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## **S.F. No. 36 – Murdered and Missing Indigenous Relatives Reward Account (as proposed to be amended by the A-5 amendment)**

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### **Section 1 [Reward Account for Information on Missing and Murdered Indigenous Relatives; 299A.86]**

**Subd. 1 [Account created]** creates a reward account in the special revenue fund for information on missing and murdered Indigenous relatives. Appropriates money in the account to the commissioner of public safety to pay rewards and for advertising and raising public awareness on the availability of rewards.

**Subd. 2 [Reward]** authorizes the director of the Office for Missing and Murdered Indigenous Relatives, in consultation with the reward advisory group, to determine eligibility criteria and pay rewards to persons providing relevant information relating to a missing and murdered Indigenous relative investigation.

**Subd. 3 [Reward advisory group]** authorizes the director to appoint an reward advisory group to make recommendations on paying rewards. Specifies membership and certain features for the organization of the group.

**Subd. 4 [Advertising]** authorizes the director to spend up to four percent of the available funds in the account on an advertising or public relations campaign to increase public awareness on the availability of rewards under this section.

**Subd. 5 [Grants; donations]** authorizes the director to apply for and accept grants and donations from the public and from public and private entities to implement this section. These contributions must be deposited in the reward account.

**Subd. 6 [Definition]** defines “missing and murdered Indigenous relatives” as missing and murdered Indigenous people from or descended from one of the United States’ federally recognized American Indian

Tribes.

**Section 2 [Initial Appointment and First Meeting For The Reward Advisory Group For The Office Of Missing And Murdered Indigenous Relatives]** sets deadlines for appointing members and convening a first meeting.

**Section 3 [Appropriation]** appropriates \$110,000 from the general fund in fiscal year 2024 to the commissioner of public safety for deposit into the reward account in the special revenue fund.