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Introduction and first reading
Referred to Health and Human Services

OFFICIAL STATUS

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to health; correcting an appropriation to the commissioner of health;
1.3 amending Laws 2023, chapter 70, article 20, section 3, subdivision 2.

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

1.5 Section 1. Laws 2023, chapter 70, article 20, section 3, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

1.6 Subd. 2. **Health Improvement**

1.7 Appropriations by Fund

1.8	General	229,600,000	210,030,000
1.9	State Government		
1.10	Special Revenue	12,392,000	12,682,000
1.11	Health Care Access	49,051,000	53,290,000
1.12	Federal TANF	11,713,000	11,713,000

1.13 (a) **Studies of telehealth expansion and**
1.14 **payment parity.** \$1,200,000 in fiscal year
1.15 2024 is from the general fund for studies of
1.16 telehealth expansion and payment parity. This
1.17 is a onetime appropriation and is available
1.18 until June 30, 2025.

1.19 (b) **Advancing equity through capacity**
1.20 **building and resource allocation grant**
1.21 **program.** \$916,000 in fiscal year 2024 and
1.22 \$916,000 in fiscal year 2025 are from the
1.23 general fund for grants under Minnesota

2.1 Statutes, section 144.9821. This is a onetime
2.2 appropriation.

2.3 **(c) Grant to Minnesota Community Health**
2.4 **Worker Alliance.** \$971,000 in fiscal year
2.5 2024 and \$971,000 in fiscal year 2025 are
2.6 from the general fund for Minnesota Statutes,
2.7 section 144.1462.

2.8 **(d) Community solutions for healthy child**
2.9 **development grants.** \$2,730,000 in fiscal year
2.10 2024 and \$2,730,000 in fiscal year 2025 are
2.11 from the general fund for grants under
2.12 Minnesota Statutes, section 145.9257. The
2.13 base for this appropriation is \$2,415,000 in
2.14 fiscal year 2026 and \$2,415,000 in fiscal year
2.15 2027.

2.16 **(e) Comprehensive Overdose and Morbidity**
2.17 **Prevention Act.** \$9,794,000 in fiscal year
2.18 2024 and \$10,458,000 in fiscal year 2025 are
2.19 from the general fund for comprehensive
2.20 overdose and morbidity prevention strategies
2.21 under Minnesota Statutes, section 144.0528.
2.22 The base for this appropriation is \$10,476,000
2.23 in fiscal year 2026 and \$10,476,000 in fiscal
2.24 year 2027.

2.25 **(f) Emergency preparedness and response.**
2.26 \$10,486,000 in fiscal year 2024 and
2.27 \$14,314,000 in fiscal year 2025 are from the
2.28 general fund for public health emergency
2.29 preparedness and response, the sustainability
2.30 of the strategic stockpile, and COVID-19
2.31 pandemic response transition. The base for
2.32 this appropriation is \$11,438,000 in fiscal year
2.33 2026 and \$11,362,000 in fiscal year 2027.

- 3.1 **(g) Healthy Beginnings, Healthy Families.**
3.2 (1) \$8,440,000 in fiscal year 2024 and
3.3 \$7,305,000 in fiscal year 2025 are from the
3.4 general fund for grants under Minnesota
3.5 Statutes, sections 145.9571 to 145.9576. The
3.6 base for this appropriation is \$1,500,000 in
3.7 fiscal year 2026 and \$1,500,000 in fiscal year
3.8 2027. (2) Of the amount in clause (1),
3.9 \$400,000 in fiscal year 2024 is to support the
3.10 transition from implementation of activities
3.11 under Minnesota Statutes, section 145.4235,
3.12 to implementation of activities under
3.13 Minnesota Statutes, sections 145.9571 to
3.14 145.9576. The commissioner shall award four
3.15 sole-source grants of \$100,000 each to Face
3.16 to Face, Cradle of Hope, Division of Indian
3.17 Work, and Minnesota Prison Doula Project.
3.18 The amount in this clause is a onetime
3.19 appropriation.
- 3.20 **(h) Help Me Connect.** \$463,000 in fiscal year
3.21 2024 and \$921,000 in fiscal year 2025 are
3.22 from the general fund for the Help Me
3.23 Connect program under Minnesota Statutes,
3.24 section 145.988.
- 3.25 **(i) Home visiting.** \$2,000,000 in fiscal year
3.26 2024 and \$2,000,000 in fiscal year 2025 are
3.27 from the general fund for home visiting under
3.28 Minnesota Statutes, section 145.87, to provide
3.29 home visiting to priority populations under
3.30 Minnesota Statutes, section 145.87,
3.31 subdivision 1, paragraph (e).
- 3.32 **(j) No Surprises Act enforcement.**
3.33 \$1,210,000 in fiscal year 2024 and \$1,090,000
3.34 in fiscal year 2025 are from the general fund
3.35 for implementation of the federal No Surprises

4.1 Act under Minnesota Statutes, section
4.2 62Q.021, and an assessment of the feasibility
4.3 of a statewide provider directory. The general
4.4 fund base for this appropriation is \$855,000
4.5 in fiscal year 2026 and \$855,000 in fiscal year
4.6 2027.

4.7 **(k) Office of African American Health.**
4.8 \$1,000,000 in fiscal year 2024 and \$1,000,000
4.9 in fiscal year 2025 are from the general fund
4.10 for grants under the authority of the Office of
4.11 African American Health under Minnesota
4.12 Statutes, section 144.0756.

4.13 **(l) Office of American Indian Health.**
4.14 \$1,000,000 in fiscal year 2024 and \$1,000,000
4.15 in fiscal year 2025 are from the general fund
4.16 for grants under the authority of the Office of
4.17 American Indian Health under Minnesota
4.18 Statutes, section 144.0757.

4.19 **(m) Public health system transformation**
4.20 **grants.** (1) \$9,844,000 in fiscal year 2024 and
4.21 \$9,844,000 in fiscal year 2025 are from the
4.22 general fund for grants under Minnesota
4.23 Statutes, section 145A.131, subdivision 1,
4.24 paragraph (f).

4.25 (2) \$535,000 in fiscal year 2024 and \$535,000
4.26 in fiscal year 2025 are from the general fund
4.27 for grants under Minnesota Statutes, section
4.28 145A.14, subdivision 2b.

4.29 (3) \$321,000 in fiscal year 2024 and \$321,000
4.30 in fiscal year 2025 are from the general fund
4.31 for grants under Minnesota Statutes, section
4.32 144.0759.

4.33 **(n) Health care workforce.** (1) \$1,010,000
4.34 in fiscal year 2024 and \$2,550,000 in fiscal

5.1 year 2025 are from the health care access fund
5.2 for rural training tracks and rural clinicals
5.3 grants under Minnesota Statutes, sections
5.4 144.1505 and 144.1507. The base for this
5.5 appropriation is \$4,060,000 in fiscal year 2026
5.6 and \$3,600,000 in fiscal year 2027.

5.7 (2) \$420,000 in fiscal year 2024 and \$420,000
5.8 in fiscal year 2025 are from the health care
5.9 access fund for immigrant international
5.10 medical graduate training grants under
5.11 Minnesota Statutes, section 144.1911.

5.12 (3) \$5,654,000 in fiscal year 2024 and
5.13 \$5,550,000 in fiscal year 2025 are from the
5.14 health care access fund for site-based clinical
5.15 training grants under Minnesota Statutes,
5.16 section 144.1508. The base for this
5.17 appropriation is \$4,657,000 in fiscal year 2026
5.18 and \$3,451,000 in fiscal year 2027.

5.19 (4) \$1,000,000 in fiscal year 2024 and
5.20 \$1,000,000 in fiscal year 2025 are from the
5.21 health care access fund for mental health for
5.22 health care professional grants. This is a
5.23 onetime appropriation and is available until
5.24 June 30, 2027.

5.25 (5) \$502,000 in fiscal year 2024 and \$502,000
5.26 in fiscal year 2025 are from the health care
5.27 access fund for workforce research and data
5.28 analysis of shortages, maldistribution of health
5.29 care providers in Minnesota, and the factors
5.30 that influence decisions of health care
5.31 providers to practice in rural areas of
5.32 Minnesota.

5.33 (o) **School health.** \$800,000 in fiscal year
5.34 2024 and \$1,300,000 in fiscal year 2025 are

6.1 from the general fund for grants under
6.2 Minnesota Statutes, section 145.903. The base
6.3 for this appropriation is \$2,300,000 in fiscal
6.4 year 2026 and \$2,300,000 in fiscal year 2027.

6.5 **(p) Long COVID.** \$3,146,000 in fiscal year
6.6 2024 and \$3,146,000 in fiscal year 2025 are
6.7 from the general fund for grants and to
6.8 implement Minnesota Statutes, section
6.9 145.361.

6.10 **(q) Workplace safety grants.** \$4,400,000 in
6.11 fiscal year 2024 is from the general fund for
6.12 grants to health care entities to improve
6.13 employee safety or security. This is a onetime
6.14 appropriation and is available until June 30,
6.15 2027. The commissioner may use up to ten
6.16 percent of this appropriation for
6.17 administration.

6.18 **(r) Clinical dental education innovation**
6.19 **grants.** \$1,122,000 in fiscal year 2024 and
6.20 \$1,122,000 in fiscal year 2025 are from the
6.21 general fund for clinical dental education
6.22 innovation grants under Minnesota Statutes,
6.23 section 144.1913.

6.24 **(s) Emmett Louis Till Victims Recovery**
6.25 **Program.** \$500,000 in fiscal year 2024 is from
6.26 the general fund for a grant to the Emmett
6.27 Louis Till Victims Recovery Program. The
6.28 commissioner must not use any of this
6.29 appropriation for administration. This is a
6.30 onetime appropriation and is available until
6.31 June 30, 2025.

6.32 **(t) Center for health care affordability.**
6.33 \$2,752,000 in fiscal year 2024 and \$3,989,000
6.34 in fiscal year 2025 are from the general fund

7.1 to establish a center for health care
7.2 affordability and to implement Minnesota
7.3 Statutes, section 62J.312. The general fund
7.4 base for this appropriation is \$3,988,000 in
7.5 fiscal year 2026 and \$3,988,000 in fiscal year
7.6 2027.

7.7 **(u) Federally qualified health centers**
7.8 **apprenticeship program.** \$690,000 in fiscal
7.9 year 2024 and \$690,000 in fiscal year 2025
7.10 are from the general fund for grants under
7.11 Minnesota Statutes, section 145.9272.

7.12 **(v) Alzheimer's public information**
7.13 **program.** \$80,000 in fiscal year 2024 and
7.14 \$80,000 in fiscal year 2025 are from the
7.15 general fund for grants to community-based
7.16 organizations to co-create culturally specific
7.17 messages to targeted communities and to
7.18 promote public awareness materials online
7.19 through diverse media channels.

7.20 **(w) Keeping Nurses at the Bedside Act;**
7.21 **contingent appropriation.** The appropriations
7.22 in this paragraph are contingent upon
7.23 legislative enactment of 2023 Senate File 1384
7.24 by the 93rd Legislature. The appropriations
7.25 in this paragraph are available until June 30,
7.26 2027.

7.27 **(1)** \$5,317,000 in fiscal year 2024 and
7.28 \$5,317,000 in fiscal year 2025 are from the
7.29 general fund for loan forgiveness under
7.30 Minnesota Statutes, section 144.1501, for
7.31 eligible nurses who have agreed to work as
7.32 hospital nurses in accordance with Minnesota
7.33 Statutes, section 144.1501, subdivision 2,
7.34 paragraph (a), clause (7).

8.1 (2) \$66,000 in fiscal year 2024 and \$66,000
8.2 in fiscal year 2025 are from the general fund
8.3 for loan forgiveness under Minnesota Statutes,
8.4 section 144.1501, for eligible nurses who have
8.5 agreed to teach in accordance with Minnesota
8.6 Statutes, section 144.1501, subdivision 2,
8.7 paragraph (a), clause (3).

8.8 (3) \$545,000 in fiscal year 2024 and \$879,000
8.9 in fiscal year 2025 are from the general fund
8.10 to administer Minnesota Statutes, section
8.11 144.7057; to perform the evaluation duties
8.12 described in Minnesota Statutes, section
8.13 144.7058; to continue prevention of violence
8.14 in health care program activities; to analyze
8.15 potential links between adverse events and
8.16 understaffing; to convene stakeholder groups
8.17 and create a best practices toolkit; and for a
8.18 report on the current status of the state's
8.19 nursing workforce employed by hospitals. The
8.20 base for this appropriation is \$624,000 in fiscal
8.21 year 2026 and \$454,000 in fiscal year 2027.

8.22 **(x) Supporting healthy development of**
8.23 **babies.** \$260,000 in fiscal year 2024 and
8.24 \$260,000 in fiscal year 2025 are from the
8.25 general fund for a grant to the Amherst H.
8.26 Wilder Foundation for the African American
8.27 Babies Coalition initiative. The base for this
8.28 appropriation is \$520,000 in fiscal year 2026
8.29 and \$0 in fiscal year 2027. Any appropriation
8.30 in fiscal year 2026 is available until June 30,
8.31 2027. This paragraph expires on June 30,
8.32 2027.

8.33 **(y) Health professional education loan**
8.34 **forgiveness.** \$2,780,000 in fiscal year 2024
8.35 is from the general fund for eligible mental

9.1 health professional loan forgiveness under
9.2 Minnesota Statutes, section 144.1501. This is
9.3 a onetime appropriation. The commissioner
9.4 may use up to ten percent of this appropriation
9.5 for administration.

9.6 **(z) Primary care residency expansion grant**
9.7 **program.** \$400,000 in fiscal year 2024 and
9.8 \$400,000 in fiscal year 2025 are from the
9.9 general fund for a psychiatry resident under
9.10 Minnesota Statutes, section 144.1506.

9.11 **(aa) Pediatric primary care mental health**
9.12 **training grant program.** \$1,000,000 in fiscal
9.13 year 2024 and \$1,000,000 in fiscal year 2025
9.14 are from the general fund for grants under
9.15 Minnesota Statutes, section 144.1509. The
9.16 commissioner may use up to ten percent of
9.17 this appropriation for administration.

9.18 **(bb) Mental health cultural community**
9.19 **continuing education grant program.**
9.20 \$500,000 in fiscal year 2024 and \$500,000 in
9.21 fiscal year 2025 are from the general fund for
9.22 grants under Minnesota Statutes, section
9.23 144.1511. The commissioner may use up to
9.24 ten percent of this appropriation for
9.25 administration.

9.26 **(cc) Labor trafficking services grant**
9.27 **program.** \$500,000 in fiscal year 2024 and
9.28 \$500,000 in fiscal year 2025 are from the
9.29 general fund for grants under Minnesota
9.30 Statutes, section 144.3885.

9.31 **(dd) Palliative Care Advisory Council.**
9.32 \$40,000 in fiscal year 2024 and \$40,000 in
9.33 fiscal year 2025 are from the general fund for

10.1 grants under Minnesota Statutes, section
10.2 144.059.

10.3 **(ee) Analysis of a universal health care**
10.4 **financing system.** \$1,815,000 in fiscal year
10.5 2024 and \$580,000 in fiscal year 2025 are
10.6 from the general fund to the commissioner to
10.7 contract for an analysis of the benefits and
10.8 costs of a legislative proposal for a universal
10.9 health care financing system and a similar
10.10 analysis of the current health care financing
10.11 system. The base for this appropriation is
10.12 \$580,000 in fiscal year 2026 and \$0 in fiscal
10.13 year 2027. This appropriation is available until
10.14 June 30, 2027.

10.15 **(ff) Charitable assets public interest review.**
10.16 (1) The appropriations under this paragraph
10.17 are contingent upon legislative enactment of
10.18 2023 House File 402 by the 93rd Legislature.

10.19 (2) \$1,584,000 in fiscal year 2024 and
10.20 \$769,000 in fiscal year 2025 are from the
10.21 general fund to review certain health care
10.22 entity transactions; to conduct analyses of the
10.23 impacts of health care transactions on health
10.24 care cost, quality, and competition; and to
10.25 issue public reports on health care transactions
10.26 in Minnesota and their impacts. The base for
10.27 this appropriation is \$710,000 in fiscal year
10.28 2026 and \$710,000 in fiscal year 2027.

10.29 **(gg) Study of the development of a statewide**
10.30 **registry for provider orders for**
10.31 **life-sustaining treatment.** \$365,000 in fiscal
10.32 year 2024 and \$365,000 in fiscal year 2025
10.33 are from the general fund for a study of the
10.34 development of a statewide registry for

- 11.1 provider orders for life-sustaining treatment.
- 11.2 This is a onetime appropriation.
- 11.3 **(hh) Task Force on Pregnancy Health and**
- 11.4 **Substance Use Disorders.** \$199,000 in fiscal
- 11.5 year 2024 and \$100,000 in fiscal year 2025
- 11.6 are from the general fund for the Task Force
- 11.7 on Pregnancy Health and Substance Use
- 11.8 Disorders. This is a onetime appropriation and
- 11.9 is available until June 30, 2025.
- 11.10 **(ii) 988 Suicide and crisis lifeline.** \$4,000,000
- 11.11 in fiscal year 2024 is from the general fund
- 11.12 for 988 national suicide prevention lifeline
- 11.13 grants under Minnesota Statutes, section
- 11.14 145.561. This is a onetime appropriation.
- 11.15 **(jj) Equitable Health Care Task Force.**
- 11.16 \$779,000 in fiscal year 2024 and \$749,000 in
- 11.17 fiscal year 2025 are from the general fund for
- 11.18 the Equitable Health Care Task Force. This is
- 11.19 a onetime appropriation.
- 11.20 **(kk) Psychedelic Medicine Task Force.**
- 11.21 \$338,000 in fiscal year 2024 and \$171,000 in
- 11.22 fiscal year 2025 are from the general fund for
- 11.23 the Psychedelic Medicine Task Force. This is
- 11.24 a onetime appropriation.
- 11.25 **(ll) Medical education and research costs.**
- 11.26 \$300,000 in fiscal year 2024 and \$300,000 in
- 11.27 fiscal year 2025 are from the general fund for
- 11.28 the medical education and research costs
- 11.29 program under Minnesota Statutes, section
- 11.30 62J.692.
- 11.31 **(mm) Special Guerilla Unit Veterans grant**
- 11.32 **program.** \$250,000 in fiscal year 2024 and
- 11.33 \$250,000 in fiscal year 2025 are from the
- 11.34 general fund for a grant to the Special

12.1 Guerrilla Units Veterans and Families of the
12.2 United States of America to offer
12.3 programming and culturally specific and
12.4 specialized assistance to support the health
12.5 and well-being of Special Guerilla Unit
12.6 Veterans. The base for this appropriation is
12.7 \$500,000 in fiscal year 2026 and \$0 in fiscal
12.8 year 2027. Any amount appropriated in fiscal
12.9 year 2026 is available until June 30, 2027.

12.10 This paragraph expires June 30, 2027.

12.11 **(nn) Safe harbor regional navigator.**

12.12 \$300,000 in fiscal year 2024 and \$300,000 in
12.13 fiscal year 2025 are for a regional navigator
12.14 in northwestern Minnesota. The commissioner
12.15 may use up to ten percent of this appropriation
12.16 for administration.

12.17 **(oo) Network adequacy.** \$798,000 in fiscal
12.18 year 2024 and \$491,000 in fiscal year 2025
12.19 are from the general fund for reviews of
12.20 provider networks under Minnesota Statutes,
12.21 section 62K.10, to determine network
12.22 adequacy.

12.23 **(pp) Grant to Minnesota Alliance for**
12.24 **Volunteer Advancement.** \$278,000 in fiscal
12.25 year 2024 is from the general fund for a grant
12.26 to the Minnesota Alliance for Volunteer
12.27 Advancement to administer needs-based
12.28 volunteerism subgrants targeting
12.29 underresourced nonprofit organizations in
12.30 greater Minnesota. Subgrants must be used to
12.31 support the ongoing efforts of selected
12.32 organizations to address and minimize
12.33 disparities in access to human services through
12.34 increased volunteerism. Subgrant applicants
12.35 must demonstrate that the populations to be

13.1 served by the subgrantee are underserved or
 13.2 suffer from or are at risk of homelessness,
 13.3 hunger, poverty, lack of access to health care,
 13.4 or deficits in education. The Minnesota
 13.5 Alliance for Volunteer Advancement must
 13.6 give priority to organizations that are serving
 13.7 the needs of vulnerable populations. This is a
 13.8 onetime appropriation and is available until
 13.9 June 30, 2025.

13.10 ~~(pp)(1)~~(qq)(1) **TANF Appropriations.** TANF
 13.11 funds must be used as follows:

13.12 (i) \$3,579,000 in fiscal year 2024 and
 13.13 \$3,579,000 in fiscal year 2025 are from the
 13.14 TANF fund for home visiting and nutritional
 13.15 services listed under Minnesota Statutes,
 13.16 section 145.882, subdivision 7, clauses (6) and
 13.17 (7). Funds must be distributed to community
 13.18 health boards according to Minnesota Statutes,
 13.19 section 145A.131, subdivision 1;

13.20 (ii) \$2,000,000 in fiscal year 2024 and
 13.21 \$2,000,000 in fiscal year 2025 are from the
 13.22 TANF fund for decreasing racial and ethnic
 13.23 disparities in infant mortality rates under
 13.24 Minnesota Statutes, section 145.928,
 13.25 subdivision 7;

13.26 (iii) \$4,978,000 in fiscal year 2024 and
 13.27 \$4,978,000 in fiscal year 2025 are from the
 13.28 TANF fund for the family home visiting grant
 13.29 program under Minnesota Statutes, section
 13.30 145A.17. \$4,000,000 of the funding in fiscal
 13.31 year 2024 and \$4,000,000 in fiscal year 2025
 13.32 must be distributed to community health
 13.33 boards under Minnesota Statutes, section
 13.34 145A.131, subdivision 1. \$978,000 of the
 13.35 funding in fiscal year 2024 and \$978,000 in

14.1 fiscal year 2025 must be distributed to Tribal
14.2 governments under Minnesota Statutes, section
14.3 145A.14, subdivision 2a;

14.4 (iv) \$1,156,000 in fiscal year 2024 and
14.5 \$1,156,000 in fiscal year 2025 are from the
14.6 TANF fund for sexual and reproductive health
14.7 services grants under Minnesota Statutes,
14.8 section 145.925; and

14.9 (v) the commissioner may use up to 6.23
14.10 percent of the funds appropriated from the
14.11 TANF fund each fiscal year to conduct the
14.12 ongoing evaluations required under Minnesota
14.13 Statutes, section 145A.17, subdivision 7, and
14.14 training and technical assistance as required
14.15 under Minnesota Statutes, section 145A.17,
14.16 subdivisions 4 and 5.

14.17 **(2) TANF Carryforward.** Any unexpended
14.18 balance of the TANF appropriation in the first
14.19 year does not cancel but is available in the
14.20 second year.

14.21 ~~(qq)~~ **(rr) Base level adjustments.** The general
14.22 fund base is \$197,644,000 in fiscal year 2026
14.23 and \$195,714,000 in fiscal year 2027. The
14.24 health care access fund base is \$53,354,000
14.25 in fiscal year 2026 and \$50,962,000 in fiscal
14.26 year 2027.

14.27 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective retroactively from July 1, 2023.