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Introduction and first reading  
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OFFICIAL STATUS

1.1 A bill for an act  
1.2 relating to public safety; establishing a violent crime investigation team account  
1.3 to fund violent crime investigation teams throughout the state; establishing grants  
1.4 for crime and violence prevention; establishing grants for evidence-processing  
1.5 technology and crisis response teams; providing supplemental funding for the  
1.6 force investigations unit; establishing special revenue accounts; requiring a report;  
1.7 transferring money; appropriating money; amending Minnesota Statutes 2022,  
1.8 section 299A.642, subdivision 15.

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

1.10 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 299A.642, subdivision 15, is amended to  
1.11 read:

1.12 Subd. 15. **Required reports.** By February 1 of each year, the commissioner of public  
1.13 safety shall submit the following reports to the chairs and ranking minority members of the  
1.14 senate and house of representatives committees and divisions having jurisdiction over  
1.15 criminal justice policy and funding:

1.16 (1) a report containing a summary of all audits conducted on multijurisdictional entities  
1.17 under subdivision 4;

1.18 (2) a report on the results of audits conducted on data submitted to the criminal gang  
1.19 investigative data system under section 299C.091; ~~and~~

1.20 (3) a report on the activities and goals of the coordinating council; and

1.21 (4) a report on how the funds in the violent crime investigation team account were  
1.22 distributed and how those funds were used by violent crime investigation teams.

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

2.1 **Sec. 2. VIOLENT CRIME INVESTIGATION TEAMS; SPECIAL REVENUE**  
2.2 **ACCOUNT; APPROPRIATION.**

2.3 (a) The violent crime investigation team account is created in the special revenue fund  
2.4 consisting of money deposited, donated, allotted, transferred, or otherwise provided to the  
2.5 account. Of the amount in the account, up to \$15,000,000 each year is appropriated to the  
2.6 commissioner of public safety for violent crime investigation teams, organized under  
2.7 Minnesota Statutes, section 299A.642, to increase their capacity to conduct forensic and  
2.8 investigatory work to expedite clearance rates.

2.9 (b) The commissioner shall allocate the funds to the violent crime investigation teams  
2.10 that have the most acute need for supplemental resources based on the rate of violent crime  
2.11 in the team's jurisdiction and the need to improve clearance rates for violent crime  
2.12 investigations. The commissioner must consult with and consider recommendations from  
2.13 the Violent Crime Coordinating Council created under Minnesota Statutes, section 299A.642,  
2.14 prior to awarding grants from this fund.

2.15 (c) As a condition of receiving funds from this account, the lead local unit of government  
2.16 of a violent crime investigation team must enter a joint powers agreement with the  
2.17 commissioner of public safety under which the commissioner shall provide an investigator  
2.18 from the Bureau of Criminal Apprehension to be a member of the team.

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

2.20 **Sec. 3. VIOLENT CRIME INVESTIGATION TEAM ACCOUNT; TRANSFER.**

2.21 \$75,000,000 in fiscal year 2023 is transferred from the general fund to the violent crime  
2.22 investigation team account in the special revenue fund. The base for this appropriation is  
2.23 \$0 in fiscal year 2024 and thereafter.

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

2.25 **Sec. 4. COMMUNITY CRIME AND VIOLENCE PREVENTION GRANTS;**  
2.26 **SPECIAL REVENUE ACCOUNT; APPROPRIATION.**

2.27 (a) The community crime and violence prevention account is created in the special  
2.28 revenue fund consisting of money deposited, donated, allotted, transferred, or otherwise  
2.29 provided to the account. Of the amount in the account, up to \$30,000,000 each year is  
2.30 appropriated to the commissioner of public safety for grants administered by the Office of  
2.31 Justice Programs to be awarded to community violence prevention and intervention programs.

3.1 (b) Grants may be awarded to community-based nonprofit organizations, local  
3.2 governments, or the governing bodies of federally recognized Indian Tribes. Applicants  
3.3 that are nonprofit organizations must demonstrate the support of the local government or  
3.4 Indian Tribe where the nonprofit will be offering services. Support may be demonstrated  
3.5 by partnerships with the local government or Indian Tribe, or letters or other affirmations  
3.6 of support.

3.7 (c) Grant recipients must operate crime or violence prevention programs with an  
3.8 established record of providing direct services to community members. Programs must be  
3.9 culturally competent and identify specific outcomes that can be tracked and measured to  
3.10 demonstrate the impact the program has on community crime and violence. Crime or violence  
3.11 prevention programs may include but are not limited to:

3.12 (1) victim services programs;

3.13 (2) re-entry programs that provide support and reintegration services to recently  
3.14 incarcerated individuals;

3.15 (3) homelessness assistance programs;

3.16 (4) restorative justice programs;

3.17 (5) programs that intervene in volatile situations to mediate disputes before they become  
3.18 violent; and

3.19 (6) juvenile diversion programs.

3.20 (d) As part of the narrative and statistical progress reports provided to the Office of  
3.21 Justice Programs, grant recipients must report on the specific outcomes identified pursuant  
3.22 to paragraph (c).

3.23 (e) The Office of Justice Programs may use up to 2.5 percent of the annual appropriation  
3.24 to administer the grants.

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

3.26 Sec. 5. **COMMUNITY CRIME AND VIOLENCE PREVENTION ACCOUNT;**  
3.27 **TRANSFER.**

3.28 \$150,000,000 in fiscal year 2023 is transferred from the general fund to the community  
3.29 crime and violence prevention account in the special revenue fund. The base for this  
3.30 appropriation is \$0 in fiscal year 2024 and thereafter.

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

4.1       Sec. 6. **CRISIS RESPONSE AND CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION GRANTS;**  
4.2 **SPECIAL REVENUE ACCOUNT; APPROPRIATION.**

4.3       (a) The crisis response and criminal investigation account is created in the special revenue  
4.4 fund consisting of money deposited, donated, allotted, transferred, or otherwise provided  
4.5 to the account. Of the amount in the account, \$25,000,000 in fiscal year 2023 and  
4.6 \$15,000,000 each year thereafter are appropriated to the commissioner of public safety for  
4.7 grants administered by the Office of Justice Programs to be awarded to local law enforcement  
4.8 agencies or local governments to improve responses to situations involving individuals  
4.9 experiencing a mental health crisis and to improve criminal investigations.

4.10       (b) Of the amount appropriated in fiscal year 2023, \$10,000,000 is for grants to local  
4.11 law enforcement agencies to acquire, upgrade, or replace technology or equipment used to  
4.12 investigate crimes or process evidence.

4.13       (c) \$15,000,000 each year is for grants to local law enforcement agencies and local  
4.14 governments to maintain or expand crisis response teams in which social workers or mental  
4.15 health providers are sent as first responders when calls for service indicate that an individual  
4.16 is having a mental health crisis.

4.17       (d) The Office of Justice Programs may use up to 2.5 percent of the annual appropriation  
4.18 to administer the grants.

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

4.20       Sec. 7. **CRISIS RESPONSE AND CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION ACCOUNT;**  
4.21 **TRANSFER.**

4.22       \$55,000,000 in fiscal year 2023 is transferred from the general fund to the crisis response  
4.23 and criminal investigation account in the special revenue fund. The base for this appropriation  
4.24 is \$0 in fiscal year 2024 and thereafter.

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

4.26       Sec. 8. **BUREAU OF CRIMINAL APPREHENSION; INDEPENDENT USE OF**  
4.27 **FORCE INVESTIGATIONS UNIT; APPROPRIATION.**

4.28       \$5,000,000 in fiscal year 2024 and \$5,000,000 in fiscal year 2025 are appropriated from  
4.29 the general fund to the commissioner of public safety to increase funding for the Bureau of  
4.30 Criminal Apprehension's independent Use of Force Investigations Unit, created under  
4.31 Minnesota Statutes, section 299C.80. This appropriation is in addition to the funds

- 5.1 appropriated for this purpose in Laws 2021, First Special Session chapter 11, article 1,
- 5.2 section 14, subdivision 3.
- 5.3 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.