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Introduction and first reading
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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. **Prevention services grants.** (a) As used in this subdivision, "prevention
1.8 services" includes but is not limited to:

- 1.9 (1) community-based violence prevention programs;
- 1.10 (2) preventative mental health and substance abuse services with a focus on youth;
- 1.11 (3) truancy reduction programs;
- 1.12 (4) programs offering culturally competent support for youth victims of trauma;
- 1.13 (5) programs that offer support for single parents or peer-to-peer support for parents;
- 1.14 (6) wraparound services to ensure at-risk youth receive full support;
- 1.15 (7) community-centered programs that offer youth activities and colocated mental health
1.16 services, such as youth centers and recreational leagues;
- 1.17 (8) noncolonized behavioral health interventions for youth;
- 1.18 (9) programs that offer support for children of incarcerated parents; and
- 1.19 (10) programs that provide or facilitate restorative practices.

2.1 (b) \$..... in fiscal year 2024 and \$..... in fiscal year 2025 are appropriated from the
2.2 general fund to the commissioner of public safety for grants to local units of government,
2.3 nonprofits, and other community organizations to be used to provide prevention services
2.4 to prevent juveniles from entering the criminal or juvenile justice system.

2.5 Subd. 2. **Intervention services grants.** (a) As used in this subdivision, "intervention
2.6 services" includes but is not limited to:

2.7 (1) programs that work to disrupt the cycle of violence by providing space for community
2.8 healing and wraparound services to communities and individuals who have been impacted
2.9 by group or gun violence, including those who have caused harm;

2.10 (2) programs that work directly with youth who have experienced or caused violence to
2.11 provide intervention and healing services and that work with youth to prevent future
2.12 incidents;

2.13 (3) programs that provide education, training, and counseling designed to reduce domestic
2.14 and family violence and assist victims of that violence;

2.15 (4) programs that provide support and assistance to individuals seeking chemical
2.16 dependency treatment; and

2.17 (5) programs that provide support and assistance to individuals in need of mental health
2.18 treatment and services.

2.19 (b) \$..... in fiscal year 2024 and \$..... in fiscal year 2025 are appropriated from the
2.20 general fund to the commissioner of public safety for grants to local units of government,
2.21 federally recognized Indian Tribes within the boundaries of Minnesota, nonprofits, and
2.22 other community organizations to be used to provide intervention services to support work
2.23 to intervene on behalf of youth who are interacting with the criminal or juvenile justice
2.24 system.

2.25 Subd. 3. **Grants for services that reduce barriers and invest in communities.** (a) As
2.26 used in this subdivision, "services that reduce barriers" includes but is not limited to:

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

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

2.30 (3) mentorship programs with a focus on individualized guidance counseling, career
2.31 counseling, and mental health support for justice-involved youth; and

3.1 (4) programs that reduce barriers to accessing other services, including but not limited
3.2 to transportation assistance, assistance with broadband Internet access, and technology
3.3 support.

3.4 (b) \$..... in fiscal year 2024 and \$..... in fiscal year 2025 are appropriated from the
3.5 general fund to the commissioner of public safety for grants to local units of government,
3.6 federally recognized Indian Tribes within the boundaries of Minnesota, nonprofits, and
3.7 other community organizations to be used to provide services that reduce barriers for youth
3.8 in avoiding the criminal or juvenile justice system and to increase investment in their
3.9 communities.

3.10 Subd. 4. **Expedited disbursement.** (a) The commissioner of public safety shall prepare
3.11 and make available to the public application materials for grants issued under this section
3.12 within three months of an appropriation being made to fund the grants.

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

3.15 Subd. 5. **Grant program administration; reports required.** (a) The commissioner of
3.16 public safety shall ensure that the administration of grants under this section is conducted
3.17 by the Office of Justice Programs.

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

3.20 (c) The base amount for the grants is \$..... in fiscal years 2026 and 2027. Beginning in
3.21 fiscal year 2028 and thereafter, the base amount for activities under this section is \$0. Any
3.22 unspent money from this appropriation does not cancel but is available until expended.

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

3.27 (e) When awarding grants under this section, the commissioner shall prioritize programs
3.28 that provide culturally specific programming, programs provided by federally recognized
3.29 Indian Tribes within the boundaries of Minnesota, and programs that provide gender-specific
3.30 programming. A local unit of government may apply for grants to be used by that applicant
3.31 to provide one or more services or as part of a collaborative multijurisdictional group of
3.32 governmental units.

4.1 (f) By February 1 each year, the commissioner shall report to the chairs and ranking
4.2 minority members of the legislative committees and divisions having jurisdiction over
4.3 criminal justice finance and policy on the implementation, use, and administration of the
4.4 grant programs created under this section. At a minimum, the report must identify:

4.5 (1) the grant recipients;

4.6 (2) the geographic location of the grant recipients;

4.7 (3) the total number of individuals served by all grant recipients, disaggregated by race,
4.8 ethnicity, gender, and disability status;

4.9 (4) the total number of individuals who successfully completed programming,
4.10 disaggregated by age, race, ethnicity, gender, and disability status;

4.11 (5) the total amount of money awarded in grants and the total amount remaining to be
4.12 awarded from each appropriation;

4.13 (6) the amount of money granted to each recipient;

4.14 (7) the purpose of the grant;

4.15 (8) the geographic location of the grant recipient;

4.16 (9) information on how the grant was used; and

4.17 (10) a summary of relevant measurable outcomes for participants in the program,
4.18 including but not limited to rates of employment, truancy, delinquency, community
4.19 engagement, performance in school, and ability to access other supportive services.