

Subject Establishing an Office of Restorative Practices and providing for local initiatives

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Summary

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1 Office of Restorative Practices.

Subd. 1. Definition. Defines “restorative practices” as used in the new section of law.

Subd. 2. Establishment. Establishes the Office of Restorative Practices in the Department of Public Safety.

Subd. 3. Department of Children, Youth, and Family; automatic transfer. Provides that the office transfers to the Department of Children, Youth, and Family six months after that department is created.

Subd. 4. Director; other staff. Requires the commissioner of public safety to appoint a director of the new office and establishes requirements a person must meet to be considered for appointment. Provides that the director serves in the unclassified service. Provides for hiring additional staff who shall serve in the unclassified service.

Subd. 5. Duties. Establishes the duties of the new office, including the responsibility to promote the use of restorative initiatives throughout the state, encourage collaboration and information sharing between those initiatives, and oversee local restorative practices advisory committees.

Subd. 6. Grants. Directs the office to issue grants to local restorative justice initiatives and provides that grants must be in an amount of at least \$25,000 and no more than \$500,000. Establishes requirements for grant applications.

Subd. 7. Restorative practice advisory committees; membership and duties. Establishes the required membership for local restorative practice advisory committees and requires that community members make up at least 1/3 of the membership. Requires the committees to use restorative practices in their own decision-making process. Directs the committees to establish eligibility requirements for referrals to local initiatives. Further requires that children,

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families, and cases be referred to the initiatives once the initiatives are established. Provides that referrals may be made for cases involving acts by a juvenile that involve truancy, running away, or committing acts that involve delinquent acts or other violations of law. Also permits referrals for substance use issues and through self-referral.

Subd. 8. Oversight of restorative practice advisory committees. Provides that the new office can oversee the local restorative practice advisory committees and may review complaints and take other actions to ensure that grant recipients meet minimum requirements.

Subd. 9. Report. Requires the new office to submit an annual report by February 15 of each year.

2 **Crossover and dual-status youth model grants.**

Appropriates \$1,000,000 in fiscal years 2024 and 2025 from the general fund to the commissioner of public safety for grants to initiate or expand crossover youth practice model and dual-status youth programs.

3 **Board of Trustees of the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities; appropriation.**

Appropriates \$500,000 in fiscal years 2024 and 2025 from the general fund to the Board of Trustees of the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities for Metropolitan State University. Of the appropriation, \$280,000 each year is to provide juvenile justice services and resources, including the Juvenile Detention Alternatives Initiative (JDAI), and \$220,000 each year is for funding to local units of government, Tribes, and agencies to support JDAI. Any unencumbered balance from the first year is available in the second year.



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