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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 Minnesota food bank program;
1.3 appropriating money; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter
1.4 256D.

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

1.6 Section 1. **[256D.66] MINNESOTA FOOD BANK PROGRAM.**

1.7 The Minnesota food bank program is established in the Department of Human Services.
1.8 The commissioner of human services shall distribute money appropriated to the Minnesota
1.9 food bank program to all regional food banks the commissioner contracts with for the
1.10 purposes of The Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP).The commissioner shall
1.11 distribute money under this section in accordance with the federal TEFAP formula and
1.12 guidelines of the United States Department of Agriculture. Money distributed under this
1.13 section must be used by all regional food banks to purchase food that will be distributed
1.14 free of charge to TEFAP partner agencies. Money distributed under this section must also
1.15 cover the handling and delivery fees typically paid by food shelves to food banks to ensure
1.16 costs associated with money under this section are not incurred at the local level.

1.17 Sec. 2. **TRANSFER TO DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND FAMILIES.**

1.18 (a) If a version of the bill codifying the Department of Children, Youth, and Families
1.19 referenced in Laws 2023, chapter 70, article 12, section 35, is passed in the 2024 session,
1.20 the responsibilities for the Minnesota food bank program under Minnesota Statutes, section
1.21 256D.66, shall transfer from the commissioner of human services to the commissioner of
1.22 children, youth, and families. Minnesota Statutes, section 256D.66, is incorporated into the
1.23 transfer of duties and responsibilities in Laws 2023, chapter 70, article 12, section 30, and

2.1 the commissioner shall give the notices of when the transfer is effective as required by
2.2 subdivision 1 of that section.

2.3 (b) If the bill referenced in paragraph (a) is passed, the revisor of statutes shall renumber
2.4 Minnesota Statutes, section 256D.66, within chapter 142F. The revisor shall also change
2.5 any references to the Department of Human Services to the Department of Children, Youth,
2.6 and Families, and references to the commissioner of human services to the commissioner
2.7 of children, youth, and families.

2.8 **Sec. 3. APPROPRIATION; MINNESOTA FOOD BANK PROGRAM.**

2.9 \$5,000,000 is appropriated in fiscal year 2025 from the general fund to the commissioner
2.10 of human services for the Minnesota food bank program under Minnesota Statutes, section
2.11 256D.66. The base for this appropriation is \$5,000,000 in fiscal year 2026 and \$5,000,000
2.12 in fiscal year 2027. This appropriation will transfer to the commissioner of children, youth,
2.13 and families upon the transfer of responsibility for the Minnesota food bank program pursuant
2.14 to Laws 2023, chapter 70, article 12, section 30. Any unexpended balance of this
2.15 appropriation at the time of transfer shall be appropriated to the commissioner of children,
2.16 youth, and families pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, section 15.039, subdivision 6.