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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Early Childhood and Youth Development Policy

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to human services; providing for a pilot project to coordinate community
1.3 violence prevention programs for African-American children; appropriating
1.4 money.

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

1.6 Section 1. **FINDINGS.**

1.7 The legislature finds that:

1.8 (1) homicides have the most adverse affect on African-American children;

1.9 (2) loss of a loved one due to homicide leaves children uprooted, displaced,

1.10 abandoned, and isolated;

1.11 (3) children who witness a homicide often experience posttraumatic stress, grief,

1.12 loss, insecurity, conflicting loyalties, and fear of being identified as a witness or fear

1.13 of retaliation;

1.14 (4) community institutions lack the skills necessary to recognize the traumas of these

1.15 children and provide psychological first aid treatment;

1.16 (5) children exposed to community violence can be better served through a program

1.17 providing psychological first aid treatment; and

1.18 (6) children adversely affected by homicides and other violent crimes cause

1.19 important and widespread social problems for the state because these children lack the

1.20 opportunity to learn appropriate problem-solving skills and use violence as a primary

1.21 problem-solving method to resolve stress in personal conflicts.

1.22 Sec. 2. **AUTHORIZATION FOR THE MARTIN LUTHER KING NONVIOLENT**
1.23 **INSTITUTIONAL CHILD DEVELOPMENT PILOT PROGRAM.**

- 2.1 (a) The Council on Black Minnesotans shall plan, design, and implement the Martin
2.2 Luther King nonviolent institutional child development pilot program which shall provide:
- 2.3 (1) multi-institutional interdisciplinary community violence prevention programs;
2.4 and
2.5 (2) multi-institutional interdisciplinary intervention programs.
- 2.6 (b) The pilot program may provide services to the following institutions:
- 2.7 (1) elementary and secondary schools;
2.8 (2) social service programs and agencies;
2.9 (3) youth programs and services;
2.10 (4) juvenile delinquency programs;
2.11 (5) residential treatment facilities;
2.12 (6) foster homes;
2.13 (7) law enforcement agencies;
2.14 (8) medical centers;
2.15 (9) mental health programs; and
2.16 (10) religious outreach programs.
- 2.17 (c) The program shall include:
- 2.18 (1) development and implementation of each participating institution's long-range
2.19 community violence prevention plan for school-age children;
2.20 (2) development and implementation of each participating institution's community
2.21 violence intervention plan for children affected by violence in the community;
2.22 (3) identification and implementation of each participating institution's training
2.23 and staffing needs;
2.24 (4) development and implementation of a network among participating institutions
2.25 to coordinate services, share information, and develop common strategies for violence
2.26 prevention and intervention; and
2.27 (5) funding for each participating institution's violence prevention and intervention
2.28 programs.
- 2.29 (d) The pilot program must be evaluated based on outcome evaluation criteria
2.30 determined by the executive director of the Council on Black Minnesotans in consultation
2.31 with a community-based advisory council before implementation of the program.
- 2.32 (e) The pilot program must begin on or before January 2, 2014.
- 2.33 (f) The pilot program must be completed by the Council on Black Minnesotans by
2.34 July 1, 2015, and report on the program to the commissioners of human services; public
2.35 safety; corrections; and education.

3.1 (g) Any information received by an institution described in this section is privileged
3.2 and not required to be disclosed to law enforcement agencies or in a court. Persons in
3.3 the pilot program are authorized to receive information from law enforcement agencies,
3.4 schools, mortuaries, medical examiners, physicians, and social service agencies necessary
3.5 to provide services to children impacted by homicides.

3.6 Sec. 3. **APPROPRIATION.**

3.7 \$360,000 is appropriated in fiscal year 2014 and \$350,000 is appropriated in fiscal
3.8 year 2015 from the general fund to the Council on Black Minnesotans for the Martin
3.9 Luther King nonviolent institutional child development pilot program in section 2 and to
3.10 pay related costs and expenses.

3.11 Sec. 4. **EFFECTIVE DATE.**

3.12 Sections 1 to 3 are effective the day following final enactment.