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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 violent crime enforcement,
1.3 domestic abuse prevention, and substance abuse prevention; providing for reports;
1.4 proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapters 145; 299A.

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

1.6 Section 1. [145.9246] SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER SERVICES GRANT
1.7 PROGRAM.

1.8 (a) The commissioner of health shall provide grants to individuals or organizations in
1.9 greater Minnesota to:

1.10 (1) expand the availability of substance use disorder services through establishing initial
1.11 programming efforts to begin an evidence-based program provided that a recipient identify
1.12 funding sources that are at least equal to the amount received from the Department of Health
1.13 and which will last at least two years;

1.14 (2) enhance or continue an existing evidence-based approach that demonstrates results;
1.15 or

1.16 (3) fund the planning phase occurring prior to implementation of an evidence-based
1.17 approach.

1.18 (b) In issuing grants, the commissioner of health shall give priority to projects that:

1.19 (1) serve geographic areas that have the highest crime rate;

1.20 (2) serve geographic areas that have the highest concentration of disadvantaged youth;

1.21 (3) serve underserved or marginalized populations; and

2.1 (4) demonstrate substantial involvement in planning, implementation, and evaluation  
2.2 by members of the community served.

2.3 **Sec. 2. [299A.625] LOCAL VIOLENCE PREVENTION GRANT PROGRAM.**

2.4 (a) The Office of Justice Programs director shall award grants to local units of government  
2.5 or tribal governments and the governments' community-based partners to implement local  
2.6 programs to reduce gun violence and promote community-based efforts designed to enhance  
2.7 community safety and wellness. Grant recipients must employ strategies to interrupt,  
2.8 intervene in, or respond to violence by working with perpetrators of violence, and victims  
2.9 of violent crime or surviving family and friends with an emphasis on serving those impacted  
2.10 by gun violence.

2.11 (b) Applicants shall identify either the municipality or community-based partner as the  
2.12 grant recipient. Applicants may identify multiple community-based partners, but shall  
2.13 identify the way in which money shall be divided. Applicants must demonstrate an  
2.14 evidence-based approach.

2.15 (c) Grant recipients may use money for:

2.16 (1) a planning phase for implementation of an evidence-based approach;

2.17 (2) initial programming efforts to begin an evidence-based program provided that a  
2.18 recipient identify funding sources that are at least equal to the amount received from the  
2.19 grant and which will last at least two years; or

2.20 (3) enhancing or continuing an existing evidence-based approach that demonstrates  
2.21 results.

2.22 (d) In awarding grants, the Office of Justice Programs director shall give priority to  
2.23 projects that:

2.24 (1) serve geographic areas that have the highest crime rates;

2.25 (2) serve geographic areas that have the highest concentration of disadvantaged youth;

2.26 (3) serve underserved or marginalized populations;

2.27 (4) provide culturally competent and trauma informed programming;

2.28 (5) demonstrate substantial involvement in planning, implementation, and evaluation  
2.29 by members of the community served; and

2.30 (6) employ promising strategies based on practice-based evidence or the lived experience  
2.31 of communities of color or American Indians.

3.1 **Sec. 3. [299A.627] DOMESTIC ABUSE TRANSFORMATION PROGRAMS.**

3.2 The Office of Justice Programs director shall award grants to domestic abuse  
 3.3 transformation programs that demonstrate meaningful and effective programming to reduce  
 3.4 and eliminate domestic abuse within intimate partner relationships. The eligibility  
 3.5 requirements for grant recipients shall be developed by the director in consultation with  
 3.6 stakeholders impacted by domestic abuse and working to end domestic abuse.

3.7 **Sec. 4. REPORTS.**

3.8 (a) The commissioner of public safety shall report by December 31, 2022, to the chairs  
 3.9 and ranking minority members of the senate and house of representatives committees and  
 3.10 divisions with jurisdiction over criminal justice policy and funding on the local violence  
 3.11 prevention grant program under Minnesota Statutes, section 299A.625 and on the substance  
 3.12 abuse disorder services grant program under Minnesota Statutes, section 145.9246.

3.13 (b) The commissioner of health shall report by October 1, 2022, on the substance abuse  
 3.14 disorder services grant program to the commissioner of public safety for inclusion in the  
 3.15 report to the legislature under paragraph (a).

3.16 (c) The reports under paragraphs (a) and (b) must include at a minimum information  
 3.17 about each program on the total number of requests for grants, outreach, assistance, and  
 3.18 support, where the requests originated, and the amount of the grant awarded for each  
 3.19 successful request.

3.20 **Sec. 5. APPROPRIATIONS.**

3.21 Subdivision 1. **Public Safety.** \$..... in fiscal year 2022 is appropriated from the general  
 3.22 fund to the commissioner of public safety for the Office of Justice Programs. Of this amount:

3.23 (1) \$..... is for the domestic abuse transformation grant program under Minnesota  
 3.24 Statutes, section 299A.627;

3.25 (2) \$..... is for the local violence prevention grant program under Minnesota Statutes,  
 3.26 section 299A.625, with up to \$..... of this amount for administration of the program;

3.27 (3) \$..... is for grants to communities in greater Minnesota to develop violent crime  
 3.28 enforcement teams and for the Office of Justice Programs to provide outreach, technical  
 3.29 assistance, and program development support for small communities to access grants under  
 3.30 Minnesota Statutes, section 299A.642; and

4.1 (4) \$..... is for grants to youth intervention programs under Minnesota Statutes, section  
4.2 299A.73.

4.3 Subd. 2. **POST Board.** \$..... in fiscal year 2022 is appropriated from the general fund  
4.4 to the Peace Officers Safety and Training Board for grants to local law enforcement agencies  
4.5 in Hennepin and Ramsey Counties for additional peace officer training.

4.6 Subd. 3. **Department of Health.** \$..... in fiscal year 2022 is appropriated from the  
4.7 general fund to the commissioner of health for the substance abuse disorder services grant  
4.8 program under Minnesota Statutes, section 145.9246.

4.9 Subd. 4. **Supreme court.** \$..... in fiscal year 2022 is appropriated from the general fund  
4.10 to the supreme court for treatment courts that operate in district courts and use evidence-based  
4.11 practices and qualified and trained staff to tailor appropriate services to support individuals  
4.12 in the judicial system who are addicted to alcohol or drugs, suffering from mental health  
4.13 issues, or both.