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

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to homelessness; establishing a working group on simplifying supportive
1.3 housing resources; providing for appointments; requiring a report.

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

1.5 Section 1. WORKING GROUP ON SIMPLIFYING SUPPORTIVE HOUSING
1.6 RESOURCES.

1.7 Subdivision 1. Establishment. A working group on simplifying supportive housing
1.8 resources is established to streamline access, eligibility, and administration of state-funded
1.9 supportive housing resources for people experiencing homelessness.

1.10 Subd. 2. Membership. (a) The working group must prioritize membership from
1.11 individuals and organizations that use or administer state-funded supportive housing resources
1.12 and must include the following:

- 1.13 (1) the commissioner of the Minnesota Housing Finance Agency or designee;
1.14 (2) the commissioner of human services or designee;
1.15 (3) two representatives from the Minnesota Coalition for the Homeless;
1.16 (4) one representative from the Metropolitan Urban Indian Directors network;
1.17 (5) one representative from the Minnesota Housing Stability Coalition;
1.18 (6) one representative from the Healthcare for Housing Coalition;
1.19 (7) one representative from Hearth Connection;
1.20 (8) one representative from Center City Housing;

- 2.1 (9) one representative from Divine Konnections;
- 2.2 (10) one representative from The Link;
- 2.3 (11) one representative from the Phia T. Xiong & Jeff D. Spencer Foundation;
- 2.4 (12) one representative from the Minnesota Tribal Collaborative;
- 2.5 (13) one representative from Hennepin County;
- 2.6 (14) one representative from St. Louis County;
- 2.7 (15) one member from the house of representatives appointed by the speaker of the
- 2.8 house; and
- 2.9 (16) one member from the senate appointed by the senate majority leader.
- 2.10 (b) The members listed in paragraph (a), clauses (3) to (14), must be appointed by the
- 2.11 commissioner of human services.
- 2.12 (c) All appointing authorities must make their appointments to the working group by
- 2.13 July 1, 2024.
- 2.14 Subd. 3. Duties. (a) The working group must study supportive housing resources to
- 2.15 streamline access, eligibility, and administration of state-funded supportive housing resources
- 2.16 for people experiencing homelessness, including the following programs:
- 2.17 (1) the housing support program;
- 2.18 (2) long-term homeless supportive services;
- 2.19 (3) housing with supports for adults with serious mental illness;
- 2.20 (4) the housing trust fund; and
- 2.21 (5) other capital and operating funds administered by the Minnesota Housing Finance
- 2.22 Agency.
- 2.23 (b) In studying supportive housing resources, the working group must identify the
- 2.24 processes, procedures, and technological or personnel resources that would be necessary to
- 2.25 enable the state, county or Tribal agencies, and providers responsible for administering
- 2.26 public supportive housing funds to meet the following goals:
- 2.27 (1) reduce administrative complexities;
- 2.28 (2) enhance equity and accessibility;
- 2.29 (3) streamline and simplify eligibility criteria, paperwork, and funding distribution; and

3.1 (4) accelerate the transition of individuals from homelessness to sustainable long-term  
3.2 solutions.

3.3 Subd. 4. **Compensation.** Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes, section 15.059, subdivision  
3.4 3, members of the working group shall not be compensated.

3.5 Subd. 5. **Meetings; facilitation.** (a) The Management Analysis Division of Minnesota  
3.6 Management and Budget shall facilitate the working group and convene the first meeting  
3.7 by July 15, 2024.

3.8 (b) The working group must meet at regular intervals as often as necessary to fulfill the  
3.9 duties under subdivision 3.

3.10 (c) Meetings of the working group are subject to the Minnesota Open Meeting Law  
3.11 under Minnesota Statutes, chapter 13D.

3.12 Subd. 6. **Consultation.** The working group must consult with other individuals and  
3.13 organizations that have expertise and experience in providing supportive services that may  
3.14 assist the working group in fulfilling its responsibilities, including entities engaging in  
3.15 additional external stakeholder input from those with lived experience of homelessness and  
3.16 administrators of state-funded supportive housing not included on the working group.

3.17 Subd. 7. **Report required.** The working group shall submit a final report by November  
3.18 27, 2024, to the chairs and ranking minority members of the legislative committees with  
3.19 jurisdiction over housing and homelessness finance and policy detailing the recommendations  
3.20 to streamline access, eligibility, and administration of state-funded supportive housing  
3.21 resources for people experiencing homelessness. The report shall include draft legislation  
3.22 required to implement the proposed legislation.

3.23 Subd. 8. **Expiration.** The working group expires upon submission of the final report  
3.24 required under subdivision 7, or January 10, 2025, whichever is later.

3.25 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.