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A bill for an act

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relating to children; directing the commissioner of children, youth, and families

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to conduct a statewide needs assessment for out-of-school and youth programming;

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requiring a report; appropriating money.

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

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Section 1. DIRECTION TO COMMISSIONER OF CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND

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FAMILIES; REPORT ON OUT-OF-SCHOOL AND YOUTH PROGRAMMING.

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(a) The commissioner of children, youth, and families must evaluate statewide availability

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of out-of-school and youth programming that is available to youth 21 years of age and

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younger. The evaluation must include:

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(1) data on current state, county, and city programs that offer enrichment activities, the

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funding for those activities, and the populations served by those activities; and

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(2) a financial assessment that includes a complete list of state and local public programs

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and public financing mechanisms.

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(b) The commissioner must utilize a community engagement process throughout the

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evaluation. The commissioner must engage with youth 21 years of age and younger, families

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with youth 21 years of age and younger, providers from city or county-based programs and

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community organizations, and subject-matter experts. The community engagement process

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must evaluate common barriers and gaps to accessing out-of-school and youth programming

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and must also provide recommendations on how to improve access to and the quality of

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out-of-school and youth programming.

2.1 (c) By February 15, 2026, the commissioner must provide a report to the chairs and
2.2 ranking minority members of the legislative committees with jurisdiction over children,
2.3 youth, and families. The report must include:

2.4 (1) the commissioner's findings from the evaluation and community engagement process;
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2.6 (2) finance and policy recommendations to expand access to quality out-of-school and
2.7 youth programming for youth 21 years of age and younger.

2.8 Sec. 2. **APPROPRIATION; REPORT ON OUT-OF-SCHOOL AND YOUTH**
2.9 **PROGRAMMING.**

2.10 \$..... in fiscal year 2026 is appropriated from the general fund to the commissioner of
2.11 children, youth, and families for the out-of-school and youth programming evaluation and
2.12 report. This is a onetime appropriation.