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Introduction and first reading
Referred to Civil Law and Data Practices Policy

OFFICIAL STATUS

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to data practices; classifying law enforcement mental health unit data as
1.3 private data on individuals; amending Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 13.82, by
1.4 adding a subdivision.

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

1.6 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 13.82, is amended by adding a subdivision
1.7 to read:

1.8 Subd. 33. **Mental health unit.** Data maintained within a law enforcement agency's
1.9 mental health unit is private data on individuals except that it may be shared with the welfare
1.10 system, as defined in section 13.46, subdivision 1, paragraph (c), to coordinate necessary
1.11 services on behalf of the subject of the data. For purposes of this subdivision, "mental health
1.12 unit" means a unit within a law enforcement agency specifically designated to:

1.13 (1) respond to mental health incidents and connect individuals with mental health issues
1.14 to appropriate resources; or

1.15 (2) provide long-term intervention strategies through specifically trained law enforcement
1.16 officers and mental health co-responders to facilitate an individual's treatment and well-being.