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

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to public safety; appropriating money for grants to law enforcement
1.3 agencies to establish community-based public safety programs for high school
1.4 students to mentor students and provide education and encouragement regarding
1.5 career opportunities in law enforcement.

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

1.7 Section 1. APPROPRIATION; COMMUNITY YOUTH PROGRAMS RELATING
1.8 TO LAW ENFORCEMENT.

1.9 (a) \$..... in fiscal year 2023 is appropriated to the commissioner of public safety from
1.10 the general fund to provide grants to law enforcement agencies to implement
1.11 community-based public safety career opportunity programs for high school students as
1.12 described in this section.

1.13 (b) A grant recipient must use money received under this section to establish a
1.14 community-based program for high school students located within the agency's jurisdiction
1.15 to educate interested students regarding career opportunities in law enforcement and
1.16 encourage them to consider pursuing a career in law enforcement. A program may provide
1.17 students with information about the experience of being a peace officer and may include
1.18 outings with peace officers in various settings in the community and facilitating mentorships
1.19 between officers and students.

1.20 (c) The commissioner shall develop general guidelines for programs that must be followed
1.21 by an agency receiving a grant. The guidelines must ensure that student participation in the
1.22 program is entirely voluntary.