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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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H. F. No. 396

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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Public Safety and Crime Prevention Policy and Finance

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to corrections; authorizing a study of the effectiveness of risk assessment
1.3 tools and the incarceration and release of juveniles.

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

1.5 Section 1. **JUVENILES; RISK ASSESSMENT.**

1.6 (a) The commissioner of corrections, in consultation with the courts and county
1.7 probation, shall study the effectiveness of risk assessment tools for juveniles, including
1.8 but not limited to the structured assessment of violence risk for youth, the youth level of
1.9 service and case management inventory, and public safety assessment by the court. The
1.10 commissioner shall recommend the use of the most effective tool in determining when to
1.11 release and when to incarcerate juveniles based on the important principle of disposition
1.12 determined on rehabilitation and the type of crime committed.

1.13 (b) By January 1, 2016, the commissioner shall submit a report to the chairs and
1.14 ranking minority members of the senate and house of representatives committees and
1.15 divisions having jurisdiction over corrections and public safety. The report shall include
1.16 findings and recommendations developed under paragraph (a).