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Introduction and first reading
Referred to Judiciary and Public Safety Finance and Policy

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to public safety; appropriating money for a grant for legal representation
1.3 of children in need of protection or services or in foster care.

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

1.5 Section 1. APPROPRIATION; LEGAL REPRESENTATION OF CHILDREN.

1.6 \$350,000 in fiscal year 2018 is appropriated from the general fund to the commissioner
1.7 of public safety for a grant to an organization that provides legal representation to children
1.8 in need of protection or services and children in out-of-home placement. The grant is
1.9 contingent upon a match in an equal amount from nonstate funds. The match may be in
1.10 kind, including the value of volunteer attorney time, or in cash, or in a combination of the
1.11 two. This appropriation is added to the base for the Office of Justice Programs.