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S.F. No. 2889 – Ramsey County Sheriff Crime Prevention Grant

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Section 1, paragraph (a) appropriates \$2.4 million in fiscal year 2022 from the general fund to the commissioner of public safety for a grant to the Ramsey County Sheriff’s Office to prevent and combat violent crime. The Sheriff must coordinate its efforts with other sheriff’s offices and police departments within the seven-county metropolitan area, as well as Metro Transit, and may use these funds to reimburse or directly compensate peace officers from the other jurisdictions who assist in crime prevention efforts.

Paragraph (b) appropriates \$600,000 in fiscal year 2022 from the general fund to the commissioner of public safety for the State Patrol’s use of the air patrol to assist in these efforts, in coordination with the Ramsey County sheriff.

Paragraph (c) provides that the appropriations in the bill may be expended through December 31, 2022.

Paragraph (d) requires the commissioner of public safety to report to the legislature by February 1, 2023, on how the appropriations were spent. The report must include the impact the appropriations had on reducing violent criminal activity in the seven-county metropolitan area and make recommendations on how future state appropriations can be used to reduce violent crime.

The bill is effective the day following final enactment.