

**SENATE  
STATE OF MINNESOTA  
NINETY-THIRD SESSION**

**S.F. No. 1202**

(SENATE AUTHORS: HOFFMAN, Maye Quade, Fateh, Abeler and Oumou Verbeten)

DATE  
02/02/2023

D-PG

Introduction and first reading  
Referred to Health and Human Services

OFFICIAL STATUS

1.1 A bill for an act  
1.2 relating to human services; requiring a report on feasibility of a demonstration  
1.3 project to continue to offer program benefits during a transition period.

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

1.5 Section 1. **REPORT ON A TRANSITIONAL BENEFIT DEMONSTRATION**  
1.6 **PROJECT.**

1.7 (a) By January 15, 2024, the commissioner of human services shall report to the chairs  
1.8 and ranking minority members of the legislative committees with jurisdiction over health  
1.9 and human services policy and finance on the feasibility of a demonstration project that  
1.10 continues to offer human services program benefits to individuals no longer eligible for  
1.11 those programs during a transition period to reduce benefit cliffs and incentivize those  
1.12 individuals to take advantage of career advancement opportunities. In the report, the  
1.13 commissioner shall evaluate the health care, income assistance, and social service programs  
1.14 administered by the Department of Human Services, and designate qualified human services  
1.15 programs for which it is feasible to continue benefits for individuals who lose program  
1.16 eligibility due to increased employment income.

1.17 (b) In determining whether the demonstration project is feasible, the commissioner shall  
1.18 evaluate and, as applicable, provide recommendations on:

1.19 (1) the qualified human services programs that would be part of the demonstration  
1.20 project;

2.1 (2) the income and time limits beyond which former enrollees of a program would no  
2.2 longer receive transition benefits, including whether a standard income limit would apply  
2.3 across all qualified human services programs;

2.4 (3) the number and characteristics of counties that would participate in the demonstration  
2.5 project;

2.6 (4) the changes to program benefits, premiums, and cost-sharing for former and current  
2.7 program enrollees necessary to ensure that the demonstration project is budget neutral;

2.8 (5) any federal waivers, law changes, and approvals necessary to include each qualified  
2.9 human services program in the demonstration project; and

2.10 (6) evaluation criteria and an evaluation process for the demonstration project.

2.11 (c) In identifying qualified human services programs for possible inclusion in the  
2.12 demonstration project, the commissioner must, at a minimum, evaluate the following  
2.13 programs: medical assistance, MinnesotaCare, the Minnesota family investment program,  
2.14 the diversionary work program, general assistance, housing support, the child care assistance  
2.15 program, and programs financed through behavioral health fund payments.