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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on State Government Finance and Veterans Affairs

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1.1 A bill for an act  
1.2 relating to veterans; appropriating money to public safety for a grant for training  
1.3 community safety personnel about the use of de-escalation techniques for dealing  
1.4 with veterans returning from active military service in combat zones.

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

1.6 Section 1. **VETERANS IN CRISIS DE-ESCALATION TRAINING.**

1.7 \$..... in fiscal year 2015 is appropriated from the general fund to the commissioner  
1.8 of public safety to be spent for training state and local community safety personnel in the  
1.9 use of crisis de-escalation techniques for use with Minnesota veterans following their  
1.10 return from active military service in a combat zone. The commissioner must consult with  
1.11 the director of the Minnesota Peace Officers and Training Board, and may consult with any  
1.12 other state or local governmental official or nongovernmental authority the commissioner  
1.13 determines to be relevant, to include postsecondary institutions, when selecting a service  
1.14 provider for this training. Among any other criteria the commissioner may establish  
1.15 for the selection, the training provider must have a demonstrated understanding of the  
1.16 transitions and challenges that veterans may experience during their re-entry into society  
1.17 following combat service. The commissioner must ensure that training opportunities  
1.18 provided are reasonably distributed statewide.