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H. F. No. 264

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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Health and Human Services Finance
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1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to health and human services; providing deficiency funding for food
1.3 assistance, the Minnesota Security Hospital, and Ebola-related activities;
1.4 appropriating money.

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

1.6 Section 1. **DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES; APPROPRIATION.**

1.7 (a) \$10,683,000 is appropriated from the general fund to the commissioner of
1.8 human services in fiscal year 2015 for the purposes specified by and to supplement the
1.9 appropriations in Laws 2013, chapter 108, article 14, as amended by Laws 2014, chapter
1.10 312, article 30, and Laws 2013, chapter 108, article 15. This is a onetime appropriation.

1.11 (b) The commissioner of human services shall expend the appropriation in paragraph

1.12 (a) as follows:

1.13 (1) \$246,000 for the Minnesota Food Assistance program under Minnesota Statutes,
1.14 section 256D.053; and

1.15 (2) \$10,437,000 for the Minnesota Security Hospital under Minnesota Statutes,
1.16 section 253.20.

1.17 Sec. 2. **DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH; APPROPRIATION.**

1.18 (a) \$891,000 is appropriated from the general fund to the commissioner of health in
1.19 fiscal year 2015 for costs of statewide planning, coordination, preparation, and response
1.20 activities related to Ebola. The commissioner shall use federal funds awarded to the state
1.21 for Ebola-related costs on or after December 19, 2014, to the extent permitted under
1.22 federal law, before spending any of this appropriation. This appropriation is available for
1.23 expenditures between July 1, 2014, and June 30, 2016. Any unspent funds shall cancel.

2.1 (b) \$2,000,000 in fiscal year 2015 is appropriated from the general fund to the
2.2 commissioner of health to provide grants for Ebola-related expenditures to hospitals
2.3 designated by the commissioner as Ebola treatment centers, and to the eight emergency
2.4 medical services regional boards for the purpose of defraying costs associated with
2.5 equipping, supplying, staffing, physical plant changes, and the delivery of emergency
2.6 medical services to treat Ebola patients or suspected Ebola patients. Grants shall be made
2.7 for costs incurred on or after July 1, 2014. An entity seeking a grant must submit an
2.8 application in a form prescribed by the commissioner that includes documentation of
2.9 eligible expenditures that the hospital or emergency medical services regional board
2.10 is seeking to defray. To qualify for a grant, applications must be received by the
2.11 commissioner no later than May 15, 2015. Hospitals and emergency medical services
2.12 regional boards may not receive grant payments for costs that are reimbursable with
2.13 available federal funds. Grant amounts shall be based on the total amount of documented
2.14 eligible expenditures reported by each grant applicant.

2.15 (c) The commissioner of health may use documentation submitted by the hospitals
2.16 or emergency medical services regional boards regarding Ebola-related expenditures,
2.17 without further verification, for purposes of determining a grant award under paragraph
2.18 (b). The hospital chief executive or chief financial officer or the emergency medical
2.19 service regional boards must certify that the data submitted is accurate and that no changes
2.20 were made in the organization's accounting and record-keeping practices or policies
2.21 for the purpose of creating eligibility or increasing the organization's allocation. The
2.22 commissioner may audit or verify the data submitted.

2.23 (d) All appropriations in this section are onetime.

2.24 **Sec. 3. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

2.25 Sections 1 and 2 are effective the day following final enactment.