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State of Minnesota

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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H. F. No. 698

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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Public Safety and Criminal Justice Reform Finance and Policy

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to public safety; requiring law enforcement to adopt policies for human
1.3 sex trafficking investigation cases; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota
1.4 Statutes, chapter 626.

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

1.6 Section 1. 626.8476 INVESTIGATING HUMAN SEX TRAFFICKING CASES;
1.7 POLICIES REQUIRED.

1.8 Subdivision 1. Model policy required. By September 15, 2021, the board, in consultation
1.9 with interested parties including the Bureau of Criminal Apprehension, the Human
1.10 Trafficking Investigators Task Force, representatives of other sex trafficking task forces,
1.11 prosecutors, and Minnesota victim advocacy groups, must develop and distribute to all chief
1.12 law enforcement officers a comprehensive model policy for law enforcement investigations
1.13 of human sex trafficking cases that takes into account best practices and ensures a thorough
1.14 investigation of these cases and that victims are treated respectfully.

1.15 Subd. 2. Agency policies required. (a) By December 15, 2021, the chief law enforcement
1.16 officer of every state and local law enforcement agency must establish and enforce a written
1.17 policy governing the investigation of human sex trafficking cases within the agency that is
1.18 identical or substantially similar to the board's model policy described in subdivision 1. The
1.19 chief law enforcement officer must ensure that each peace officer investigating a human
1.20 sex trafficking case follows the agency's policy.

1.21 (b) Every state and local law enforcement agency must certify to the board that it has
1.22 adopted a written policy in compliance with this subdivision.

- 2.1 (c) The board must assist the chief law enforcement officer of each state and local law
- 2.2 enforcement agency in developing and implementing policies under this subdivision.