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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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H. F. No. 2625

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

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to public safety; appropriating money for grants to reduce crime and
1.3 violence in African American communities.

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

1.5 Section 1. MINNESOTA SAFE STREETS; APPROPRIATION.

1.6 \$35,000,000 in fiscal year 2024 is appropriated from the general fund to the commissioner
1.7 of public safety for grants to fund services and programs to reduce crime and violence in
1.8 the African American community throughout the state. This is a onetime appropriation and
1.9 is available until expended. Of this amount:

1.10 (1) \$21,000,000 is for community engagement and intervention using trained navigators
1.11 to patrol high-risk neighborhoods and other strategic locations that have a history of crime
1.12 and violence, reduce new occurrences, prevent escalation and retaliation after violent
1.13 incidents occur, and provide information and support to individuals in the community who
1.14 need critical services including but not limited to mental health and chemical addiction
1.15 counseling, housing, education, and job training;

1.16 (2) \$7,000,000 is to provide services and programs to strengthen families, empower
1.17 parents, and nurture children impacted by violence through parent education and support,
1.18 peer-to-peer youth support groups, career planning groups, tutoring sessions, groups
1.19 addressing addiction, youth development opportunities, community-wide events, and other
1.20 services and programs leading to strong and vital communities; and

1.21 (3) \$7,000,000 is to develop capacity throughout the community to respond to violence
1.22 and crime in effective and sustainable ways including but not limited to leadership

- 2.1 development, training in conflict resolution and anger management, restorative justice and
- 2.2 mediation, community listening sessions, coalition building and collaboration, training in
- 2.3 violence mitigation, and innovative problem-solving strategies to address violence through
- 2.4 grass roots community involvement.