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H. F. No. **3275**

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

- 1.1 A bill for an act
- 1.2 relating to transportation; modifying the programming and administration duties
- 1.3 of the Advisory Council on Traffic Safety; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024,
- 1.4 section 4.076, subdivisions 4, 5; Laws 2023, chapter 68, article 1, section 4,
- 1.5 subdivision 5.
- 1.6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:
- 1.7 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 4.076, subdivision 4, is amended to read:
- 1.8 Subd. 4. **Duties.** The advisory council must:
- 1.9 (1) advise the governor and heads of state departments and agencies on policies, programs,
- 1.10 and services affecting traffic safety;
- 1.11 (2) advise the appropriate representatives of state departments on the activities of the
- 1.12 Toward Zero Deaths program, including but not limited to educating the public about traffic
- 1.13 safety;
- 1.14 (3) encourage state departments and other agencies to conduct needed research in the
- 1.15 field of traffic safety;
- 1.16 (4) review recommendations of the subcommittees and working groups;
- 1.17 (5) review and comment on ~~all grants dealing with traffic safety and on~~ the development
- 1.18 and implementation of state and local traffic safety plans; ~~and~~
- 1.19 (6) advise the commissioner of public safety on grant agreements for projects under
- 1.20 subdivision 5, paragraph (g); and
- 1.21 ~~(6)~~ (7) make recommendations on safe road zone safety measures under section 169.065.

2.1 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.

2.2 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 4.076, subdivision 5, is amended to read:

2.3 Subd. 5. **Administration.** (a) The Office of Traffic Safety in the Department of Public
2.4 Safety, in cooperation with the Departments of Transportation and Health, must serve as
2.5 the host agency for the advisory council and must manage the administrative and operational
2.6 aspects of the advisory council's activities. The commissioner of public safety must perform
2.7 financial management on behalf of the council.

2.8 (b) The advisory council must meet no less than four times per year, or more frequently
2.9 as determined by the chair, a vice chair, or a majority of the council members. The advisory
2.10 council is subject to chapter 13D.

2.11 (c) The chair must regularly report to the respective commissioners on the activities of
2.12 the advisory council and on the state of traffic safety in Minnesota.

2.13 (d) The terms, compensation, and appointment of members are governed by section
2.14 15.059.

2.15 (e) The advisory council may appoint subcommittees and working groups. Subcommittees
2.16 must consist of council members. Working groups may include nonmembers. Nonmembers
2.17 on working groups must be compensated pursuant to section 15.059, subdivision 3, only
2.18 for expenses incurred for working group activities.

2.19 (f) The commissioner of public safety may enter into contracts and interagency
2.20 agreements for data, expertise, and research projects to inform the council. The advisory
2.21 council may host an annual state traffic safety conference.

2.22 (g) The commissioner of public safety may enter into grant agreements for projects that
2.23 reduce serious and fatal injury crashes. Priority for grant awards must be given to local
2.24 traffic safety coalitions. Local units of government, nonprofit organizations, law enforcement
2.25 agencies, and educational institutions are also eligible for grant awards.

2.26 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.

2.27 Sec. 3. Laws 2023, chapter 68, article 1, section 4, subdivision 5, is amended to read:

2.28	Subd. 5. Traffic Safety	9,504,000	4,249,000
2.29	Appropriations by Fund		
2.30	2024	2025	

3.1	General	8,803,000	3,494,000
3.2	Trunk Highway	701,000	755,000

3.3 \$1,000,000 in fiscal year 2024 is from the
3.4 general fund for grants to local units of
3.5 government to perform additional traffic safety
3.6 enforcement activities in safe road zones under
3.7 Minnesota Statutes, section 169.065. In
3.8 allocating funds, the commissioner must
3.9 account for other sources of funding for
3.10 increased traffic enforcement.

3.11 \$2,000,000 in fiscal year 2024 is from the
3.12 general fund for grants to local units of
3.13 government to increase traffic safety
3.14 enforcement activities, including training,
3.15 equipment, overtime, and related costs for
3.16 peace officers to perform duties that are
3.17 specifically related to traffic management and
3.18 traffic safety.

3.19 \$2,000,000 in fiscal year 2024 is from the
3.20 general fund for grants to law enforcement
3.21 agencies to undertake targeted speed reduction
3.22 efforts on rural high-risk roadways identified
3.23 by the commissioner based on crash
3.24 information and consultation with the
3.25 Advisory Council on Traffic Safety under
3.26 Minnesota Statutes, section 4.076, and local
3.27 traffic safety partners.

3.28 \$50,000 in fiscal year 2024 is from the general
3.29 fund for an education and awareness campaign
3.30 on motor vehicles passing school buses,
3.31 designed to: (1) help reduce occurrences of
3.32 motor vehicles unlawfully passing school
3.33 buses; and (2) inform drivers about the safety
3.34 of pupils boarding and unloading from school
3.35 buses, including laws requiring a motor

4.1 vehicle to stop when a school bus has extended
4.2 the stop-signal arm and is flashing red lights
4.3 and penalties for violations. The commissioner
4.4 must identify best practices, review effective
4.5 communication methods to educate drivers,
4.6 and consider multiple forms of media to
4.7 convey the information.

4.8 \$100,000 in fiscal year 2024 is from the
4.9 general fund for a public awareness campaign
4.10 to promote understanding and compliance with
4.11 laws regarding the passing of parked
4.12 authorized vehicles.

4.13 \$350,000 in fiscal year 2024 is from the
4.14 general fund for grants to local units of
4.15 government for safe ride programs that
4.16 provide safe transportation options for patrons
4.17 of hospitality and entertainment businesses
4.18 within a community.

4.19 \$250,000 in fiscal year 2024 is from the
4.20 general fund for the traffic safety violations
4.21 disposition analysis under article 4, section
4.22 109.

4.23 \$2,000,000 in each year is from the general
4.24 fund for operations and traffic safety projects,
4.25 grants, and activities of the Advisory Council
4.26 on Traffic Safety under Minnesota Statutes,
4.27 section 4.076.

4.28 \$98,000 in each year is from the general fund
4.29 to coordinate a statewide traffic safety equity
4.30 program, including staff costs.

4.31 The following amounts are for the staff and
4.32 operating costs related to a Traffic Safety Data
4.33 Analytics Center: (1) \$407,000 in fiscal year
4.34 2024 and \$813,000 in fiscal year 2025 from

5.1 the general fund; and (2) \$140,000 in each
5.2 year is from the trunk highway fund. The base
5.3 from the trunk highway fund is \$187,000 in
5.4 each of fiscal years 2026 and 2027.

5.5 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.