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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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H. F. No. **2251**

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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary Finance and Civil Law

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to judiciary; appropriating money for grants to provide legal representation
1.3 for children in need of protection or services and children in out-of-home placement.

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

1.5 Section 1. **LEGAL REPRESENTATION FOR CHILDREN; APPROPRIATION.**

1.6 \$150,000 in fiscal year 2024 and \$150,000 in fiscal year 2025 are appropriated from the
1.7 general fund to the commissioner of public safety for a grant to an organization that provides
1.8 legal representation for children in need of protection or services and children in out-of-home
1.9 placement. The grant is contingent upon a match in an equal amount from nonstate funds.
1.10 The match may be in kind, including the value of volunteer attorney time, in cash, or a
1.11 combination of the two. These appropriations are in addition to any other appropriations
1.12 for the legal representation of children.