

1.1 A bill for an act  
1.2 relating to transportation; establishing the Traffic Safety Advisory Council;  
1.3 requiring a report; appropriating money; amending Minnesota Statutes 2020,  
1.4 section 4.075, by adding subdivisions.

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

1.6 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 4.075, is amended by adding a subdivision  
1.7 to read:

1.8 Subd. 4. Traffic Safety Advisory Council established. (a) The Traffic Safety Advisory  
1.9 Council is established to advise, consult with, coordinate, and make program  
1.10 recommendations to the commissioners of public safety, transportation, and health on the  
1.11 development and implementation of projects and programs intended to improve traffic  
1.12 safety on all Minnesota road systems. The advisory council serves as the lead for the state  
1.13 Toward Zero Deaths program. The Department of Public Safety Office of Traffic Safety,  
1.14 in cooperation with the Departments of Transportation and Health, must serve as the host  
1.15 agency for the advisory council and must manage the financial, administrative, and  
1.16 operational aspects of the advisory council's activities.

1.17 (b) The advisory council consists of the following members:

1.18 (1) the chair, which is filled on a two-year rotating basis by:

1.19 (i) a designee from the Department of Public Safety;

1.20 (ii) a designee from the Department of Transportation; and

1.21 (iii) a designee from the Department of Health;

- 2.1 (2) two vice chairs, which must be filled by the two designees who are not currently  
 2.2 -serving as chair of the advisory council under clause (1);
- 2.3 (3) the director of the state Toward Zero Deaths program;
- 2.4 (4) the chief of the State Patrol or a designee;
- 2.5 (5) a regional coordinator from the Toward Zero Deaths program;
- 2.6 (6) a law enforcement liaison from the Department of Public Safety;
- 2.7 (7) a representative from the Department of Human Services;
- 2.8 (8) a representative from the Department of Education;
- 2.9 (9) a representative from the Minnesota Chiefs of Police Association;
- 2.10 (10) a representative from the Minnesota Sheriffs' Association;
- 2.11 (11) a representative from the Minnesota Safety Council;
- 2.12 (12) a representative from AAA Minnesota;
- 2.13 (13) a representative from the Minnesota Trucking Association;
- 2.14 (14) a representative from the Insurance Federation of Minnesota;
- 2.15 (15) a representative from the Association of Minnesota Counties;
- 2.16 (16) a representative from the League of Minnesota Cities; and
- 2.17 (17) the American Bar Association State Judicial Outreach Liaison.

2.18 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 4.075, is amended by adding a subdivision to  
 2.19 read:

2.20 Subd. 5. **Traffic Safety Advisory Council administration.** (a) The Traffic Safety  
 2.21 Advisory Council must meet no less than four times per year or more frequently as  
 2.22 determined by the chair, a majority of the council members, or any of the designated  
 2.23 commissioners.

2.24 (b) The chair must regularly report to the respective commissioners on the activities of  
 2.25 the advisory council and on the state of traffic safety in Minnesota.

2.26 (c) The terms, compensation, and appointment of members are governed by section  
 2.27 15.059.

2.28 (d) The advisory council may appoint subcommittees and working groups. Subcommittees  
 2.29 must consist of council members. Working groups may include nonmembers. Nonmembers

3.1 on working groups must be compensated pursuant to section 15.059, subdivision 3, only  
3.2 for expenses incurred for working group activities.

3.3 Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 4.075, is amended by adding a subdivision to  
3.4 read:

3.5 Subd. 6. **Traffic Safety Advisory Council duties.** The Traffic Safety Advisory Council  
3.6 must:

3.7 (1) advise the governor and heads of state departments and agencies about policy,  
3.8 programs, and services affecting traffic safety;

3.9 (2) advise the director of the state Toward Zero Deaths program and state department  
3.10 representatives on the activities of the Toward Zero Deaths program, including informing  
3.11 and educating the public about traffic safety;

3.12 (3) encourage state departments and other agencies to conduct needed research in the  
3.13 field of traffic safety;

3.14 (4) review recommendations of the subcommittees and working groups; and

3.15 (5) review and comment on all grants dealing with traffic safety and on the development  
3.16 and implementation of state and local traffic safety plans.

3.17 Sec. 4. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 4.075, is amended by adding a subdivision to  
3.18 read:

3.19 Subd. 7. **Traffic safety report.** Annually by January 2, the commissioner of public  
3.20 safety must provide a traffic safety report to the governor and the chairs and ranking minority  
3.21 members of the legislative committees with jurisdiction over traffic safety. The report must  
3.22 analyze the safety of Minnesota's roads and transportation system, including but not limited  
3.23 to: injuries and fatalities that occur on or near a roadway or transportation system facility;  
3.24 the factors that caused crashes resulting in injuries and fatalities; roadway and system  
3.25 improvements broadly and at specific locations that could reduce injuries and fatalities;  
3.26 enforcement and education efforts that could reduce injuries and fatalities; other safety  
3.27 improvements, programs, or features that will improve the quality of the roadway and  
3.28 transportation use experience; and existing and needed resources to make roadway and  
3.29 transportation system safety improvements.

4.1 Sec. 5. **TRAFFIC SAFETY ADVISORY COUNCIL; APPROPRIATION.**

4.2 \$4,000,000 in fiscal year 2023 is appropriated from the general fund to the commissioner  
4.3 of public safety for staff and operating costs to establish the Traffic Safety Advisory Council  
4.4 and to expand traffic safety public outreach, education, and programs to address rising traffic  
4.5 deaths.