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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 discussion of the total economic costs of
1.3 violence and a report to the legislature.

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

1.5 Section 1. **ECONOMIC COSTS OF VIOLENCE; REPORT.**

1.6 (a) The following shall appoint representatives to discuss issues in a public
1.7 informational hearing related to the economic costs of violence specified in paragraph
1.8 (b) with representatives of the Freedom from Violence Project of Inventing Solutions
1.9 and the house of representatives and senate committees with jurisdiction over public
1.10 safety finance: the commissioners of public safety, corrections, health, human services,
1.11 education, revenue, commerce, and employment and economic development; a district
1.12 court judge designated by the Supreme Court; the Minnesota County Attorneys
1.13 Association; the state public defender; the Minnesota County Probation Officers
1.14 Association; Minnesota Chiefs of Police Association; League of Minnesota Cities;
1.15 Association of Minnesota Counties; Minnesota Housing Finance Agency; the Minnesota
1.16 Association of Community Corrections Act Counties; and the Minnesota Center Against
1.17 Violence and Abuse (MINCAVA).

1.18 (b) The issues to be discussed are:

1.19 (1) the economic costs of:

1.20 (i) violence against persons;

1.21 (ii) treatment and care for victims and survivors of violence, such as physical and
1.22 mental health care, level one trauma care, prescriptions, rehabilitation, medical devices,
1.23 insurance claim processing, coroner, and premature burial;

- 2.1 (iii) family and nonfamily households for wage losses due to the death or permanent
2.2 or temporary disability of a wage earner, legal assistance, and physical and mental health
2.3 care due to violence by or against a household member or for the diminished income
2.4 level of a convicted felon;
- 2.5 (iv) employers for recruitment and training of replacements for workers who, due
2.6 to violence, are killed or permanently disabled and juggling schedules due to temporary
2.7 disability and for disruption of the workplace with discussions of firearm incidents;
- 2.8 (v) domestic violence;
- 2.9 (vi) suicides;
- 2.10 (vii) firearm accidents;
- 2.11 (viii) communities for loss of business, tourism, and community development due to
2.12 violence;
- 2.13 (ix) the state and counties for criminal justice, sanctions, legal defense, prosecution,
2.14 and incarceration costs due to violence;
- 2.15 (x) the state for loss of income tax revenue due to wage losses from the death or
2.16 permanent or temporary disability of a wage earner due to violence or the diminished
2.17 income level of a convicted felon; and
- 2.18 (xi) school districts for security, prevention programs, and actual acts of school
2.19 violence; and
- 2.20 (2) new tax revenues to cover the cost of violence.
- 2.21 (c) The Freedom from Violence Project of Inventing Solutions shall report to the
2.22 legislature on the results of the discussions, specifically including but not limited to
2.23 summaries of the economic cost of domestic violence, sexual violence, firearms-related
2.24 violence, and school violence, under this section by March 15, 2014, after consultation with
2.25 and review of the report by the commissioners of public safety, corrections, health, human
2.26 services, education, revenue, commerce, and employment and economic development.