

1.1 moves to amend H.F. No. 2150, the delete everything amendment
1.2 (A14-0976), as follows:

1.3 Page 142, after line 5, insert:

1.4 "Sec. 11. MENTALLY ILL OFFENDERS ARRESTED OR SUBJECT TO
1.5 ARREST; WORKING GROUP.

1.6 Subdivision 1. Working group established; study and draft legislation required.

1.7 The commissioner of human services may convene a working group to address issues
1.8 related to offenders with mental illness who are arrested or subject to arrest. The working
1.9 group shall consider the special needs of these offenders and determine how best to
1.10 provide for these needs. Specifically, the group shall consider the efficacy of a facility
1.11 that would serve as a central point for accepting, assessing, and addressing the needs of
1.12 offenders with mental illness brought in by law enforcement as an alternative to arrest or
1.13 following arrest. The facility would consolidate and coordinate existing resources as well
1.14 as offer new resources that would provide a continuum of care addressing the immediate,
1.15 short-term, and long-term needs of these offenders. The facility would do the following for
1.16 these offenders: perform timely, credible, and useful mental health assessments; identify
1.17 community placement opportunities; coordinate community care; make recommendations
1.18 concerning pretrial release when appropriate; and, in some cases, provide direct services
1.19 to offenders at the facility or in nearby jails. The working group shall establish criteria
1.20 to determine which offenders may be admitted to the facility. The facility would be
1.21 located in the metropolitan region and serve the needs of nearby counties. The facility
1.22 would represent a partnership between the state, local units of government, and the private
1.23 sector. In addition, the working group may consider how similar facilities could function
1.24 in outstate areas. When studying this issue, the working group shall examine what other
1.25 states have done in this area to determine what programs have been successful and use
1.26 those programs as models in developing the program in Minnesota. The working group
1.27 may also study and make recommendations on other ways to improve the process for

2.1 addressing and assisting these offenders. The commissioner shall enter into an agreement
2.2 with NAMI Minnesota to carry out the work of the working group.

2.3 Subd. 2. **Membership.** The commissioner shall ensure that the working group
2.4 has expertise and a broad range of interests represented, including, but not limited to:
2.5 prosecutors; law enforcement, including jail staff; correctional officials; probation
2.6 officials; criminal defense attorneys; judges; county and city officials; mental health
2.7 advocates; mental health professionals; and hospital and health care officials.

2.8 Subd. 3. **Administrative issues.** (a) The commissioner shall convene the first
2.9 meeting of the working group by September 1, 2014. NAMI Minnesota shall provide
2.10 meeting space and administrative support to the working group. The working group shall
2.11 select a chair from among its members.

2.12 (b) The commissioner may solicit in-kind support from work group member
2.13 agencies to accomplish its assigned duties.

2.14 Subd. 4. **Report required.** By January 1, 2015, the working group shall submit a
2.15 report to the chairs and ranking minority members of the senate and house of representatives
2.16 committees and divisions having jurisdiction over human services and public safety. The
2.17 report must summarize the working group's activities and include its recommendations
2.18 and draft legislation. The recommendations must be specific and include estimates of the
2.19 costs involved in implementing the recommendations, including the funding sources that
2.20 might be used to pay for it. The working group shall explore potential funding sources
2.21 at the federal, local, and private levels, and provide this information in the report. In
2.22 addition, the report must include draft legislation to implement the recommendations."

2.23 Renumber the sections in sequence and correct the internal references

2.24 Amend the title accordingly