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03/21/2019 Referred by Chair to the Judiciary Finance and Civil Law Division

A bill for an act 1.1

relating to military veterans; appropriating money for grants for a veterans justice 1.2 grant program; requiring a report. 1.3

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

Section 1. VETERANS JUSTICE GRANT PROGRAM; REPORT.

Subdivision 1. **Appropriation.** \$400,000 in fiscal year 2020 and \$400,000 in fiscal year 2021 are appropriated from the general fund to the commissioner of veterans affairs for a veterans justice grant program. The commissioner shall solicit bids for grants to an organization or organizations that will use the grant money to support, through education, outreach, and legal training, military veterans who are involved with the criminal justice system.

Subd. 2. **Report.** The grant recipient or recipients must report to the commissioner of veterans affairs and the chairs and ranking members of the house and senate committees overseeing veterans affairs policy and finance by January 15 of each year. The report must include: an overview of the project's budget; a detailed explanation of project expenditures; the number of veterans and service members served by the project; a list and explanation of the services provided to project participants; and details of the project's education, outreach, and legal training programs.

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