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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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H. F. No. 1295

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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; including children's advocacy centers as a victim assistance
1.3 program entitled to a portion of certain fines; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024,
1.4 section 609.101, subdivision 2.

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

1.6 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 609.101, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

1.7 Subd. 2. Minimum fines. Notwithstanding any other law, when a court sentences a
1.8 person convicted of violating section 609.221, 609.222, 609.223, 609.2231, 609.224,
1.9 609.2242, 609.267, 609.2671, 609.2672, 609.342, 609.343, 609.344, or 609.345, it must
1.10 impose a fine of not less than 30 percent of the maximum fine authorized by law nor more
1.11 than the maximum fine authorized by law.

1.12 The court shall collect the portion of the fine mandated by this subdivision and forward
1.13 70 percent of it to a local victim assistance program that provides services locally in the
1.14 county in which the crime was committed. The court shall forward the remaining 30 percent
1.15 to the commissioner of management and budget to be credited to the general fund. If more
1.16 than one victim assistance program serves the county in which the crime was committed,
1.17 the court may designate on a case-by-case basis which program will receive the fine proceeds,
1.18 giving consideration to the nature of the crime committed, the types of victims served by
1.19 the program, and the funding needs of the program. If no victim assistance program serves
1.20 that county, the court shall forward 100 percent of the fine proceeds to the commissioner
1.21 of management and budget to be credited to the general fund. Fine proceeds received by a
1.22 local victim assistance program must be used to provide direct services to crime victims.

2.1 The minimum fine required by this subdivision is in addition to the surcharge or
2.2 assessment required by section 357.021, subdivision 6, and is in addition to any sentence
2.3 of imprisonment or restitution imposed or ordered by the court.

2.4 As used in this subdivision, "victim assistance program" means victim witness programs
2.5 within county attorney offices or any of the following programs: crime victim crisis centers,
2.6 victim-witness programs, battered women shelters and nonshelter programs, ~~and~~ sexual
2.7 assault programs, and children's advocacy centers as defined in section 260E.02, subdivision
2.8 5.