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

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to public safety; appropriating money for prevention services, intervention
1.3 services, and barrier reduction services relating to youth involved or at risk of
1.4 becoming involved in the criminal or juvenile justice system; requiring a report.

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

1.6 Section 1. APPROPRIATIONS; SERVICES FOR AT-RISK JUVENILES.

1.7 Subdivision 1. Listening sessions; Juvenile Detention Alternatives Initiative. \$.....
1.8 in fiscal year 2023 is appropriated from the general fund to the commissioner of public
1.9 safety for the following purposes:

1.10 (1) to conduct listening sessions throughout the state to solicit feedback from
1.11 communities, local governmental units, nonprofits, and community organization groups on
1.12 available grants under this section. The sessions must provide information to potential
1.13 grantees on the types of grants available and the process of how to seek grants. In addition,
1.14 the sessions must seek input from attendees on the needs and priorities of the communities
1.15 represented and the best way to meet these needs and priorities through grant awards; and

1.16 (2) to increase funding to the Ramsey County Juvenile Detention Alternatives Initiative
1.17 and to expand this initiative to other counties.

1.18 Subd. 2. Prevention services grants. (a) As used in this subdivision, "prevention
1.19 services" includes but is not limited to the following:

- 1.20 (1) community-based violence prevention programs;
1.21 (2) preventative mental health and substance abuse services with a focus on youth;
1.22 (3) truancy reduction programs;

2.1 (4) programs offering culturally competent support for youth victims of trauma;

2.2 (5) programs that offer support for single parents or peer-to-peer support for parents;

2.3 (6) wrap-around services to ensure at-risk youth receive full support;

2.4 (7) community-centered programs that offer youth activities and colocated mental health
2.5 services, such as youth centers and recreational leagues; and

2.6 (8) noncolonized behavioral health interventions for youth.

2.7 (b) \$..... in fiscal year 2023 is appropriated from the general fund to the commissioner
2.8 of public safety for grants to local units of government, nonprofits, and other community
2.9 organizations to be used to provide prevention services to prevent juveniles from entering
2.10 the criminal or juvenile justice system.

2.11 Subd. 3. **Intervention services grants.** (a) As used in this subdivision, "intervention
2.12 services" includes but is not limited to the following:

2.13 (1) programs that work to disrupt the cycle of violence by providing space for community
2.14 healing and wrap-around services to communities and individuals who have been impacted
2.15 by group or gun violence, including those who have caused harm; and

2.16 (2) programs that work directly with youth who have experienced or caused violence to
2.17 provide intervention and healing services and that work with youth to prevent future incidents.

2.18 (b) \$..... in fiscal year 2023 is appropriated from the general fund to the commissioner
2.19 of public safety for grants to local units of government, nonprofits, and other community
2.20 organizations to be used to provide intervention services to support work to intervene on
2.21 behalf of youth who are interacting with the criminal or juvenile justice system.

2.22 Subd. 4. **Grants for services that reduce barriers and invest in communities.** (a) As
2.23 used in this subdivision, "services that reduce barriers" includes but is not limited to the
2.24 following:

2.25 (1) youth employment programs, including on-the-job training;

2.26 (2) youth employment or internship opportunities in creative mediums and small business
2.27 development; and

2.28 (3) mentorship programs with a focus on individualized guidance counseling, career
2.29 counseling, and mental health support for justice-involved youth.

2.30 (b) \$..... in fiscal year 2023 is appropriated from the general fund to the commissioner
2.31 of public safety for grants to local units of government, nonprofits, and other community

3.1 organizations to be used to provide services that reduce barriers for youth in avoiding the
3.2 criminal or juvenile justice system and to increase investment in their communities.

3.3 Subd. 5. **Expedited disbursement.** (a) The commissioner of public safety shall prepare
3.4 and make available to the public application materials for grants issued under this section
3.5 within three months of an appropriation being made to fund the grants.

3.6 (b) The commissioner shall ensure that grant applications are received and reviewed
3.7 and awards are made within six months of an appropriation being made to fund the grants.

3.8 Subd. 6. **Grant program administration; reports required.** (a) The commissioner of
3.9 public safety shall ensure that the administration of grants under this section is conducted
3.10 by the Office of Justice Programs.

3.11 (b) Up to 2.5 percent of the appropriations in this section may be used by the
3.12 commissioner to administer these grants.

3.13 (c) The base amount for these grants is \$..... in fiscal years 2024, 2025, 2026, and 2027.
3.14 Beginning in fiscal years 2028 and thereafter, the base amount for these activities is \$0.
3.15 Any unspent money from this appropriation does not cancel but is available until expended.

3.16 (d) Applicants for grants under this section must submit an application in the form and
3.17 manner established by the commissioner. Applicants must specify the type of grant being
3.18 applied for under this section and describe the ways in which grant funds will be used in a
3.19 manner that satisfies the requirements for the individual grant.

3.20 (e) When awarding grants under this section, the commissioner shall prioritize programs
3.21 that provide culturally specific programming. A local unit of government may apply for
3.22 grants to be used by that applicant to provide one or more services or as part of a collaborative
3.23 multijurisdictional group of governmental units.

3.24 (f) Each year by February 1, the commissioner shall report to the chairs and ranking
3.25 minority members of the senate and house of representatives committees and divisions
3.26 having jurisdiction over criminal justice finance and policy on the implementation, use, and
3.27 administration of the grant programs created under this section. At a minimum, the report
3.28 must identify the grant recipients, the amount of money granted to each recipient, the purpose
3.29 of the grant, information on how the grant was used, and an evaluation of the success of the
3.30 grantee in carrying out the activities funded by the grant.