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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NINETY-FOURTH SESSION

H. F. No. **2136**

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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Children and Families Finance and Policy

1.1 A bill for an act  
1.2 relating to children, youth, and families; appropriating money for grants for forensic  
1.3 interview training scholarships.

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

1.5 Section 1. **APPROPRIATIONS; FORENSIC INTERVIEW TRAINING**  
1.6 **SCHOLARSHIPS.**

1.7 \$250,000 in fiscal year 2026 and \$250,000 in fiscal year 2027 are appropriated from the  
1.8 general fund to the commissioner of children, youth, and families for grants to nationally  
1.9 recognized forensic interview protocol organizations to award scholarships for basic forensic  
1.10 interview training, advanced forensic interview training, and training on specialized interview  
1.11 topics. Scholarship recipients may include individuals in law enforcement, child protection,  
1.12 and prosecution; health professionals investigating, treating, and managing child maltreatment  
1.13 cases in Minnesota; and forensic interviewers at children's advocacy centers.