

Subject Child protection information technology system review

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Summary

This bill, as amended, appropriates \$1,000,000 in fiscal year 2024 and \$1,000,000 in fiscal year 2025 to the commissioner of human services to contract with an independent consultant to perform a thorough evaluation of the social services information system (SSIS), which supports the child protection system in Minnesota. The bill requires the consultant to make recommendations for improving the current system for usability, performance, and federal compliance, and to address technical problems and identify any unnecessary or burdensome data entry requirements. The consultant must also assist the commissioner with selecting a platform for future development of an information technology system for child protection.

The bill also requires the commissioner to conduct a study and develop recommendations for improving SSIS data entry requirements for child protection cases, in partnership with local social services agencies and other appropriate entities. The bill requires a status report to the legislature by June 30, 2024, that includes information about procedures for soliciting ongoing user input from stakeholders, progress on solicitation and hiring of a consultant to conduct the system evaluation required under paragraph (a), and progress and completed efforts to streamline data entry requirements and improve user experience.