

Subject Office of Gun Violence Prevention

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Overview

This bill establishes an Office of Gun Violence Prevention at the Department of Health, lists duties for the office, and appropriates money for the office.

Summary

Section	Description
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1	Office of Gun Violence Prevention.
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Adds § 144.0765. Requires the commissioner of health to establish an office dedicated to preventing gun violence. Requires the commissioner to appoint a director for the office, and allows the director to appoint employees needed to perform the office's duties. Lists duties of the office:

- coordinating efforts to reduce gun violence and related trauma;
- coordinating and conducting research on causes of and responses to gun violence;
- collecting data on gun-related incidents and deaths in Minnesota;
- creating public health campaigns on the effects of and reducing gun violence;
- building partnerships; and
- serving as a resource to the legislature on gun violence prevention legislation.

Requires the office to collaborate with the Department of Public Safety. Allows the office to apply for and receive grants and to coordinate with stakeholders and other state agencies. Requires the office to submit an annual report on the activities of the office for the preceding year.

2	Appropriation.
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Makes blank appropriations in fiscal years 2026 and 2027 from the general fund to the commissioner of health to implement the Office of Gun Violence Prevention.



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