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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Health and Human Services Reform
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1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to human services; modifying group residential housing funding; amending
1.3 Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 256I.05, by adding a subdivision.

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

1.5 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 256I.05, is amended by adding a subdivision
1.6 to read:

1.7 Subd. 11. Transfer of emergency shelter funds. (a) The commissioner shall make a
1.8 cost-neutral transfer of funding from the group residential housing fund to county human
1.9 service agencies for emergency shelter beds removed from the group residential housing
1.10 census under a biennial plan submitted by the county and approved by the commissioner.
1.11 The biennial plan is due August 1, beginning August 1, 2017. The plan must describe: (1)
1.12 anticipated and actual outcomes for persons experiencing homelessness in emergency
1.13 shelters; (2) improved efficiencies in administration; (3) requirements for individual
1.14 eligibility; and (4) plans for quality assurance monitoring and quality assurance outcomes.
1.15 The commissioner shall review the county plan to monitor implementation and outcomes
1.16 at least biennially, and more frequently if the commissioner deems necessary.

1.17 (b) The funding under paragraph (a) may be used for the provision of room and board
1.18 or supplemental services according to section 256I.03, subdivisions 2 and 8. Providers must
1.19 meet the requirements of section 256I.04, subdivisions 2a to 2f. Funding will be allocated
1.20 annually, and the room and board portion of the allocation shall be adjusted according to
1.21 the percentage change in the group residential housing room and board rate. The room and
1.22 board portion of the allocation shall be determined at the time of transfer. The commissioner

- 2.1 or county may return beds to the group residential housing fund with 180 days' notice,
- 2.2 including financial reconciliation.
- 2.3 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 1, 2017.