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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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H. F. No. 1948

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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to corrections; establishing pilot program to address mental health among
1.3 correctional officers and inmates in state correctional facilities; requiring a report;
1.4 appropriating money.

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

1.6 Section 1. PILOT PROGRAM TO ADDRESS MENTAL HEALTH IN
1.7 CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES.

1.8 Subdivision 1. Pilot program established. The commissioner of corrections shall
1.9 establish and administer a pilot program in Minnesota Correctional Facility-Stillwater to
1.10 address mental health issues among correctional officers and inmates. The program shall
1.11 offer, at a minimum, support to correctional officers through skill refreshers, mental health
1.12 training and techniques, and mental health services. The program shall conduct, at a
1.13 minimum, mental health interventions for inmates and educate inmates on mental health
1.14 resources available to them. The pilot program is from July 1, 2019, to June 30, 2020.

1.15 Subd. 2. Report. By October 1, 2020, the commissioner shall report to the legislative
1.16 committees with jurisdiction over corrections on the impact and outcomes of the program.

1.17 Sec. 2. APPROPRIATION.

1.18 \$...... in fiscal year 2020 and \$...... in fiscal year 2021 are appropriated from the general
1.19 fund to the commissioner of corrections for the pilot program in section 1 to address mental
1.20 health issues among correctional officers and inmates in Minnesota Correctional
1.21 Facility-Stillwater.