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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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H. F. No. 2595

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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary Finance and Civil Law

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to judiciary; including training on mental illnesses in judicial education
1.3 program; amending Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 480.30, by adding a
1.4 subdivision.

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

1.6 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 480.30, is amended by adding a subdivision
1.7 to read:

1.8 Subd. 4. **Mental health.** The supreme court's judicial education program must include
1.9 ongoing training for judges, judicial officers, and court services personnel on mental illnesses
1.10 in children and adults. The program must include education on:

1.11 (1) mental illnesses and symptoms;

1.12 (2) relating to individuals with mental illnesses and the individuals' families;

1.13 (3) mental illnesses and the criminal justice system;

1.14 (4) the mental health system in Minnesota and available community resources in each
1.15 judicial district, including opportunities for diversion;

1.16 (5) psychotropic medications and the medications' side effects;

1.17 (6) co-occurring mental illnesses and substance use disorders; and

1.18 (7) any procedures in statute or the Minnesota Rules of Criminal Procedure on
1.19 competency restoration and the mental illness or cognitive impairment defense.