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Introduction and first reading  
Referred to Human Services

OFFICIAL STATUS

1.1 A bill for an act  
1.2 relating to human services; establishing the Direct Care Service Corps; requiring  
1.3 a report; appropriating money.

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

1.5 Section 1. **DIRECT CARE SERVICE CORPS PILOT PROJECT.**

1.6 Subdivision 1. **Establishment.** HealthForce Minnesota at Winona State University must  
1.7 develop a pilot project establishing the Minnesota Direct Care Service Corps. The pilot  
1.8 program must utilize financial incentives to attract postsecondary students to work as personal  
1.9 care assistants or direct support professionals. HealthForce Minnesota must establish the  
1.10 financial incentives and minimum work requirements to be eligible for incentive payments.  
1.11 The financial incentive must increase with each semester that the student participates in the  
1.12 Minnesota Direct Care Service Corps.

1.13 Subd. 2. **Pilot sites.** (a) Pilot sites must include one postsecondary institution in the  
1.14 seven-county metropolitan area and at least one postsecondary institution outside of the  
1.15 seven-county metropolitan area. If more than one postsecondary institution outside the  
1.16 metropolitan area is selected, one must be located in northern Minnesota and the other must  
1.17 be located in southern Minnesota.

1.18 (b) After satisfactorily completing the work requirements for a semester, the pilot site  
1.19 or its fiscal agent must pay students the financial incentive developed for the pilot project.

1.20 Subd. 3. **Evaluation and report.** (a) HealthForce Minnesota must contract with a third  
1.21 party to evaluate the pilot project's impact on health care costs, retention of personal care  
1.22 assistants, and patients' and providers' satisfaction of care. The evaluation must include the

2.1 number of participants, the hours of care provided by participants, and the retention of  
2.2 participants from semester to semester.

2.3 (b) By January 6, 2025, HealthForce Minnesota must report the findings under paragraph  
2.4 (a) to the chairs and ranking members of the legislative committees with jurisdiction over  
2.5 human services policy and finance.

2.6 Sec. 2. **APPROPRIATION.**

2.7 \$500,000 in fiscal year 2024 is appropriated from the general fund to the commissioner  
2.8 of human services for a grant to HealthForce Minnesota at Winona State University for  
2.9 purposes of section 1. Up to \$25,000 may be used by HealthForce Minnesota for  
2.10 administrative costs. This is a onetime appropriation.