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A bill for an act

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relating to public safety; appropriating money for a Community Engagement

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Response Team.

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

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Section 1. **APPROPRIATION; COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT RESPONSE TEAM.**

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\$250,000 for fiscal year 2026 is appropriated from the general fund to the commissioner

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of public safety for a grant to a nonprofit organization to fund a Community Engagement

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Response Team (CERT) in the Rochester area. The team must be comprised of community

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leaders and volunteers and focus on improving public safety by acting as a liaison between

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the Black community and law enforcement, and on curating opportunity, mediating problems,

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and providing advocacy for the Black, Indigenous, and people of color (BIPOC) community.