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Introduction and first reading  
Referred to Judiciary and Public Safety

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1.1 A bill for an act  
1.2 relating to corrections; appropriating money for the Hennepin County sheriff to  
1.3 provide educational and skills training to jail inmates.

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

1.5 Section 1. **APPROPRIATION; HENNEPIN COUNTY SHERIFF; FUNDING FOR**  
1.6 **INMATE EDUCATIONAL AND SKILLS TRAINING.**

1.7 (a) \$102,000 in fiscal year 2024 and \$86,000 in fiscal year 2025 are appropriated from  
1.8 the general fund to the commissioner of public safety for a grant to the Hennepin County  
1.9 sheriff to support jail inmate educational and skills training. The grant must be used in the  
1.10 following manner:

1.11 (1) \$80,000 each year is to hire, partner, or job share with a qualified individual to  
1.12 provide educational instruction toward a high school diploma, or a GED, for jail inmates;

1.13 (2) \$3,000 each year is for the licensing fee for course workbooks related to anger  
1.14 management, cognitive awareness empowerment, personal responsibility, and parenting  
1.15 for use during in-person, hybrid, or self-directed instruction for jail inmates; and

1.16 (3) \$16,000 in fiscal year 2024 is to purchase two virtual reality machines designed to  
1.17 provide workforce training in construction, electrical, and plumbing trades for jail inmates.

1.18 (b) The Hennepin County sheriff must submit an annual report to the commissioner by  
1.19 June 30 of each year the sheriff receives a grant under this section. The report must detail  
1.20 how the sheriff used the grant, describe the accomplishments achieved with the use of grant  
1.21 funds, and identify lessons learned and recommendations for best practices in providing  
1.22 educational and skills training programming to jail inmates.

2.1 (c) The base for this appropriation is \$83,000 in fiscal year 2026.