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115 Introduction and first reading  
Referred to Family Care and Aging

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1.1 A bill for an act  
1.2 relating to human services; establishing a functional family therapy pilot project;  
1.3 appropriating money.

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

1.5 Section 1. **BLUE EARTH COUNTY FUNCTIONAL FAMILY THERAPY PILOT**  
1.6 **PROJECT; APPROPRIATION.**

1.7 (a) \$465,000 in fiscal year 2020 is appropriated from the general fund to the commissioner  
1.8 of human services for a pilot project administered by Blue Earth County to increase mental  
1.9 health support for at-risk youth 11 to 18 years of age in Blue Earth County and Nicollet  
1.10 County, in partnership with Mankato area public schools.

1.11 (b) The pilot project must implement functional family therapy at a range of proposed  
1.12 sites, including but not limited to homes, juvenile correctional facilities, and public schools  
1.13 as defined in Minnesota Statutes, section 120A.20, subdivision 1. Functional family therapy  
1.14 is a family-based prevention and intervention program for at-risk youth that addresses  
1.15 complex behavioral problems through flexible, culturally sensitive clinical practices. The  
1.16 pilot project must also fund the addition of three full-time equivalent licensed mental health  
1.17 professionals, as defined in Minnesota Statutes, section 245.4871, subdivision 27, clauses  
1.18 (3), (5), and (6), as Blue Earth County staff members.

1.19 (c) Entities that propose implementing functional family therapy under this pilot project  
1.20 shall be encouraged to complete a three-phase training and certification process to be  
1.21 administered by Blue Earth County.

2.1 (d) Entities and providers under this pilot project shall obtain all available third-party  
2.2 reimbursement from any source. For purposes of this pilot project, a third-party  
2.3 reimbursement source does not include a public school as defined in Minnesota Statutes,  
2.4 section 120A.20, subdivision 1.

2.5 (e) Pilot project team members who are employed by public schools and juvenile  
2.6 correctional facilities shall continuously evaluate the results of the pilot project by reviewing  
2.7 students' academic records, behavioral referrals, and juvenile justice reports during  
2.8 participation in functional family therapy and up to one year after a student completes  
2.9 functional family therapy.