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Introduction and first reading
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OFFICIAL STATUS

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to public safety; establishing an office of gun violence prevention in the
1.3 Department of Public Safety; requiring a report; appropriating money; proposing
1.4 coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 299A.

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

1.6 Section 1. 299A.96 **OFFICE OF GUN VIOLENCE PREVENTION.**

1.7 Subdivision 1. Establishment. The commissioner shall establish and maintain an office
1.8 dedicated to preventing gun violence within the Office of Justice Programs.

1.9 Subd. 2. Director; staff. (a) The commissioner must appoint a director who is highly
1.10 knowledgeable about issues related to gun violence.

1.11 (b) The director may select, appoint, and compensate out of available funds assistants
1.12 and employees as necessary to discharge the office's responsibilities.

1.13 (c) The director and full-time staff shall be members of the Minnesota State Retirement
1.14 System.

1.15 Subd. 3. Duties. The office has the following duties:

1.16 (1) coordinate and promote effective efforts to reduce gun violence and related traumas;

1.17 (2) coordinate, promote, and conduct research regarding causes of, and evidence-based
1.18 responses to gun violence;

1.19 (3) collect and report data on the number of gun-related incidents and deaths in Minnesota;

1.20 (4) coordinate with the Department of Health to create public health campaigns on the
1.21 effects of, and reducing gun violence;

2.1 (5) support and provide resources for victims of gun violence;

2.2 (6) build partnerships with local, state, and national experts, agencies, and stakeholders
2.3 working to reduce gun violence; and

2.4 (7) serve as a resource to the legislature on gun violence prevention legislation.

2.5 Subd. 4. **Grants.** The office may apply for and receive grants from public and private
2.6 entities for purposes of carrying out the office's duties under this section.

2.7 Subd. 5. **Coordination with other organizations.** In fulfilling its duties the office may
2.8 coordinate with stakeholder groups and state agencies that are invested in reducing gun
2.9 violence. These groups and agencies include but are not limited to the following entities:

2.10 (1) the Minnesota Chiefs of Police Association;

2.11 (2) the Minnesota Sheriffs' Association;

2.12 (3) the Bureau of Criminal Apprehension;

2.13 (4) the Minnesota Police and Peace Officers Association;

2.14 (5) Tribal Law Enforcement agencies;

2.15 (6) the Minnesota County Attorneys Association;

2.16 (7) the United States Attorney's Office for the District of Minnesota;

2.17 (8) State agencies, including the Departments of Health, Human Services, and Public
2.18 Safety;

2.19 (9) Everytown for Gun Safety;

2.20 (10) Moms Demand Action;

2.21 (11) Protect Minnesota; and

2.22 (12) Giffords.

2.23 Subd. 6. **Annual report.** By February 15 of each year, the office must submit a report
2.24 to the chairs and ranking minority members of the legislative committees with primary
2.25 jurisdiction over public safety policy and funding detailing the activities of the office for
2.26 the preceding year.

2.27 Sec. 2. **APPROPRIATION.**

2.28 \$...... in fiscal year 2025 is appropriated from the general fund to the commissioner of
2.29 public safety to implement this act.