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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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H. F. No. 912

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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Health and Human Services Policy

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to health; establishing a grant program to prevent sexual violence against
1.3 individuals with intellectual or developmental disabilities; appropriating money;
1.4 proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 145.

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

1.6 Section 1. [145.473] GRANT PROGRAM; PREVENTING SEXUAL VIOLENCE
1.7 AGAINST INDIVIDUALS WITH INTELLECTUAL OR DEVELOPMENTAL
1.8 DISABILITIES.

1.9 Subdivision 1. Competitive grants; organizations eligible for grants. The commissioner
1.10 of health shall award competitive grants to fund programs, services, and activities to prevent
1.11 sexual violence against individuals with intellectual or developmental disabilities. The
1.12 following organizations are eligible for grants under this section:

- 1.13 (1) nonprofit disability advocacy organizations;
1.14 (2) victim services organizations; and
1.15 (3) other agencies or organizations that support individuals with intellectual or
1.16 developmental disabilities who are victim survivors of sexual violence.

1.17 Subd. 2. Uses of grants. Grants disbursed under this section may be used to:

- 1.18 (1) adapt, expand, or coordinate existing programs, services, and activities to prevent
1.19 sexual violence against individuals with intellectual or developmental disabilities;
1.20 (2) establish new programs, services, and activities to prevent sexual violence against
1.21 individuals with intellectual or developmental disabilities;

2.1 (3) support outreach, education, and technical assistance to other entities seeking to
2.2 establish programs, services, or activities to prevent sexual violence against individuals
2.3 with intellectual or developmental disabilities; and

2.4 (4) support activities related to evaluating programs, services, and activities funded with
2.5 grant funds, and reporting the results of the evaluations to the commissioner.

2.6 **Subd. 3. Application for grant; evaluation.** (a) To apply for a grant under this section,
2.7 an eligible organization must submit a proposal to the commissioner demonstrating that the
2.8 organization's proposed uses of the grant:

2.9 (1) is consistent with the comprehensive plan for prevention of abuse and neglect of
2.10 people with disabilities established by the Olmstead Prevention of Abuse and Neglect
2.11 Specialty Committee of the Minnesota Olmstead Subcabinet;

2.12 (2) reflects evidence that is informed by research and professional best practices for
2.13 preventing sexual violence against individuals with intellectual or developmental disabilities;
2.14 and

2.15 (3) incorporates stakeholder input when possible.

2.16 (b) An organization that receives a grant under this section must submit to the
2.17 commissioner an evaluation of the programs, services, and activities funded with the grant,
2.18 including an evaluation of outcomes.

2.19 **Sec. 2. APPROPRIATIONS.**

2.20 \$200,000 in fiscal year 2020 and \$200,000 in fiscal year 2021 are appropriated from the
2.21 general fund to the commissioner of health to fund grants under Minnesota Statutes, section
2.22 145.473. The commissioner may use up to six percent of these appropriations for
2.23 administration and technical assistance.