good faith refusal to
1.29 participate in a treatment program or element of a treatment program for religious reasons
1.30 may not adversely impact the individual's ability to receive treatment, the duration of the
1.31 individual's treatment, or requirements for discharge from treatment.

1.32 (b) For purposes of this section, "directly or indirectly compel" means:

1.33 (1) requiring an individual to receive substance use disorder treatment from a specific
1.34 type of program or treatment that includes religious elements;

1.35 (2) requiring an individual to receive substance use disorder treatment that meets
1.36 nonclinical criteria that limits the number of equivalent alternative providers available, such

2.1as requiring the individual to have a sponsor or prohibiting the individual from receiving

2.2medication-assisted treatment; or

2.3(3) preventing an individual from receiving substance use disorder treatment solely

2.4because of the individual's objection to or refusal to participate in a religious element of the

2.5treatment program."

2.6Page 3, lines 3 and 21, delete "254B.035" and insert "241.417"

2.7Page 8, delete subdivision 1

2.8Page 9, line 30, delete "this" and insert "section 241.417."

2.9Page 9, delete line 31

2.10Page 10, delete section 12

2.11Page 13, line 10, delete "254B.035" and insert "241.417"

2.12Page 13, line 17, delete "section" and insert "sections 241.417 and"

2.13Renumber the subdivisions and sections in sequence

2.14Amend the title as follows:

2.15Page 1, line 2, delete everything after the semicolon

2.16Page 1, line 3, delete everything before "allowing"

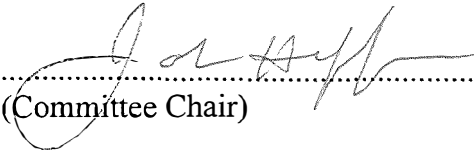
2.17Amend the title numbers accordingly

2.18And when so amended the bill do pass and be re-referred to the Committee on Judiciary

2.19and Public Safety. Amendments adopted. Report adopted.

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(Committee Chair)

2.22March 13, 2024.....

2.23(Date of Committee recommendation)