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03/06/2023	1333a	Comm report: To pass as amended and re-refer to State and Local Government and Veterans
03/20/2023		Comm report: To pass as amended and re-refer to Finance

1.1 A bill for an act

1.2 relating to public safety; establishing a reward account for information on missing

1.3 and murdered Indigenous relatives; appropriating money; proposing coding for

1.4 new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 299A.

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

1.6 Section 1. **[299A.86] REWARD ACCOUNT FOR INFORMATION ON MISSING**

1.7 **AND MURDERED INDIGENOUS RELATIVES.**

1.8 Subdivision 1. **Account created.** An account for rewards for information on missing

1.9 and murdered Indigenous relatives is created in the special revenue fund. Money deposited

1.10 into the account is appropriated to the commissioner of public safety to pay rewards and

1.11 for other purposes as authorized under this section.

1.12 Subd. 2. **Reward.** The director of the Office for Missing and Murdered Indigenous

1.13 Relatives, in consultation with the reward advisory group established under subdivision 3:

1.14 (1) shall determine the eligibility criteria and procedures for granting rewards under this

1.15 section; and

1.16 (2) is authorized to pay a reward to any person who provides relevant information relating

1.17 to a missing and murdered Indigenous relative investigation.

1.18 Subd. 3. **Reward advisory group.** (a) The director of the Office for Missing and

1.19 Murdered Indigenous Relatives, in consultation with the stakeholder groups described in

1.20 section 299A.85, subdivision 5, shall appoint an advisory group to make recommendations

1.21 on paying rewards under this section. The advisory group shall consist of the following

1.22 individuals:

2.1 (1) a representative from the Office for Missing and Murdered Indigenous Relatives;

2.2 (2) a representative from a Tribal, statewide, or local organization that provides legal
2.3 services to Indigenous women and girls;

2.4 (3) a representative from a Tribal, statewide, or local organization that provides advocacy
2.5 or counseling for Indigenous women and girls who have been victims of violence;

2.6 (4) a representative from a Tribal, statewide, or local organization that provides services
2.7 to Indigenous women and girls;

2.8 (5) a Tribal peace officer who works for or resides on a federally recognized American
2.9 Indian reservation in Minnesota; and

2.10 (6) a representative from the Minnesota Human Trafficking Task Force.

2.11 (b) Members serve a term of four years. The advisory group shall meet as necessary but
2.12 at a minimum twice per year to carry out its duties. The group shall elect a chair from among
2.13 its members. The chair shall serve a term of two years. The director shall provide necessary
2.14 office space and administrative support to the group. Members of the group serve without
2.15 compensation but shall receive expense reimbursement as provided in section 15.059.

2.16 (c) The representative from the Office for Missing and Murdered Indigenous Relatives
2.17 may fully participate in the advisory group's activities but may not vote on issues before
2.18 the group.

2.19 Subd. 4. **Advertising.** The director of the Office for Missing and Murdered Indigenous
2.20 Relatives, in consultation with the reward advisory group, may spend up to four percent of
2.21 available funds on an advertising or public relations campaign to increase public awareness
2.22 on the availability of rewards under this section.

2.23 Subd. 5. **Grants; donations.** The director of the Office for Missing and Murdered
2.24 Indigenous Relatives, in consultation with the reward advisory group, may apply for and
2.25 accept grants and donations from the public and from public and private entities to implement
2.26 this section. The commissioner of public safety shall deposit any grants or donations received
2.27 under this subdivision into the account established under subdivision 1.

2.28 Subd. 6. **Definition.** As used in this section, "missing and murdered Indigenous relatives"
2.29 means missing and murdered Indigenous people from or descended from one of the United
2.30 States' federally recognized American Indian Tribes.

3.1 Sec. 2. **INITIAL APPOINTMENT AND FIRST MEETING FOR THE REWARD**
3.2 **ADVISORY GROUP FOR THE OFFICE OF MISSING AND MURDERED**
3.3 **INDIGENOUS RELATIVES.**

3.4 The Director of the Office of Missing and Murdered Indigenous Relatives must appoint
3.5 the first members to the reward advisory group under Minnesota Statutes, section 299A.86,
3.6 subdivision 3, by August 15, 2023, and must convene the first meeting of the group by
3.7 October 1, 2023. The group must elect a chair at its first meeting.

3.8 Sec. 3. **APPROPRIATION.**

3.9 \$110,000 in fiscal year 2024 is appropriated from the general fund to the commissioner
3.10 of public safety and deposited into the reward account in the special revenue fund.