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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

EIGHTY-EIGHTH SESSION

H. F. No. 861

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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Health and Human Services Policy
03/14/2013 Adoption of Report: Pass and re-referred to the Committee on Health and Human Services Finance

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to public health; appropriating money for a statewide text message
1.3 suicide prevention program.

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

1.5 Section 1. APPROPRIATION; TEXT MESSAGE SUICIDE PREVENTION
1.6 PROGRAM.

1.7 \$...... is appropriated for the biennium ending June 30, 2015, from the general fund
1.8 to the commissioner of health for a grant to a nonprofit organization to establish and
1.9 implement a statewide text message suicide prevention program. The program shall
1.10 implement a suicide prevention counseling text line designed to use text messaging to
1.11 connect with crisis counselors and to obtain emergency information and referrals to local
1.12 resources in the local community. The program shall include training within schools and
1.13 communities to encourage the use of the program.