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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Job Growth and Energy Affordability Policy and Finance

1.1 A bill for an act  
1.2 relating to public safety; establishing an East African youth and family  
1.3 antiviolence outreach program; appropriating money.

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

1.5 Section 1. VOICE OF EAST AFRICAN WOMEN YOUTH AND FAMILY  
1.6 ANTIVIOLENCE OUTREACH PROGRAM; APPROPRIATION.

1.7 (a) \$..... in fiscal year 2017 is appropriated from the general fund to the  
1.8 commissioner of public safety for a grant to the Voice of East African Women for a youth  
1.9 and family antiviolence outreach program to:

1.10 (1) identify behaviors indicating that an individual is vulnerable to committing or  
1.11 being the victim of bullying or interfamily, community, or domestic abuse;

1.12 (2) identify and assess factors and influences, including but not limited to family  
1.13 dysfunction and cultural disengagement, that make East African youth vulnerable to  
1.14 recruitment by extremist organizations;

1.15 (3) develop strategies to reduce and eliminate abusive and bullying behaviors among  
1.16 youth and adults within the East African community;

1.17 (4) develop and implement strategies to reduce and eliminate the factors and  
1.18 influences that make East African youth vulnerable to recruitment by extremist  
1.19 organizations; and

1.20 (5) develop strategies, programs, and services, in collaboration with public entities  
1.21 and other community and private organizations that provide services to at-risk youth and  
1.22 families, to reduce and eliminate bullying, abusive behavior, and the vulnerability of  
1.23 East African youth to recruitment by extremist organizations. Strategies, programs, and  
1.24 services may include but are not limited to:

- 2.1 (i) expressive and receptive communication programs including music, art,  
2.2 theater, dance, and play designed to teach and develop appropriate skills for interfamily  
2.3 communication;
- 2.4 (ii) development of protective skills and positive coping skills to deal with bullying,  
2.5 domestic abuse and interfamily violence, and violent confrontations in the community;
- 2.6 (iii) culturally appropriate individual and family counseling focusing on  
2.7 communication and interpersonal relations within the family and the East African  
2.8 community;
- 2.9 (iv) after-school and summer programs for East African youth that are structured  
2.10 and that include components offering physical recreation, education enrichment, art,  
2.11 music, and social activities that are culturally appropriate;
- 2.12 (v) individual and family oriented financial planning and management skill building;
- 2.13 (vi) culturally appropriate individual and family counseling focusing on education  
2.14 and employment counseling; and
- 2.15 (vii) information regarding and direct links to entities that provide employment skills  
2.16 training, job search and placement, and employment support activities and services.
- 2.17 (b) Activities and services supported with funds available under this section may  
2.18 be provided in collaboration with other organizations, including but not limited to  
2.19 law enforcement, state and local public agencies, interfaith organizations, nonprofit  
2.20 organizations, and East African community organizations and stakeholders.