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State of Minnesota

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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H. F. No. 4929

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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 crime; providing criminal penalties for the failure to report theft,  
1.3 embezzlement, or unlawful use of public funds in certain instances; amending  
1.4 Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 609.456, subdivision 2.

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

1.6 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 609.456, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

1.7 Subd. 2. **Legislative auditor.** (a) Whenever an employee or officer of the state, University  
1.8 of Minnesota, or other organization listed in section 3.971, subdivision 6, discovers evidence  
1.9 of theft, embezzlement, or unlawful use of public funds or property, the employee or officer  
1.10 shall, except when to do so would knowingly impede or otherwise interfere with an ongoing  
1.11 criminal investigation, promptly report in writing to the legislative auditor a detailed  
1.12 description of the alleged incident or incidents.

1.13 (b) A person who violates paragraph (a) is guilty of a gross misdemeanor.

1.14 EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective August 1, 2026, and applies to crimes  
1.15 committed on or after that date.