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Bill Summary

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Overview

The Runaway and Homeless Youth Act (Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 256K.45) was enacted in 2006 (Laws 2006, chapter 264, section 13), but was not funded. The Act defined "homeless youth," "youth at risk of homelessness," and "runaway" and provided three types of programs to serve these populations. Street and community outreach were to be available for all three groups. Emergency shelter programs were to serve both homeless youth and runaways. Supportive housing and transitional living programs were to be available to homeless youth and youth at risk of homelessness. This bill provides funding for the implementation of the Act and sets limits on the percentage of the appropriation that may be used for program administration and program monitoring and evaluation.

Section

1   **Funding.** Provides that funds appropriated for purposes of the Runaway and Homeless Youth Act may be used for programs described in the act as well as technical assistance and capacity building. Also provides that a maximum of 5% of any funds appropriated may be used for program administration and that a maximum of 8% may be used for monitoring and evaluation of funded programs.

2   **RFP for monitoring and evaluation.** The commissioner of human services is directed to issue an RFP for a firm to monitor and evaluate programs receiving funding under the Runaway and Homeless Youth Act.

3   **Appropriation.** $4 million is appropriated to the commissioner of Human Services in each

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year of the biennium for the Runaway and Homeless Youth Act.