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State of Minnesota

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SPECIAL SESSION

H. F. No. **27**

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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; requiring a training course for peace officers in
1.3 trauma-informed approaches to dealing with victims; amending Minnesota Statutes
1.4 2018, section 626.8451, subdivision 1a.

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

1.6 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 626.8451, subdivision 1a, is amended to read:

1.7 Subd. 1a. **Training course; crimes of violence.** In consultation with the school of law
1.8 enforcement, the board shall prepare a training course to assist peace officers in responding
1.9 to crimes of violence and to enhance peace officer sensitivity in interacting with and assisting
1.10 crime victims. For purposes of this course, harassment and stalking crimes are "crimes of
1.11 violence." The course must include information about:

1.12 (1) the needs of victims of these crimes and the most effective and sensitive way to meet
1.13 those needs or arrange for them to be met;

1.14 (2) the extent and causes of crimes of violence, including physical and sexual abuse,
1.15 physical violence, harassment and stalking, and neglect;

1.16 (3) the identification of crimes of violence and patterns of violent behavior; and

1.17 (4) culturally responsive and trauma-informed approaches to dealing with victims and
1.18 perpetrators of violence.