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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NINETY-FIRST SESSION

H. F. No. **1604**

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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means

1.1 A bill for an act  
1.2 relating to public safety; appropriating money for a grant to an organization  
1.3 providing legal representation for children.

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

1.5 Section 1. **APPROPRIATION; LEGAL REPRESENTATION FOR CHILDREN.**

1.6 \$400,000 in fiscal year 2020 and \$400,000 in fiscal year 2021 are appropriated from the  
1.7 general fund to the commissioner of public safety for a grant to an organization that provides  
1.8 legal representation for children in need of protection or services and children in out-of-home  
1.9 placement. The grant is contingent upon a match in an equal amount from nonstate funds.  
1.10 The match may be in kind, including the value of volunteer attorney time, or in cash, or a  
1.11 combination of the two.