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State of Minnesota

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NINETY-FIRST SESSION

H. F. No. 3284

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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 and public safety; requiring delivery of the biennial evaluation
1.3 of the statewide safe harbor for sexually exploited youth program to the legislature;
1.4 amending Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 145.4718.

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

1.6 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 145.4718, is amended to read:

1.7 145.4718 PROGRAM EVALUATION.

1.8 (a) The director of child sex trafficking prevention established under section 145.4716
1.9 must conduct, or contract for, comprehensive evaluation of the statewide program for safe
1.10 harbor for sexually exploited youth. The first evaluation must be completed by June 30,
1.11 2015, and must be submitted to the commissioner of health by September 1, 2015, and every
1.12 two years thereafter. Beginning in 2021, the evaluation must also be submitted to the chairs
1.13 and ranking members of the house and senate committees with jurisdiction over health and
1.14 human services and public safety. The evaluation must consider whether the program is
1.15 reaching intended victims and whether support services are available, accessible, and
1.16 adequate for sexually exploited youth, as defined in section 260C.007, subdivision 31.

1.17 (b) In conducting the evaluation, the director of child sex trafficking prevention must
1.18 consider evaluation of outcomes, including whether the program increases identification of
1.19 sexually exploited youth, coordination of investigations, access to services and housing
1.20 available for sexually exploited youth, and improved effectiveness of services. The evaluation
1.21 must also include examination of the ways in which penalties under section 609.3241 are
1.22 assessed, collected, and distributed to ensure funding for investigation, prosecution, and
1.23 victim services to combat sexual exploitation of youth.