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1.1 A bill for an act

1.2 relating to public safety; appropriating money for prevention services, intervention

1.3 services, and barrier reduction services relating to youth involved or at risk of

1.4 becoming involved in the criminal or juvenile justice system; establishing the task

1.5 force on youth interventions; requiring a report; appropriating money.

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

1.7 Section 1. **TASK FORCE ON YOUTH INTERVENTIONS.**

1.8 **Subdivision 1. Establishment.** The Task Force on Youth Interventions is established

1.9 to develop recommendations on the design of a regional system of care for youth

1.10 interventions, sustainable financing models, and alternatives to criminal penalties. The task

1.11 force must evaluate coordinated approaches to youth with high behavioral health needs with

1.12 the goal of reducing and eliminating touchpoints with the justice system as well as identifying

1.13 community-based services to address youth needs and identifying gaps in services.

1.14 **Subd. 2. Membership.** (a) The task force consists of the following members:

1.15 (1) two members of the senate, one appointed by the senate majority leader and one

1.16 appointed by the senate minority leader;

1.17 (2) two members of the house of representatives, one appointed by the speaker of the

1.18 house and one appointed by the house minority leader;

1.19 (3) a county attorney appointed by the Minnesota County Attorneys Association;

1.20 (4) a public defender with responsibility for systems in one or more of the counties

1.21 included in clause (6) appointed by the State Public Defender's Office;

- 2.1 (5) a peace officer, as defined in Minnesota Statutes, section 626.84, subdivision 1,  
2.2 paragraph (c), from one of the counties included in clause (6) appointed by the Minnesota  
2.3 Sheriffs' Association;
- 2.4 (6) a county administrator or their designee from each of the following counties:
- 2.5 (i) Anoka County;
- 2.6 (ii) Carver County;
- 2.7 (iii) Dakota County;
- 2.8 (iv) Hennepin County;
- 2.9 (v) Olmsted County;
- 2.10 (vi) Ramsey County;
- 2.11 (vii) Scott County;
- 2.12 (viii) St. Louis County;
- 2.13 (ix) Stearns County; and
- 2.14 (x) Washington County;
- 2.15 (7) two representatives of county social services agencies appointed by the Minnesota  
2.16 Association of County Social Service Administrators;
- 2.17 (8) two representatives of community supervision appointed by the Minnesota Association  
2.18 of Community Corrections Act Counties;
- 2.19 (9) two representatives of community supervision appointed by the Minnesota Association  
2.20 of County Probation Officers;
- 2.21 (10) two representatives appointed by the commissioner of human services, one with  
2.22 experience in child welfare and one with experience in children's mental health;
- 2.23 (11) the commissioner of corrections, or a designee;
- 2.24 (12) two members representing culturally competent advocacy organizations, one of  
2.25 which must be the National Alliance on Mental Illness-Minnesota; and
- 2.26 (13) two members, to be designated by Hennepin County, from the community with  
2.27 lived experience of a juvenile family member who was or is currently involved in the justice  
2.28 system, one of whom must be a resident of Hennepin County.
- 2.29 (b) Appointments to the task force must be made by September 1, 2023.

3.1 (c) Member compensation and reimbursement for expenses are governed by Minnesota  
3.2 Statutes, section 15.059, subdivision 3.

3.3 Subd. 3. **Chairs; meetings.** (a) The task force shall be cochaired by the representative  
3.4 member under clause (6) from Hennepin County and the commissioner of corrections or a  
3.5 designee.

3.6 (b) The cochairs shall convene the first meeting of the task force no later than September  
3.7 1, 2023.

3.8 (c) Task force meetings are subject to the Minnesota Open Meeting Law under Minnesota  
3.9 Statutes, chapter 13D.

3.10 Subd. 4. **Administrative support.** The Legislative Coordinating Commission must  
3.11 provide administrative support and meeting space for the task force. The commission may  
3.12 also choose to delegate this authority to Hennepin County.

3.13 Subd. 5. **Duties.** (a) The task force shall assess the current approach to addressing the  
3.14 therapeutic and rehabilitative needs of youth adjudicated to be either children in need of  
3.15 protection services or delinquent. The task force shall evaluate racial disparities as part of  
3.16 the task force duties under this subdivision.

3.17 (b) The task force shall also:

3.18 (1) provide the number of youth currently in these systems;

3.19 (2) provide the demographics of all youth including age, gender, sexual orientation, and  
3.20 race or ethnicity;

3.21 (3) provide the number of youth currently in out-of-home placement due to their  
3.22 behavioral health needs broken down by:

3.23 (i) therapeutic and rehabilitative needs of youth; and

3.24 (ii) proximity of a facility to their home or community;

3.25 (4) provide the number of youth currently in an out-of-state residential facility broken  
3.26 down by:

3.27 (i) therapeutic and rehabilitative needs;

3.28 (ii) type of facility or setting;

3.29 (iii) location of facility; and

3.30 (iv) county of residence;

4.1 (5) provide the number of youth awaiting or in need of placement due to no available  
4.2 resource broken down by:

4.3 (i) therapeutic and rehabilitative needs;

4.4 (ii) type of facility or setting needed; and

4.5 (iii) wait time and wait setting;

4.6 (6) provide the total bed capacity by treatment facility broken down by:

4.7 (i) residential treatment centers;

4.8 (ii) which facilities are state operated;

4.9 (iii) which facilities are county operated; and

4.10 (iv) which facilities are owned or operated by a community provider;

4.11 (7) for children who can access residential treatment, provide the:

4.12 (i) average length of stay;

4.13 (ii) average daily cost per type of placement, and delineate by payor source;

4.14 (iii) return or recidivism rate;

4.15 (iv) therapeutic and rehabilitative needs;

4.16 (v) discharge setting, including whether that is a home, step down program, or runaway;

4.17 and

4.18 (vi) barriers, if any, to discharge;

4.19 (8) describe community-based programming, various treatment models, how programs  
4.20 operate, and the types of these services currently being provided in the state, including  
4.21 licensure model, and provide data specific to current total capacity and availability, level  
4.22 of care, outcomes, and costs;

4.23 (9) provide research models and best practices across North America, including  
4.24 continuum of care, program specifics, best metrics, continuous improvement, entities  
4.25 involved in funding and oversight, outcomes, and costs; and

4.26 (10) describe the role the state of Minnesota should play in ensuring best practice  
4.27 resources are available to all children across the state.

4.28 Subd. 6. **Report.** No later than February 1, 2024, the task force must submit a written  
4.29 report to the chairs and ranking minority members of the legislative committees and divisions  
4.30 with jurisdiction over human services, public safety, and judiciary on the task force's activities

5.1 and recommendations based on the evaluation and information collected under subdivision  
 5.2 5.

5.3 Subd. 7. **Expiration.** The task force shall expire upon submission of the report required  
 5.4 under subdivision 6, or February 15, 2024, whichever is later.

5.5 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 1, 2023.

5.6 Sec. 2. **APPROPRIATIONS; SERVICES FOR AT-RISK JUVENILES.**

5.7 Subdivision 1. **Prevention services grants.** (a) As used in this subdivision, "prevention  
 5.8 services" includes but is not limited to:

5.9 (1) community-based violence prevention programs;

5.10 (2) preventative mental health and substance abuse services with a focus on youth;

5.11 (3) truancy reduction programs;

5.12 (4) programs offering culturally competent support for youth victims of trauma;

5.13 (5) programs that offer support for single parents or peer-to-peer support for parents;

5.14 (6) wraparound services to ensure at-risk youth receive full support;

5.15 (7) community-centered programs that offer youth activities and colocated mental health  
 5.16 services, such as youth centers and recreational leagues;

5.17 (8) noncolonized behavioral health interventions for youth;

5.18 (9) programs that offer support for children of incarcerated parents; and

5.19 (10) programs that provide or facilitate restorative practices.

5.20 (b) \$..... in fiscal year 2024 and \$..... in fiscal year 2025 are appropriated from the  
 5.21 general fund to the commissioner of public safety for grants to local units of government,  
 5.22 federally recognized Indian Tribes within the boundaries of Minnesota, and nonprofits to  
 5.23 be used to provide prevention services to prevent juveniles from entering the criminal or  
 5.24 juvenile justice system.

5.25 Subd. 2. **Intervention services grants.** (a) As used in this subdivision, "intervention  
 5.26 services" includes but is not limited to:

5.27 (1) programs that work to disrupt the cycle of violence by providing space for community  
 5.28 healing and wraparound services to communities and individuals who have been impacted  
 5.29 by group or gun violence, including those who have caused harm;

6.1 (2) programs that work directly with youth who have experienced or caused violence to  
 6.2 provide intervention and healing services and that work with youth to prevent future  
 6.3 incidents;

6.4 (3) programs that provide education, training, and counseling designed to reduce domestic  
 6.5 and family violence and assist victims of that violence;

6.6 (4) programs that provide support and assistance to individuals seeking chemical  
 6.7 dependency treatment; and

6.8 (5) programs that provide support and assistance to individuals in need of mental health  
 6.9 treatment and services.

6.10 (b) \$..... in fiscal year 2024 and \$..... in fiscal year 2025 are appropriated from the  
 6.11 general fund to the commissioner of public safety for grants to local units of government,  
 6.12 federally recognized Indian Tribes within the boundaries of Minnesota, and nonprofits to  
 6.13 be used to provide intervention services to support work to intervene on behalf of youth  
 6.14 who are interacting with the criminal or juvenile justice system.

6.15 **Subd. 3. Grants for services that reduce barriers and invest in communities.** (a) As  
 6.16 used in this subdivision, "services that reduce barriers" includes but is not limited to:

6.17 (1) youth employment programs, including on-the-job training;

6.18 (2) youth employment or internship opportunities in creative mediums and small business  
 6.19 development;

6.20 (3) mentorship programs with a focus on individualized guidance counseling, career  
 6.21 counseling, and mental health support for justice-involved youth; and

6.22 (4) programs that reduce barriers to accessing other services, including but not limited  
 6.23 to transportation assistance, assistance with broadband Internet access, and technology  
 6.24 support.

6.25 (b) \$..... in fiscal year 2024 and \$..... in fiscal year 2025 are appropriated from the  
 6.26 general fund to the commissioner of public safety for grants to local units of government,  
 6.27 federally recognized Indian Tribes within the boundaries of Minnesota, and nonprofits to  
 6.28 be used to provide services that reduce barriers for youth in avoiding the criminal or juvenile  
 6.29 justice system and to increase investment in their communities.

6.30 **Subd. 4. Expedited disbursement.** (a) The commissioner of public safety shall prepare  
 6.31 and make available to the public application materials for grants issued under this section  
 6.32 within three months of an appropriation being made to fund the grants.

7.1 (b) The commissioner shall ensure that grant applications are received and reviewed  
7.2 and awards are made within six months of an appropriation being made to fund the grants.

7.3 Subd. 5. Grant program administration; reports required. (a) The commissioner of  
7.4 public safety shall ensure that the administration of grants under this section is conducted  
7.5 by the Office of Justice Programs.

7.6 (b) Up to 2.5 percent of the appropriations in this section may be used by the  
7.7 commissioner to administer the grants.

7.8 (c) The base amount for the grants is \$..... in fiscal years 2026 and 2027. Beginning in  
7.9 fiscal year 2028 and thereafter, the base amount for activities under this section is \$0. Any  
7.10 unspent money from this appropriation does not cancel but is available until expended.

7.11 (d) Applicants for grants under this section must submit an application in the form and  
7.12 manner established by the commissioner. Applicants must specify the type of grant being  
7.13 applied for under this section and describe the ways in which grant funds will be used in a  
7.14 manner that satisfies the requirements for the individual grant.

7.15 (e) When awarding grants under this section, the commissioner shall prioritize programs  
7.16 that provide culturally specific programming, programs provided by federally recognized  
7.17 Indian Tribes within the boundaries of Minnesota, and programs that provide gender-specific  
7.18 programming. A local unit of government may apply for grants to be used by that applicant  
7.19 to provide one or more services or as part of a collaborative multijurisdictional group of  
7.20 governmental units.

7.21 (f) By February 1 each year, the commissioner shall report to the chairs and ranking  
7.22 minority members of the legislative committees and divisions having jurisdiction over  
7.23 criminal justice finance and policy on the implementation, use, and administration of the  
7.24 grant programs created under this section. At a minimum, the report must identify:

7.25 (1) the grant recipients;

7.26 (2) the geographic location of the grant recipients;

7.27 (3) the total number of individuals served by all grant recipients, disaggregated by race,  
7.28 ethnicity, gender, and disability status;

7.29 (4) the total number of individuals who successfully completed programming,  
7.30 disaggregated by age, race, ethnicity, gender, and disability status;

7.31 (5) the total amount of money awarded in grants and the total amount remaining to be  
7.32 awarded from each appropriation;

- 8.1 (6) the amount of money granted to each recipient;
- 8.2 (7) the purpose of the grant;
- 8.3 (8) the geographic location of the grant recipient;
- 8.4 (9) information on how the grant was used; and
- 8.5 (10) a summary of relevant measurable outcomes for participants in the program,
- 8.6 including but not limited to rates of employment, truancy, delinquency, community
- 8.7 engagement, performance in school, and ability to access other supportive services.

8.8 **Sec. 3. APPROPRIATION; TASK FORCE ON YOUTH INTERVENTIONS.**

- 8.9 \$500,000 in fiscal year 2024 is appropriated from the general fund to the Legislative
- 8.10 Coordinating Commission for the Task Force on Youth Interventions. This is a onetime
- 8.11 appropriation.