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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Human Services Finance and Policy

1.1 A bill for an act  
1.2 relating to human services; appropriating money for shelter, services, and other  
1.3 activities for sexually exploited youth and youth at risk of sexual exploitation.

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

1.5 Section 1. APPROPRIATIONS; SEXUALLY EXPLOITED YOUTH AND YOUTH  
1.6 AT RISK OF SEXUAL EXPLOITATION.

1.7 Subdivision 1. Commissioner of human services. (a) \$2,000,000 in fiscal year 2022  
1.8 and \$2,000,000 in fiscal year 2023 are appropriated from the general fund to the  
1.9 commissioner of human services for grants under Minnesota Statutes, section 256K.45,  
1.10 subdivision 1, to fund emergency shelter and transitional and long-term housing beds for  
1.11 sexually exploited youth and youth at risk of sexual exploitation.

1.12 (b) Grants awarded under this subdivision shall not be used for any activity other than  
1.13 the authorized activities under Minnesota Statutes, section 256K.45, and the commissioner  
1.14 shall not create additional eligibility criteria or restrictions on the grant money.

1.15 (c) Grants shall be awarded under this subdivision only after a review of the grant  
1.16 recipient's application materials, including past performance and utilization of grant funds.  
1.17 The commissioner shall not reduce an existing grant award amount unless the commissioner  
1.18 first determines that the grant recipient has failed to meet performance measures or has used  
1.19 grant money improperly.

1.20 (d) For grants awarded pursuant to a two-year grant contract, the commissioner shall  
1.21 permit grant recipients to carry over any unexpended amount from the first contract year  
1.22 to the second contract year.

2.1 Subd. 2. Commissioner of health. (a) \$500,000 in fiscal year 2022 and \$500,000 in  
2.2 fiscal year 2023 are appropriated from the general fund to the commissioner of health for  
2.3 trauma-informed, culturally inclusive services for sexually exploited youth or youth at risk  
2.4 of sexual exploitation under Minnesota Statutes, section 145.4716.

2.5 (b) Grants awarded under this subdivision shall not be used for any activity other than  
2.6 the authorized activities under Minnesota Statutes, section 145.4716, and the commissioner  
2.7 shall not create additional eligibility criteria or restrictions on the grant money.

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