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A bill for an act  
relating to public safety; establishing an East African youth and family  
antiviolence outreach program; appropriating money.  
BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

Section 1. **VOICE OF EAST AFRICAN WOMEN YOUTH AND FAMILY  
ANTIVIOLENCE OUTREACH PROGRAM; APPROPRIATION.**

(a) \$..... in fiscal year 2017 is appropriated from the general fund to the  
commissioner of public safety for a grant to the Voice of East African Women for a youth  
and family antiviolence outreach program to:

(1) identify behaviors indicating that an individual is vulnerable to committing or  
being the victim of bullying or interfamily, community, or domestic abuse;

(2) identify and assess factors and influences, including but not limited to family  
dysfunction and cultural disengagement, that make East African youth vulnerable to  
recruitment by extremist organizations;

(3) develop strategies to reduce and eliminate abusive and bullying behaviors among  
youth and adults within the East African community;

(4) develop and implement strategies to reduce and eliminate the factors and  
influences that make East African youth vulnerable to recruitment by extremist  
organizations; and

(5) develop strategies, programs, and services, in collaboration with public entities  
and other community and private organizations that provide services to at-risk youth and  
families, to reduce and eliminate bullying, abusive behavior, and the vulnerability of  
East African youth to recruitment by extremist organizations. Strategies, programs, and  
services may include but are not limited to:

2.1 (i) expressive and receptive communication programs including music, art,  
2.2 theater, dance, and play designed to teach and develop appropriate skills for interfamily  
2.3 communication;

2.4 (ii) development of protective skills and positive coping skills to deal with bullying,  
2.5 domestic abuse and interfamily violence, and violent confrontations in the community;

2.6 (iii) culturally appropriate individual and family counseling focusing on  
2.7 communication and interpersonal relations within the family and the East African  
2.8 community;

2.9 (iv) after-school and summer programs for East African youth that are structured  
2.10 and that include components offering physical recreation, education enrichment, art,  
2.11 music, and social activities that are culturally appropriate;

2.12 (v) individual and family oriented financial planning and management skill building;

2.13 (vi) culturally appropriate individual and family counseling focusing on education  
2.14 and employment counseling; and

2.15 (vii) information regarding and direct links to entities that provide employment skills  
2.16 training, job search and placement, and employment support activities and services.

2.17 (b) Activities and services supported with funds available under this section may  
2.18 be provided in collaboration with other organizations, including but not limited to  
2.19 law enforcement, state and local public agencies, interfaith organizations, nonprofit  
2.20 organizations, and East African community organizations and stakeholders.