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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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H. F. No. 261

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

1.1 A bill for an act

1.2 relating to public safety; appropriating money for crime prevention grant to Ramsey

1.3 County sheriff; appropriating money to commissioner of public safety for State

1.4 Patrol's use of air patrol in crime prevention efforts in seven-county metropolitan

1.5 area.

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

1.7 Section 1. APPROPRIATIONS; CRIME PREVENTION.

1.8 (a) \$2,400,000 in fiscal year 2023 is appropriated from the general fund to the

1.9 commissioner of public safety for a grant to the Ramsey County Sheriff's Office. In

1.10 coordination with other sheriffs' offices, police departments, and Metro Transit, the Ramsey

1.11 County sheriff must use the funds to prevent and combat surging rates of violent crime,

1.12 including murder, assault, carjacking, and other crimes against the person, in the seven-county

1.13 metropolitan area with a concentration of efforts in areas that have experienced the largest

1.14 increase in violent crimes since July 1, 2020. The Ramsey County sheriff may use these

1.15 funds to reimburse or directly compensate peace officers from other jurisdictions who assist

1.16 in crime prevention efforts coordinated by the sheriff.

1.17 (b) \$600,000 in fiscal year 2023 is appropriated from the general fund to the commissioner

1.18 of public safety for the State Patrol's use of the air patrol, in coordination with the Ramsey

1.19 County sheriff, to prevent and combat violent crime in the seven-county metropolitan area

1.20 with a concentration of efforts in areas that have experienced the largest increase in violent

1.21 crimes since July 1, 2020.

2.1 (c) Any unexpended funds from the appropriations in paragraph (a) or (b) that are not  
2.2 used by June 30, 2023, do not cancel back to the general fund and may be used for these  
2.3 purposes through December 31, 2023.

2.4 (d) By February 1, 2024, the commissioner shall report to the chairs and ranking minority  
2.5 members of the legislative committees with jurisdiction over criminal justice policy and  
2.6 finance on how the appropriations in this section were used. The report must detail the  
2.7 impact the appropriations had on reducing violent criminal activity in the seven-county  
2.8 metropolitan area and make recommendations on how future state appropriations can be  
2.9 used to reduce violent crime in the seven-county metropolitan area.

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