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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Public Safety and Crime Prevention Policy and Finance

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to public safety; appropriating money to address alternatives to juvenile
1.3 detention throughout the state.

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

1.5 Section 1. **ALTERNATIVES TO JUVENILE DETENTION.**

1.6 Subdivision 1. **Grant.** The commissioner of public safety through the Office
1.7 of Justice Programs may award a grant to an organization designated as a nonprofit
1.8 by section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code or a collaboration of organizations
1.9 including one or more nonprofit organizations to conduct training, technical support, and
1.10 peer learning opportunities for counties across the state interested in "Right on Crime"
1.11 strategies, specifically juvenile detention reform and addressing disparities in the juvenile
1.12 justice system to accomplish cost-effective interventions that leverage the strength of
1.13 families and communities. The collaboration must include at least one organization that
1.14 has a demonstrated history in working with Minnesota counties to address disparities in
1.15 the juvenile justice system. The intent of the grant is to achieve the following objectives:

- 1.16 (1) eliminate the inappropriate or unnecessary use of secure detention;
- 1.17 (2) minimize rearrest and failure-to-appear rates pending adjudication;
- 1.18 (3) ensure appropriate conditions of confinement in secure facilities; and
- 1.19 (4) reduce racial and ethnic disparities.

1.20 Subd. 2. **Grant criteria.** (a) The grant recipient must:

- 1.21 (1) identify and support counties statewide in implementing the eight core strategies
1.22 identified by the Annie E. Casey Foundation that are proven to address disparities in
1.23 juvenile detention including collaboration, use of accurate data, objective admissions
1.24 criteria and instruments, new or enhanced nonsecure alternatives to detention, case

2.1 processing reforms, special detention cases, reducing racial disparities, and improving
2.2 conditions of confinement;

2.3 (2) provide training, technical support, and peer-learning opportunities to counties as
2.4 each county implements the eight core strategies under clause (1) throughout its county; and

2.5 (3) consistently collect, use, and report accurate data to diagnose system problems,
2.6 adapt strategies, and assess the impact of various training and capacity-building activities.

2.7 (b) The grant recipient must match at least \$100,000 of the grant amount
2.8 dollar-for-dollar with money from private sector funds.

2.9 (c) A portion of the grant must be designated for counties to implement juvenile
2.10 detention reform.

2.11 (d) The commissioner shall ensure that most of the grant money distributed under
2.12 this section be used to benefit greater Minnesota.

2.13 Subd. 3. **Program evaluation.** The grant recipient must evaluate the effectiveness
2.14 of its intervention and work with subcontracted organizations to collect data. The grant
2.15 recipient must submit an evaluation plan to the commissioner delineating progress in
2.16 meeting the objectives of the grant.

2.17 Sec. 2. **APPROPRIATION.**

2.18 \$2,500,000 in fiscal year 2016 and \$2,500,000 in fiscal year 2017 are appropriated
2.19 from the general fund to the commissioner of public safety for the grant program under
2.20 section 1.