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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Public Safety and Criminal Justice Reform Finance and Policy Division

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to public safety; appropriating money to increase crime alert categories
1.3 to include a dementia and Alzheimer's disease category and to provide grants to
1.4 develop law enforcement training on issues associated with dementia and
1.5 Alzheimer's disease; requiring a report.

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

1.7 Section 1. SAFETY OF PERSONS WITH DEMENTIA OR ALZHEIMER'S
1.8 DISEASE; APPROPRIATION.

1.9 Subdivision 1. Appropriation. \$500,000 in fiscal year 2020 is appropriated from the
1.10 general fund to the commissioner of public safety for the purposes of this section.

1.11 Subd. 2. Law enforcement training. (a) \$400,000 is for the Office of Justice Programs
1.12 to administer regional and statewide voluntary training grants to state and local law
1.13 enforcement to contract with a training organization for training on communication strategies,
1.14 behavioral studies, and issues associated with persons with dementia and Alzheimer's disease,
1.15 including at a minimum wandering, driving, abuse, and neglect. The office shall consult
1.16 with the Peace Officer Standards and Training (POST) Board and stakeholders, including
1.17 at a minimum the Minnesota Crisis Intervention Team and the Alzheimer's Association,
1.18 regarding the content of the training, which must include at a minimum the requirement
1.19 that trainers have at least two years of direct care of a person with Alzheimer's disease or
1.20 dementia, crisis intervention training, and mental health experience. When awarding grants,
1.21 the office shall give priority to law enforcement agencies with less than 45 peace officers.

2.1 (b) The commissioner shall submit a written report describing and evaluating the grant
2.2 program to the chairs and ranking minority members of the house of representatives and
2.3 senate committees with jurisdiction over public safety by January 1, 2021.

2.4 Subd. 3. **Criminal alert network.** \$100,000 is for the criminal alert network to increase
2.5 membership and create additional alert categories, including at a minimum a dementia and
2.6 Alzheimer's disease specific category.

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