

1.1 Senator moves to amend S.F. No. 2596 as follows:

1.2 Page 4, after line 6, insert:

1.3 "Sec. 3. **POSITIVE SUPPORTS COMPETENCY PROGRAM.**

1.4 (a) The commissioner shall establish a positive supports competency program with the
1.5 money appropriated for this purpose.

1.6 (b) When establishing the positive supports competency program, the commissioner
1.7 must use a community partner driven process to:

1.8 (1) define the core activities associated with effective intervention services at the positive
1.9 support specialist, positive support analyst, and positive support professional level;

1.10 (2) create tools providers may use to track whether their positive supports specialists,
1.11 analysts, and professionals are competently performing the core activities associated with
1.12 effective intervention services;

1.13 (3) align existing training systems funded through the Department of Human Services
1.14 and develop free online modules for competency-based training to prepare positive support
1.15 specialists, positive support analysts, and positive support professionals to provide effective
1.16 intervention services;

1.17 (4) assist providers interested in utilizing a competency-based training model to create
1.18 a career pathway for the positive support analysts and specialists within their organizations
1.19 by using experienced professionals;

1.20 (5) create written guidelines, stories, and examples for providers that will be placed on
1.21 Department of Human Services websites promoting capacity building; and

1.22 (6) disseminate resources and guidance to providers interested in meeting
1.23 competency-based qualifications for positive supports via already existing regional networks
1.24 of experts, including communities of practice, and develop new avenues for disseminating
1.25 these resources and guidance, including through implementation of ECHO models.

1.26 Sec. 4. **APPROPRIATION; POSITIVE SUPPORTS COMPETENCY PROGRAM.**

1.27 \$1,000,000 in fiscal year 2026 is appropriated from the general fund to the commissioner
1.28 of human services for the positive supports competency program. This is a onetime
1.29 appropriation and is available until June 30, 2029."

1.30 Amend the title as follows:

- 2.1 Page 1, line 3, after the semicolon, insert "appropriating money for positive supports
- 2.2 competency program;"