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04/13/2023	4788	Introduction and first reading Referred to Judiciary and Public Safety See SF2909

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A bill for an act

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relating to public safety; establishing a grant for a study and report on pretrial

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release practices; appropriating money.

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

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Section 1. **PRETRIAL RELEASE STUDY AND REPORT; APPROPRIATION.**

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(a) \$500,000 in fiscal year 2024 and \$500,000 in fiscal year 2025 are appropriated from

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the general fund to the commissioner of corrections for a grant to the Minnesota Justice

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Research Center to study and report on pretrial release practices in Minnesota and other

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jurisdictions, including but not limited to the use of bail as a condition of pretrial release.

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The base for this appropriation is \$0 in fiscal year 2026 and beyond.

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(b) The Minnesota Justice Research Center shall review pretrial release practices in

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Minnesota and community perspectives about those practices; conduct a robust survey of

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pretrial release practices in other jurisdictions to identify effective approaches to pretrial

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release that use identified best practices; provide analysis and recommendations describing

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how practices in other jurisdictions could be adopted and implemented in Minnesota,

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including but not limited to analysis addressing how changes would impact public safety,

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treatment of defendants with different financial means, and community perspectives about

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pretrial release; and make recommendations for policy changes for consideration by the

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legislature.

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(c) By February 15, 2024, the Minnesota Justice Research Center must provide a

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preliminary report to the legislative committees and divisions with jurisdiction over public

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safety finance and policy including a summary of the preliminary findings, any legislative

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proposals to improve the ability of the Minnesota Justice Research Center to complete its

- 2.1 work, and any proposals for legislation related to pretrial release. The Minnesota Justice
- 2.2 Research Center shall submit a final report to the legislative committees and divisions with
- 2.3 jurisdiction over public safety finance and policy by February 15, 2025. The final report
- 2.4 shall include a description of the Minnesota Justice Research Center's work, findings, and
- 2.5 any legislative proposals.