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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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H. F. No. 3445

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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Human Services Policy
02/22/2024 Adoption of Report: Re-referred to the Committee on Human Services Finance

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to human services; requiring the commissioner of human services to issue
1.3 a request for proposals for a continuous improvement study of access to disability
1.4 services; requiring report; appropriating money.

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

1.6 Section 1. DISABILITY SERVICES CONTINUOUS IMPROVEMENT STUDY;
1.7 DIRECTION TO COMMISSIONER.

1.8 (a) By August 1, 2024, the commissioner of human services shall issue a request for
1.9 proposals for the design, implementation, and administration of a continuous improvement
1.10 study of access to disability services.

1.11 (b) The continuous improvement study must assess access to the range of disability
1.12 services programs:

1.13 (1) in metropolitan, suburban, and rural counties; and

1.14 (2) by non-English-speaking communities and by various populations, including but not
1.15 limited to Black, Indigenous, and People of Color.

1.16 (c) To be eligible to respond to the request for proposals, an entity must demonstrate
1.17 that it has worked successfully with other organizations on continuous improvement studies
1.18 and journey mapping of processes from beginning to end.

1.19 (d) In developing the request for proposals, the commissioner shall consult with disability
1.20 services providers, county human services agencies, disability advocacy organizations, and
1.21 individuals with lived experience in accessing disability services.

2.1 (e) The commissioner shall report the results of the continuous improvement study and
2.2 any recommendations to improve access to disability services to the chairs and ranking
2.3 minority members of the legislative committees with jurisdiction over disability services
2.4 by December 15, 2026.

2.5 **Sec. 2. APPROPRIATION; DISABILITY SERVICES CONTINUOUS**
2.6 **IMPROVEMENT STUDY.**

2.7 \$1,000,000 in fiscal year 2025 is appropriated from the general fund to the commissioner
2.8 of human services for the disability services continuous improvement study. This is a onetime
2.9 appropriation and is available until December 31, 2026.