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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Finance

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to state government; appropriating money to support activities to help
1.3 people with disabilities relocate from nursing facilities to community settings.

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

1.5 Section 1. **APPROPRIATION; OPTIONS TOO DISABILITY SERVICES.**

1.6 (a) \$75,000 for fiscal year 2008 and \$75,000 for fiscal year 2009 are appropriated
1.7 from the general fund to the Minnesota State Council on Disability to continue the work
1.8 of the Options Too disability services interagency work group established under Laws
1.9 2005, First Special Session chapter 4, article 7, section 57. Funds shall be used to monitor
1.10 and assist the work group and the Options Too Steering Committee in the implementation
1.11 of the recommendations in the Options Too report dated February 15, 2007.

1.12 (b) For purposes of this section, the Options Too Steering Committee shall consist of
1.13 the following members:

- 1.14 (1) a representative from the Minnesota Housing Finance Agency;
- 1.15 (2) a representative from the Minnesota State Council on Disability;
- 1.16 (3) a representative from the Department of Veterans Affairs;
- 1.17 (4) a representative from the Department of Transportation; and
- 1.18 (5) representatives from interested stakeholders including counties, local public
1.19 housing authorities, the Metropolitan Council, disability service providers, and disability
1.20 advocacy organizations who are appointed by the Minnesota State Council on Disability
1.21 for two-year terms.

1.22 (c) Notwithstanding Laws 2005, First Special Session chapter 4, article 7, section
1.23 57, the interagency work group shall be administered by the Minnesota Housing Finance
1.24 Agency, the Minnesota State Council on Disability, and the Department of Transportation.

- 2.1 (d) The Options Too Steering Committee shall report to the chairs of the health and
2.2 human services policy and finance committees of the senate and house of representatives
2.3 by October 15, 2007, and October 15, 2008, on the continued progress of the work group
2.4 towards implementing the recommendations in the Options Too report dated February
2.5 15, 2007.