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State of Minnesota

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NINETY-THIRD SESSION

H. F. No. 3256

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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Public Safety Finance and Policy

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to public safety; appropriating money to Somali Youth Link for community
1.3 violence intervention.

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

1.5 Section 1. APPROPRIATION; SOMALI YOUTH LINK.

1.6 \$1,000,000 in fiscal year 2024 and \$1,000,000 in fiscal year 2025 are appropriated from
1.7 the general fund to the commissioner of public safety for a grant to Somali Youth Link to:

1.8 (1) address cultural community violence intervention to prevent and interrupt youth
1.9 violence and drug abuse;

1.10 (2) recognize and provide education and awareness addressing mental health behaviors
1.11 and trauma;

1.12 (3) provide arts programs; and

1.13 (4) provide employment skills training and job search and placement.

1.14 Activities and services supported with funds under this section may be provided in
1.15 collaboration with Somali youth programs. Somali Youth Link must use one-third of the
1.16 funds received under this section for Somali youth programs targeted at communities outside
1.17 the seven-county metropolitan area. This is a onetime appropriation and is available until
1.18 June 30, 2026.