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H. F. No. 2586

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

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to state government; establishing the Emmett Louis Till Victims Recovery
1.3 Program; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 145.

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

1.5 Section 1. [145.984] EMMETT LOUIS TILL VICTIMS RECOVERY PROGRAM.

1.6 Subdivision 1. Short title. This section shall be known as the Emmett Louis Till Victims
1.7 Recovery Program.

1.8 Subd. 2. Definitions. (a) For the purposes of this section, the terms in this subdivision
1.9 have the meanings given them.

1.10 (b) "Act" means a civil action or verified charge against an agent in public service under
1.11 investigation or proceedings for an equal protection violation under sections 363A.08 to
1.12 363A.19.

1.13 (c) "Commissioner" means the commissioner of health.

1.14 (d) "Health and wellness" means the physical, mental, cultural, and spiritual or faith-based
1.15 needs of a victim.

1.16 Subd. 3. Program established. The commissioner shall establish the Emmett Louis Till
1.17 Victims Recovery Program to address the health and wellness needs of victims of a
1.18 government-sponsored equal protection violation and the victims' families and heirs by
1.19 confronting historical trauma that families experience through government-sponsored equal
1.20 protection violations.

2.1 Subd. 4. Education and awareness program; grants. (a) The commissioner, in
2.2 consultation with the commissioner of human rights, ethnic councils and commissions, and
2.3 civil rights organizations, shall establish a program to provide:

2.4 (1) health and wellness services;

2.5 (2) remembrance and legacy preservation;

2.6 (3) cultural awareness;

2.7 (4) spiritual and faith-based support; and

2.8 (5) community resources and services to promote healing for victims of trauma covered
2.9 by this section.

2.10 (b) To the extent funds are available, the commissioner shall award competitive grants
2.11 to eligible applicants for projects directed at the areas specified in paragraph (a). The projects
2.12 must be community-based and include methods to improve public awareness of trauma
2.13 arising from equal protection violations by government officials.

2.14 Subd. 5. Report. The commissioner shall submit an annual report by January 15 each
2.15 year on the results of the program to the chairs and ranking minority members of the
2.16 legislative committees with jurisdiction over health care. The findings and recommendations
2.17 in the report shall:

2.18 (1) summarize the services offered to participants;

2.19 (2) assess the need for continuing services to participants; and

2.20 (3) evaluate the program goals and outcomes.

2.21 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.