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H. F. No. 3259

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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Health and Human Services Policy

1.1 A bill for an act  
1.2 relating to public safety; providing for a study of the total economic costs of  
1.3 violence and a report to the legislature; appropriating money.

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

1.5 Section 1. **TOTAL ECONOMIC COSTS OF VIOLENCE; STUDY.**

1.6 (a) The commissioner of health, in consultation with the commissioners of public  
1.7 safety, corrections, human services, education, revenue, commerce, and employment and  
1.8 economic development, shall conduct a study and submit a report to the legislature on  
1.9 the total economic costs of violence in the state. The commissioner may also consult  
1.10 with the judiciary, Minnesota County Attorneys Association, State Public Defenders  
1.11 Office, Minnesota County Probation Officers Association, Minnesota Chiefs of Police  
1.12 Association, Minnesota Sheriffs' Association, Minnesota Police and Peace Officers  
1.13 Association, League of Minnesota Cities, Association of Minnesota Counties, Minnesota  
1.14 Housing Finance Agency, Minnesota Association of Community Corrections Act  
1.15 Counties, Minnesota Center Against Violence and Abuse (MINCAVA), and other entities  
1.16 able to provide information on the economic costs of violence.

1.17 (b) The study must include:

1.18 (1) the costs:

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

1.22 (ii) to family and nonfamily households for wage losses due to the death or  
1.23 permanent or temporary disability of a wage earner, legal assistance, and physical and

2.1 mental health care due to violence by or against a household member or for the diminished  
 2.2 income level of a convicted felon;

2.3 (iii) to employers for recruitment and training of replacements for workers who,  
 2.4 due to violence, are killed or permanently disabled and for employer rescheduling due  
 2.5 to temporary disability and for disruption of the workplace with discussions of firearm  
 2.6 incidents;

2.7 (iv) of domestic violence;

2.8 (v) of suicides;

2.9 (vi) to communities for loss of business, tourism, and community development  
 2.10 due to violence;

2.11 (vii) to the state and counties for criminal justice, sanctions, legal defense,  
 2.12 prosecution, and incarceration costs due to violence;

2.13 (viii) to the state for loss of income tax revenue due to wage losses from the death  
 2.14 or permanent or temporary disability of a wage earner due to violence or the diminished  
 2.15 income level of a convicted felon; and

2.16 (ix) to school districts for security, prevention programs, and actual acts of school  
 2.17 violence;

2.18 (2) a comprehensive plan to reduce violence;

2.19 (3) new funding sources to cover the costs of violence, such as an investigation  
 2.20 of new tax revenues; and

2.21 (4) any additional information or analyses relevant to the identification of the total  
 2.22 economic costs of violence and its remedies.

2.23 (c) The commissioner of health shall report to the legislature by March 15, 2016,  
 2.24 on the results of the study, specifically including, but not limited to, summaries of the  
 2.25 economic costs of domestic violence, sexual violence, firearms-related violence, and  
 2.26 school violence under this section.

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

2.28 **Sec. 2. APPROPRIATION.**

2.29 \$..... is appropriated in fiscal year 2015 from the general fund to the commissioner  
 2.30 of health for the purposes of section 1.