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This bill transfers responsibility for implementing the state's Results First program evaluation initiative from Minnesota Management and Budget to the newly-established Legislative Budget Office.

The Results First initiative is a partnership between the state, the Pew Charitable Trusts, and the MacArthur Foundation. Its primary mission is to evaluate state programs and services by reviewing evidence of their effectiveness as documented in academic research, and to use statistical modeling to conduct cost-benefit analysis of those same programs and services. The initiative was first authorized by the legislature in 2015.

The initiative is overseen by an advisory committee, which would also transfer to the Legislative Budget Office as part of this bill. Recent topic areas that have been subject to evaluation include corrections and human services programs. An evaluation of higher education programs is ongoing.

The transfer is effective January 8, 2019.