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

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to human services; directing the commissioner of human services to conduct
1.3 a review of statewide behavioral health treatment capacity and needs; requiring a
1.4 report.

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

1.6 Section 1. DIRECTION TO COMMISSIONER OF HUMAN SERVICES;
1.7 BEHAVIORAL HEALTH TREATMENT STATEWIDE REVIEW.

1.8 (a) The commissioner of human services shall conduct a comprehensive review of current
1.9 mental health and substance use disorder treatment services and current and anticipated
1.10 mental health and substance use disorder treatment needs for adults and children throughout
1.11 the state. The review shall consist of the following:

1.12 (1) a comprehensive list of available behavioral health treatment services, including the
1.13 level of treatment intensity, whether the service is provided in a community-based or
1.14 residential setting, age groups served, and any additional client eligibility requirements;

1.15 (2) an evaluation of the accessibility and geographical distribution of each behavioral
1.16 health treatment service available statewide;

1.17 (3) an evaluation of community-based services and residential treatment facility capacity
1.18 and census data; and

1.19 (4) identification of behavioral health treatment services or groups of eligible individuals
1.20 with the most unmet need for services.

1.21 (b) The commissioner must also work with the commissioner of health to conduct a
1.22 review, using the five factors listed in Minnesota Statutes, section 144.552, paragraph (c),

2.1 to reach a finding on whether increasing the number of residential behavioral health treatment  
2.2 beds would be in the public interest.

2.3 (c) No later than January 31, 2023, the commissioner of human services shall provide  
2.4 a report on the behavioral health treatment statewide review to the legislative committees  
2.5 and divisions with jurisdiction over human services policy and finance and behavioral health  
2.6 and include any proposed legislation to improve behavioral health treatment capacity,  
2.7 accessibility, and effectiveness.