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

1.1   A bill for an act

1.2   relating to public safety; requiring the superintendent of the Bureau of Criminal
1.3   Apprehension to prepare an annual report on Fusion Center activities; appropriating
1.4   money; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 299C.

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

1.6   Section 1. **[299C.055] LEGISLATIVE REPORT ON FUSION CENTER ACTIVITIES.**

1.7   (a) The superintendent must prepare an annual report for the public and the legislature

1.8   on the Minnesota Fusion Center (MNFC) that includes general information about the MNFC;

1.9   the types of activities it monitors; the scale of information it collects; the local, state, and

1.10   federal agencies with which it shares information; and the quantifiable benefits it produces.

1.11   None of the reporting requirements in this section supersede chapter 13 or any other state

1.12   or federal law. The superintendent must report on activities for the preceding calendar year

1.13   unless another time period is specified. The report must include the following information,

1.14   to the extent allowed by other law:

1.15   (1) the MNFC's operating budget for the current biennium, number of staff, and staff

1.16   duties;

1.17   (2) the number of publications generated and an overview of the type of information

1.18   provided in the publications, including products such as law enforcement briefs, partner

1.19   briefs, risk assessments, threat assessments, and operational reports;

1.20   (3) a summary of audit findings for the MNFC and what corrective actions were taken

1.21   pursuant to audits;

2.1   (4) the number of data requests received by the MNFC and a general description of those

2.2   requests;

2.3   (5) the types of surveillance and data analysis technologies utilized by the MNFC, such

2.4   as artificial intelligence or social media analysis tools;

2.5   (6) a description of the commercial and governmental databases utilized by the MNFC

2.6   to the extent permitted by law;

2.7   (7) the number of suspicious activity reports (SARs) received and processed by the

2.8   MNFC;

2.9   (8) the number of SARs received and processed by the MNFC that were converted into

2.10   Bureau of Criminal Apprehension case files, that were referred to the Federal Bureau of

2.11   Investigation, or that were referred to local law enforcement agencies;

2.12   (9) the number of SARs received and processed by the MNFC that involve an individual

2.13   on the Terrorist Screening Center watchlist;

2.14   (10) the number of requests for information (RFIs) that the MNFC received from law

2.15   enforcement agencies and the number of responses to federal requests for RFIs;

2.16   (11) the names of the federal agencies the MNFC received data from or shared data

2.17   with;

2.18   (12) the names of the agencies that submitted SARs;

2.19   (13) a summary description of the MNFC's activities with the Joint Terrorism Task

2.20   Force; and

2.21   (14) the number of investigations aided by the MNFC's use of SARs and RFIs.

2.22   (b) The agency must use existing appropriations to fund preparation of reports required

2.23   under this section.

2.24   (c) The report shall be provided to the chairs and ranking minority members of the

2.25   committees of the house of representatives and senate with jurisdiction over data practices

2.26   and public safety issues, and shall be posted on the MNFC website by February 15 each

2.27   year beginning on February 15, 2024.

2.28   Sec. 2. **APPROPRIATION; FUSION CENTER REPORT.**

2.29 $....... in fiscal year 2024 is appropriated from the general fund to the commissioner of

2.30   public safety to fund the report required in section 1. The appropriation is added to the

2.31   agency's base.