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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Public Safety Finance and Policy
01/25/2023 Adoption of Report: Amended and re-referred to the Committee on Ways and Means

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to public safety; establishing a violent crime reduction and clearance
1.3 support account to support violent crime reduction strategies; establishing grants
1.4 for crime and violence prevention; establishing grants for evidence-processing
1.5 technology and crisis response teams; providing supplemental funding for the
1.6 force investigations unit; establishing special revenue accounts; requiring a report;
1.7 transferring money; appropriating money; repealing Minnesota Statutes 2022,
1.8 section 299C.80, subdivision 7.

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

1.10 Section 1. VIOLENT CRIME REDUCTION AND CLEARANCE SUPPORT;
1.11 SPECIAL REVENUE ACCOUNT; APPROPRIATION.

1.12 (a) The violent crime reduction and clearance support account is created in the special
1.13 revenue fund consisting of money deposited, donated, allotted, transferred, or otherwise
1.14 provided to the account. Of the amount in the account, \$15,000,000 each year is appropriated
1.15 to the Bureau of Criminal Apprehension to support violent crime reduction strategies. This
1.16 includes funding for staff and supplies to enhance forensic, analytical, and investigations
1.17 capacity, and financially support investigative partnerships with other law enforcement
1.18 agencies to conduct forensic and investigatory work to expedite clearance rates.

1.19 (b) Funds allocated shall be used where there is the most acute need for supplemental
1.20 resources based on the rate of violent crime and the need to improve clearance rates for
1.21 violent crime investigations. The superintendent of the Bureau of Criminal Apprehension
1.22 shall prioritize allocating resources to political subdivisions that have recorded at least three
1.23 violent crimes in the previous fiscal year and that rank in the 20 highest per capita crime
1.24 rates among Minnesota political subdivisions in the previous fiscal year based on the Uniform
1.25 Crime Reports or National Incident Based Reporting System. As a condition of receiving

2.1 investigatory assistance from the Bureau of Criminal Apprehension from this account, the
2.2 local unit of government must enter a joint powers agreement with the commissioner of
2.3 Public Safety and the superintendent of the Bureau of Criminal Apprehension.

2.4 (c) By December 15 of each calendar year, the commissioner shall report to the chairs
2.5 and ranking minority members of the legislative committees and divisions with jurisdiction
2.6 over public safety finance and policy on how funds in the violent crime reduction and
2.7 clearance support account were used. Each report must, at a minimum, summarize the
2.8 expenditures made, indicate the purpose of those expenditures, and provide an overview of
2.9 the criminal cases where funds from the account were used, including a summary of the
2.10 cases that identifies each case's disposition or outcome.

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

2.12 **Sec. 2. VIOLENT CRIME REDUCTION AND CLEARANCE SUPPORT**
2.13 **ACCOUNT; TRANSFER.**

2.14 \$75,000,000 in fiscal year 2023 is transferred from the general fund to the violent crime
2.15 reduction and clearance support account in the special revenue fund. The base for this
2.16 appropriation is \$0 in fiscal year 2024 and thereafter.

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

2.18 **Sec. 3. COMMUNITY CRIME AND VIOLENCE PREVENTION GRANTS;**
2.19 **SPECIAL REVENUE ACCOUNT; APPROPRIATION.**

2.20 (a) The community crime and violence prevention account is created in the special
2.21 revenue fund consisting of money deposited, donated, allotted, transferred, or otherwise
2.22 provided to the account. Of the amount in the account, up to \$30,000,000 each year is
2.23 appropriated to the commissioner of public safety for grants administered by the Office of
2.24 Justice Programs to be awarded to community violence prevention and intervention programs.

2.25 (b) Grants may be awarded to community-based nonprofit organizations, local
2.26 governments, or the governing bodies of federally recognized Indian Tribes. Applicants
2.27 that are nonprofit organizations must demonstrate the support of the local government or
2.28 Indian Tribe where the nonprofit will be offering services. Support may be demonstrated
2.29 by partnerships with the local government or Indian Tribe, or letters or other affirmations
2.30 of support.

2.31 (c) Grant recipients must operate crime or violence prevention programs with an
2.32 established record of providing direct services to community members. Programs must be

3.1 culturally competent and identify specific outcomes that can be tracked and measured to
3.2 demonstrate the impact the program has on community crime and violence. Crime or violence
3.3 prevention programs may include but are not limited to:

3.4 (1) victim services programs;

3.5 (2) re-entry programs that provide support and reintegration services to recently
3.6 incarcerated individuals;

3.7 (3) homelessness assistance programs;

3.8 (4) restorative justice programs;

3.9 (5) programs that intervene in volatile situations to mediate disputes before they become
3.10 violent; and

3.11 (6) juvenile diversion programs.

3.12 (d) As part of the narrative and statistical progress reports provided to the Office of
3.13 Justice Programs, grant recipients must report on the specific outcomes identified pursuant
3.14 to paragraph (c).

3.15 (e) The Office of Justice Programs may use up to 2.5 percent of the annual appropriation
3.16 to administer the grants.

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

3.18 **Sec. 4. COMMUNITY CRIME AND VIOLENCE PREVENTION ACCOUNT;**
3.19 **TRANSFER.**

3.20 \$150,000,000 in fiscal year 2023 is transferred from the general fund to the community
3.21 crime and violence prevention account in the special revenue fund. The base for this
3.22 appropriation is \$0 in fiscal year 2024 and thereafter.

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

3.24 **Sec. 5. CRISIS RESPONSE AND CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION GRANTS;**
3.25 **SPECIAL REVENUE ACCOUNT; APPROPRIATION.**

3.26 (a) The crisis response and criminal investigation account is created in the special revenue
3.27 fund consisting of money deposited, donated, allotted, transferred, or otherwise provided
3.28 to the account. Of the amount in the account, \$25,000,000 in fiscal year 2023 and
3.29 \$15,000,000 each year thereafter are appropriated to the commissioner of public safety for
3.30 grants administered by the Office of Justice Programs to be awarded to local law enforcement

4.1 agencies or local governments to improve responses to situations involving individuals
4.2 experiencing a mental health crisis and to improve criminal investigations.

4.3 (b) Of the amount appropriated in fiscal year 2023, \$10,000,000 is for grants to local
4.4 law enforcement agencies to acquire, upgrade, or replace technology or equipment used to
4.5 investigate crimes.

4.6 (c) \$15,000,000 each year is for grants to local law enforcement agencies and local
4.7 governments to maintain or expand crisis response teams in which social workers or mental
4.8 health providers are sent as first responders when calls for service indicate that an individual
4.9 is having a mental health crisis.

4.10 (d) The Office of Justice Programs may use up to 2.5 percent of the annual appropriation
4.11 to administer the grants.

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

4.13 Sec. 6. **CRISIS RESPONSE AND CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION ACCOUNT;**
4.14 **TRANSFER.**

4.15 \$55,000,000 in fiscal year 2023 is transferred from the general fund to the crisis response
4.16 and criminal investigation account in the special revenue fund. The base for this appropriation
4.17 is \$0 in fiscal year 2024 and thereafter.

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

4.19 Sec. 7. **BUREAU OF CRIMINAL APPREHENSION; INDEPENDENT USE OF**
4.20 **FORCE INVESTIGATIONS UNIT; APPROPRIATION.**

4.21 \$5,000,000 in fiscal year 2024 and \$5,000,000 in fiscal year 2025 are appropriated from
4.22 the general fund to the commissioner of public safety to increase funding for the Bureau of
4.23 Criminal Apprehension's independent Use of Force Investigations Unit, created under
4.24 Minnesota Statutes, section 299C.80. This appropriation is in addition to the funds
4.25 appropriated for this purpose in Laws 2021, First Special Session chapter 11, article 1,
4.26 section 14, subdivision 3.

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

4.28 Sec. 8. **REPEALER.**

4.29 Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 299C.80, subdivision 7, is repealed.

APPENDIX
Repealed Minnesota Statutes: H0025-1

299C.80 INDEPENDENT USE OF FORCE INVESTIGATIONS UNIT.

Subd. 7. **Expiration.** The independent Use of Force Investigations Unit expires August 1, 2024.