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H. F. No. 1724

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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; establishing a pilot project to increase domestic violence
1.3 program completing rates; requiring a report; appropriating money.

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

1.5 Section 1. IMPROVING SOCIAL DETERMINANTS OF HEALTH PILOT
1.6 PROJECT; APPROPRIATION.

1.7 (a) \$150,000 in fiscal year 2022 is appropriated from the general fund to the commissioner
1.8 of public safety for the Office of Justice Programs to develop an open and competitive grant
1.9 process to award a grant to establish a pilot project to increase the rate at which participants
1.10 complete a person-centered, trauma-informed violence prevention program by addressing
1.11 the social and economic barriers that inhibit program completion. This is a onetime
1.12 appropriation and is available until June 30, 2024.

1.13 (b) The grant recipient shall have an established program for individuals who have been
1.14 identified as using abusive behaviors within a home or community setting. The established
1.15 program must apply evidence-based interventions to equip participants with skills and
1.16 techniques to stop abusive behaviors as they occur and prevent them from happening in the
1.17 future.

1.18 (c) The pilot project shall address financial, transportation, food, housing, or social
1.19 support barriers in order to increase the rate of participants completing the program and
1.20 experiencing improved health outcomes. Money may be used to advance program capacity,
1.21 reduce the administrative burden on program staff, enhance measurement and evaluation
1.22 of the program, and provide other services and support to increase the rate of program
1.23 completion while maintaining low recidivism rates.

2.1 (d) By January 15, 2023, the grant recipient shall provide a report to the Office of Justice

2.2 Programs identifying:

2.3 (1) the number of individuals, including the age, race, and sex of those individuals, who  
2.4 were admitted into the program before and after the pilot project began;

2.5 (2) the number of individuals, including the age, race, and sex of those individuals, who  
2.6 completed the program before and after the pilot project began;

2.7 (3) the number of individuals, including the age, race, and sex of those individuals, who  
2.8 left the program prior to completion before and after the pilot project began; and

2.9 (4) any other relevant measurement and evaluation of the pilot project, including  
2.10 information related to social and economic barriers that impact program completion rates.

2.11 (e) By January 15, 2024, the grant recipient shall provide a report to the Office of Justice

2.12 Programs identifying:

2.13 (1) the domestic violence recidivism rate of individuals who completed the program,  
2.14 including the age, race, and sex of those individuals, before and after the pilot project began;  
2.15 and

2.16 (2) any other relevant measurement and evaluation of the pilot project, including an  
2.17 assessment of whether it can provide a model for the state and be in line with national efforts  
2.18 to develop social determinants of health data standards.

2.19 (f) By February 15, 2024, the Office of Justice Programs shall compile the information  
2.20 received from the grant recipient and provide that compilation to the senate and house of  
2.21 representatives committees and divisions with jurisdiction over public safety.