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H. F. No. 4608

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

A bill for an act

relating to public safety; amending certain statutes regarding public safety and 1 2 corrections; providing for grant programs; requiring reports; appropriating money 1.3 for courts, civil legal services, Guardian Ad Litem Board, Board Of Public Defense, 1.4 human rights, public safety, Peace Officer Standards and Training Board, private 1.5 detective board, and corrections; amending Minnesota Statutes 2020, sections 1.6 299C.063, subdivision 2, by adding a subdivision; 326.3382, subdivision 2; 1.7 611A.31, subdivision 2, by adding a subdivision; 611A.32, subdivisions 1, 1a, 2, 1.8 3; 611A.345; 611A.35; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, 1.9 chapter 299A. 1.10 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA: 1.11 1.12 **ARTICLE 1 APPROPRIATIONS** 1.13 Section 1. APPROPRIATIONS. 1.14 The sums shown in the columns marked "Appropriations" are added to or, if shown in 1.15 parentheses, subtracted from the appropriations in Laws 2021, First Special Session chapter 1.16 11, article 1, to the agencies and for the purposes specified in this article. The appropriations 1.17 are from the general fund, or another named fund, and are available for the fiscal years 1.18 indicated for each purpose. The figures "2022" and "2023" used in this article mean that 1.19 the addition to or subtraction from the appropriation listed under them is available for the 1.20 fiscal year ending June 30, 2022, or June 30, 2023, respectively. "The first year" is fiscal 1.21 year end June 30, 2022, or June 30, 2023, respectively. Supplemental appropriations and 1.22

following final enactment.

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reductions to appropriations for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2022, are effective the day

APPROPRIATIONS

Available for the Year

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2.1 2.2			Ending June 3 2022	<u>30</u> <u>2023</u>
2.3	Sec. 2. SUPREME COURT			
2.4	Subdivision 1. Total Appropriation	<u>\$</u>	<u>-0-</u> \$	12,731,000
2.5	The amounts that may be spent for each			
2.6	purpose are specified in the following			
2.7	subdivisions. The general fund base is			
2.8	\$73,901,000 in fiscal year 2024 and			
2.9	\$73,901,000 in fiscal year 2025.			
2.10	Subd. 2. Supreme Court Operations		<u>-0-</u>	964,000
2.11	Subd. 3. Civil Legal Services		<u>-0-</u>	11,767,000
2.12	Base Adjustment			
2.13	The general fund base is \$29,553,000 in fiscal			
2.14	year 2024 and \$29,553,000 in fiscal year 2025.			
2.15	Sec. 3. COURT OF APPEALS	<u>\$</u>	<u>-0-</u> <u>\$</u>	<u>262,000</u>
2.16	Sec. 4. DISTRICT COURTS	<u>\$</u>	<u>-0-</u> <u>\$</u>	6,216,000
2.17	Sec. 5. GUARDIAN AD LITEM BOARD	<u>\$</u>	<u>-0-</u> \$	379,000
2.18	Sec. 6. BOARD OF PUBLIC DEFENSE	<u>\$</u>	<u>1,740,000</u> §	2,266,000
2.19	Sec. 7. HUMAN RIGHTS	<u>\$</u>	<u>-0-</u> <u>\$</u>	2,543,000
2.20	Base Adjustment			
2.21	The general fund base is \$7,467,000 in fiscal			
2.22	year 2024 and \$7,467,000 in fiscal year 2025.			
2.23	Sec. 8. PUBLIC SAFETY			
2.24 2.25	Subdivision 1. Total Appropriation	<u>\$</u>	<u>-0-</u> <u>\$</u>	72,262,000
2.26	The amounts that may be spent for each			
2.27	purpose are specified in the following			
2.28	subdivisions.			
2.29	Subd. 2. Emergency Management		<u>-0-</u>	5,000,000

3.2	is \$4,083,000 in fiscal year 2024 and fiscal
3.3	year 2025.
3.4	(a) Local Government Emergency
3.5	Management
3.6	\$3,000,000 in fiscal year 2023 is to the
3.7	commissioner of public safety for the director
3.8	of the Homeland Security and Emergency
3.9	Management Division (HSEM) to award
3.10	grants in equal amounts to the emergency
3.11	management organizations of the 87 counties,
3.12	11 federally recognized Tribes, and four cities
3.13	of the first class for planning and preparedness
3.14	activities, including capital purchases. Local
3.15	emergency management organizations must
3.16	make a request to HSEM for these grants.
3.17	Current local funding for emergency
3.18	management and preparedness activities may
3.19	not be supplanted by these additional state
3.20	funds. The commissioner may use up to one
3.21	percent of the appropriation received under
3.22	this paragraph to pay costs incurred by the
3.23	department in administering the local
3.24	government emergency management grant
3.25	program.
3.26	By March 15, 2023, the commissioner of
3.27	public safety must submit a report on the grant
3.28	awards to the chairs and ranking minority
3.29	members of the legislative committees with
3.30	jurisdiction over emergency management and
3.31	preparedness activities. At a minimum, the
3.32	report must identify grant recipients,
3.33	summarize grantee activities, and recommend
3.34	whether or not to continue the grant program
3.35	in future years.

The base appropriation from the general fund

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4.1	This appropriation is onetime.		
4.2	(b) First Responder Wellness Office		
4.3	\$2,000,000 in fiscal year 2023 is to establish		
4.4	an office that would provide leadership and		
4.5	resources for improving the mental health of		
4.6	first responders statewide.		
4.7 4.8	Subd. 3. Criminal Apprehension	<u>-0-</u>	16,339,000
4.9	The base appropriation from the general fund		
4.10	is \$84,634,000 in fiscal year 2024 and fiscal		
4.11	<u>year 2025.</u>		
4.12	(a) Violent Crime Reduction Support		
4.13	\$9,762,000 in fiscal year 2023 is to support		
4.14	violent crime reduction strategies. This		
4.15	includes funding for staff and supplies to		
4.16	enhance forensic, analytical, and investigations		
4.17	capacity, and financially support investigative		
4.18	partnerships to form an investigative		
4.19	partnership with other law enforcement		
4.20	agencies to address violent crime.		
4.21	(b) BCA Accreditation		
4.22	\$186,000 in fiscal year 2023 is to support the		
4.23	Bureau of Criminal Apprehension to achieve		
4.24	and maintain law enforcement accreditation		
4.25	from an accreditation body. This includes		
4.26	funding for staff, accreditation costs, and		
4.27	supplies.		
4.28	(c) Cybersecurity Upgrades		
4.29	\$2,391,000 in fiscal year 2023 is for identity		
4.30	and access management, critical infrastructure		
4.31	upgrades, and Federal Bureau of Investigation		
4.32	audit compliance. This appropriation is		
4.33	available through June 30, 2024.		

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6.1	and stable housing, and program staff to help
6.2	provide mobile advocacy and expertise in
6.3	housing resources in their communities.
6.4	(c) Transitional Supportive Housing for
6.5	Survivors of Domestic Violence and Sexual
6.6	Violence
6.7	\$750,000 in fiscal year 2023 is to develop and
6.8	support medium- to long-term transitional
6.9	housing for survivors of domestic and sexual
6.10	violence and to provide advocacy services for
6.11	survivors.
6.12	(d) General Crime and Trauma Recovery
6.13	Grants Funding
6.14	\$1,000,000 in fiscal year 2023 is for programs
6.15	supporting victims of general crime. These
6.16	funds may also be used to establish trauma
6.17	recovery centers in the state to support victims
6.18	of violent crime who experience trauma and
6.19	are in need of services and provide new staff
6.20	to support these programs.
6.21	(e) Youth Development Grants
6.22	\$3,000,000 in fiscal year 2023 is to provide
6.23	grants to programs serving youth and youth
6.24	violence intervention and prevention. Priority
6.25	for these funds must be given to programs that
6.26	employ or utilize trauma-informed therapists
6.27	to support the youth the programs serve. These
6.28	funds may be used to administer these grants.
6.29	(f) Community-Based Public Safety Grants
6.30	\$10,000,000 in fiscal year 2023 is to provide
6.31	community-based crime prevention grants.
6.32	(g) Crossover and Dual-status Youth Model
6.33	Grants

7.1	\$1,000,000 in fiscal year 2023 is to provide
7.2	grants to local units of government to initiate
7.3	or expand crossover youth practice model and
7.4	dual-status youth programs that provide
7.5	services for youth who are in both the child
7.6	welfare and juvenile justice systems, in
7.7	accordance with the Robert F. Kennedy
7.8	National Resource Center for Juvenile Justice
7.9	model.
7.10	(h) Disparities Reduction and Delinquency
7.11	Prevention Grants
7.12	\$900,000 in fiscal year 2023 is to provide
7.13	grants dedicated to disparities reduction and
7.14	delinquency prevention programming, in
7.15	accordance with Minnesota Statutes, section
7.16	299A.72.
7.17	(i) Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault
7.18	Intervention and Prevention Grants
7.19	\$12,500,000 in fiscal year 2023 is to provide
7.20	grants to programs serving victims of domestic
7.21	violence, sexual assault, child abuse, and
7.22	general crime. These funds may be used for
7.23	program administration, including new staff
7.24	and housing specialists and other program
7.25	staff, and to help programs impacted by
7.26	reductions in federal funding.
7.27	(j) Prevention, Intervention, Enforcement
7.28	Community Policing Grants
7.29	\$10,000,000 in fiscal year 2023 is for grants
7.30	to address violent crime and drug-related
7.31	crime through crime prevention and
7.32	intervention strategies using social services
7.33	and economic revitalization.

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8.1	(k) Alternatives to Juvenile Detention)n -		
8.2	Community Outpost Grants			
8.3	\$2,000,000 in fiscal year 2023 is to es	tablish		
8.4	and maintain community outpost house	ses as		
8.5	alternatives to juvenile detention.			
8.6	(l) Alternatives to Juvenile Detentio	<u>n -</u>		
8.7	Youth Conflict Resolution Centers C	<u>Grants</u>		
8.8	\$2,800,000 in fiscal year 2023 is to es	tablish		
8.9	and maintain youth conflict resolution	centers		
8.10	as alternatives to juvenile detention.			
8.11 8.12	Sec. 9. PEACE OFFICER STANDA TRAINING (POST) BOARD		165,000 \$	-0-
		<u>\$</u>		
8.13	Sec. 10. PRIVATE DETECTIVE BO	DARD §	<u>80,000</u> <u>\$</u>	<u>18,000</u>
8.14	\$80,000 in fiscal year 2022 is to purch	ase and		
8.15	implement a record management system	m. This		
8.16	is a onetime appropriation and is avail	<u>lable</u>		
8.17	until June 30, 2023.			
8.18	Sec. 11. CORRECTIONS			
8.19 8.20	Subdivision 1. Total Appropriation	<u>\$</u>	1,150,000 \$	22,293,000
		<u> </u>	1,130,000 \$	22,275,000
8.21	Base Adjustment			
8.22	The amounts that may be spent for each	<u>ch</u>		
8.23	purpose are specified in the following			
8.24	subdivisions.			
8.25 8.26	Subd. 2. Incarceration and Prerelease Services		<u>-0-</u>	5,530,000
8.27	(a) Base Adjustment			
8.28	The general fund base for incarceration	n and		
8.29	prerelease services is \$476,413,000 in	fiscal		
8.30	year 2024 and \$476,861,000 in fiscal	<u>year</u>		

<u>2025.</u>

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9.1	\$1,500,000 in fiscal year 2023 is to implement
9.2	a body-worn camera program for uniformed
9.3	correctional security personnel and
9.4	community-based supervision agents. The
9.5	program will be phased in over four years.
9.6	The base appropriation is \$1,000,000 in each
9.7	of fiscal years 2024, 2025, and 2026.
9.8	(c) Family Support Unit
9.9	\$280,000 in fiscal year 2023 is to create a
9.10	family support unit that focuses on family
9.11	support and engagement for incarcerated
9.12	individuals and their families.
9.13	(d) Transportation
9.14	\$250,000 in fiscal year 2023 is to reimburse
9.15	counties as a part of the Interstate Compact
9.16	for Adult Supervision pursuant to Minnesota
9.17	Statutes, section 243.1605. The commissioner
9.18	of corrections shall reimburse counties for the
9.19	purposes under Minnesota Statutes, section
9.20	243.1605, for transportation expenses incurred
9.21	related to the in custody return of probationers
9.22	based on a fee schedule agreed to by the
9.23	Department of Corrections and the Minnesota
9.24	Sheriffs' Association. The required in custody
9.25	return of a probationer as a result of a
9.26	nationwide warrant pursuant to the Interstate
9.27	Compact for Adult Supervision shall be by
9.28	the sheriff of the county in which the
9.29	proceedings are to be held. The appropriation
9.30	is not applicable to transport of individuals
9.31	from pickup locations within 250 miles of the
9.32	county sheriff's office executing the return.
9.33	This rider does not expire.
9.34	(e) Higher Education

10.1	\$2,000,000 in fiscal year 2023 is to contract		
10.2	with Minnesota's institutions of higher		
10.3	education to provide instruction to incarcerated		
10.4	individuals in state correctional facilities and		
10.5	to support partnerships with public and private		
10.6	employers, trades programs, and community		
10.7	colleges in providing employment		
10.8	opportunities for individuals after their term		
10.9	of incarceration. Funding must be used for		
10.10	contracts with institutions of higher education		
10.11	and other training providers, and associated		
10.12	reentry and operational support services		
10.13	provided by the agency.		
10.14	(f) Family Communication and Support		
10.15	Services		
10.16	\$1.500,000 in fined was 2022 in to analyside		
10.16	\$1,500,000 in fiscal year 2023 is to provide		
10.17	communications and related supportive		
10.18	services for incarcerated individuals to connect		
10.19	with family members and other approved		
10.20	support persons or service providers through		
10.21	video visits and phone calls during an		
10.22	individual's incarceration.		
10.23 10.24 10.25	Subd. 3. Community Supervision and Postrelease Services	150,000	4,843,000
10.26	(a) Base Adjustment		
10.27	The general fund base for Community		
10.28	Supervision and Postrelease Services is		
10.29	\$145,383,000 in fiscal year 2024 and		
10.30	\$145,383,000 in fiscal year 2025.		
10.31	(b) Community Corrections Act		
10.32	\$1,570,000 is added to the Community		
10.33	Corrections Act subsidy in fiscal year 2023,		
10.34	under Minnesota Statutes, section 401.14. This		
10.35	appropriation is onetime.		

11.1	(c) County Probation Officer
11.2	Reimbursement
11.3	\$123,000 is added to the county probation
11.4	officer reimbursement program in fiscal year
11.5	2023, as described in Minnesota Statutes,
11.6	section 244.19, subdivision 6. This
11.7	appropriation is onetime.
11.8	(d) Grants
11.9	\$2,000,000 in fiscal year 2023 is to provide
11.10	grants for local governments, Tribes, and other
11.11	community partners to improve availability
11.12	and access to programming for individuals
11.13	under community supervision across the state,
11.14	including community-based treatment and
11.15	rehabilitative services, use of
11.16	community-based revocation units, and other
11.17	innovations in corrections. Of this amount, up
11.18	to 2.5 percent may be used to administer the
11.19	grant program.
11.20	(e) Work Release Program
11.21	\$1,000,000 in fiscal year 2023 is to expand
11.22	the use of the Department of Corrections
11.23	existing work release program to increase the
11.24	availability of educational programming for
11.25	incarcerated individuals who are eligible and
11.26	approved for work release.
11.27	(f) Healing House
11.28	\$150,000 in fiscal year 2022 and \$150,000 in
11.29	fiscal year 2023 are to provide project
11.30	management services in support of the Healing
11.31	House model. The Healing House provides
11.32	support and assistance to Native American
11.33	women who have been victims of trauma. This
11.34	appropriation is onetime.

13.1	management office, including the addition of			
13.2	two project manager full-time-equivalent			
13.3	positions.			
13.4	(e) Indeterminate Sentence Release Board			
13.5	\$40,000 in fiscal year 2023 is to fund the			
13.6	establishment of an Indeterminate Sentence			
13.7	Release Board (ISRB) to review eligible cases			
13.8	and make release decisions for persons serving			
13.9	indeterminate sentences under the authority			
13.10	of the commissioner of corrections. The ISRB			
13.11	must consist of five members, including four			
13.12	persons appointed by the governor from two			
13.13	recommendations of each of the majority and			
13.14	minority leaders of the house of			
13.15	representatives and the senate, and the			
13.16	commissioner of corrections who shall serve			
13.17	as chair.			
13.18 13.19	Sec. 12. OMBUDSPERSON FOR CORRECTIONS	<u>\$</u>	<u>21,000</u> <u>\$</u>	12,000
13.20	ARTIC	CLE 2		
13.21	POLI	CY		
13.22	Section 1. [299A.74] COMMUNITY OUT	POST HOUS	E AND YOUTH C	CONFLICT
13.23	RESOLUTION CENTER GRANT PROGR	RAM.		
13.24	Subdivision 1. Title. This section may be o	cited as the "C	Community Outpos	t Outreach
13.25	and Engagement, and Youth Conflict Resoluti		•	
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13.26	Subd. 2. Definitions. (a) For the purposes	of this section	i, the terms in this	<u>subdivision</u>
13.27	have the meanings given.			
13.28	(b) "Community outpost house" means a lo	ocation in the	jurisdiction served	l by a law
13.29	enforcement agency that is operated by the law	w enforcemen	t agency in a collal	borative
13.30	manner with nonprofit organizations and other	r service prov	iders.	
13.31	(c) "Eligible applicant" means a nonprofit	organization o	or a law enforceme	ent agency
13.32	applying for a grant jointly with at least one no	onprofit orgai	nization.	

14.1	(d) "Youth conflict resolution center" means a location in a jurisdiction that has
14.2	historically experienced a high volume of youth violent criminal behavior that provides
14.3	youth services in a collaborative manner and is operated by a nonprofit organization and
14.4	other service providers.
14.5	Subd. 3. Grant program. The Office of Justice Programs shall administrator a grant
14.6	program to fund eligible applicants to establish and operate community outpost houses or
14.7	youth conflict resolution centers. The purpose of this program is to provide long-term
14.8	stabilization in the relationship of law enforcement and the community and youth and peers
14.9	of the youth by:
14.10	(1) building relationships, awareness, and trust with members of the community;
14.11	(2) uniting members of the community and law enforcement;
14.12	(3) improving the quality of life in the neighborhood;
14.13	(4) reducing crime; and
14.14	(5) providing youth with a place to resolve conflict in a positive manner.
14.15	Subd. 4. Uses of funds. A grant recipient shall operate a community outpost house or
14.16	youth conflict resolution center to:
14.17	(1) connect with residents and be involved in community outreach programs;
14.18	(2) provide government benefit program consultations;
14.19	(3) provide nursing services and coordination with medical services in the community;
14.20	(4) provide emergency medical services;
14.21	(5) offer space for use by community groups;
14.22	(6) hold events with community partners, including public health services, educational
14.23	classes or seminars, and tutoring services for youth; and
14.24	(7) provide youth conflict resolution, suicide awareness and counseling, health and
14.25	wellness, entrepreneurship, leadership, and personal development programming.
14.26	Subd. 5. Community outpost house. A grant recipient shall certify to the commissioner
14.27	that a peace officer stationed at a community outpost house:
14.28	(1) has demonstrated communication and problem-solving skills;
14.29	(2) does not have a history of multiple verified instances of excessive force, pursuit, or
14.30	emergency vehicle operation, or impartial policing and discriminatory conduct; and

15.1	(3) has completed section 626.8469 training in crisis response, conflict management,
15.2	and cultural diversity to understand the sensitivities of the obligations of a position at the
15.3	community outpost house.
15.4	Subd. 6. Report. Beginning on March 1, 2023, and annually thereafter, the commissioner
15.5	shall submit a report to the legislative committees with jurisdiction over public safety
15.6	providing information related to the administration of the grant program, including but not
15.7	limited to the number and names of grant recipients, the impact that community outpost
15.8	houses and youth conflict resolution centers have had on the relationships between law
15.9	enforcement officers and the community, and any changes in the rates of crime in the
15.10	communities in which community outpost houses and youth conflict resolution centers have
15.11	been established under this section.
15.12	Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 299C.063, subdivision 2, is amended to read:
15.13	Subd. 2. Expense reimbursement. The commissioner may reimburse bomb disposal
15.14	units for reasonable expenses incurred:
15.15	(1) to dispose of or neutralize bombs or other similar hazardous explosives for their
15.16	employer-municipality or for another municipality outside the jurisdiction of the
15.17	employer-municipality but within the state. Reimbursement is limited to the extent of
15.18	appropriated funds-:
15.19	(2) utilizing the services of police explosive detection K-9 assets;
15.20	(3) dignitary explosive protection sweeps;
15.21	(4) large state event explosive sweeps; and
15.22	(5) provide for explosive security at large state events.
15.23	Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 299C.063, is amended by adding a subdivision
15.24	to read:
15.25	Subd. 2a. Reimbursement limitations. Reimbursement is limited to the extent of
15.26	appropriated funds.
15.27	Sec. 4. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 326.3382, subdivision 2, is amended to read:
15.28	Subd. 2. Documents accompanying application. (a) Each individual signing the
15.29	application shall submit:

16.1	(1) references, on forms provided by the board, from five persons who have known the
16.2	signer for at least five years, and who are not related by blood or marriage to the signer;
16.3	and
16.4	(2) a recent photograph and a full set of fingerprints for each person signing the
16.5	application. of the signer; and
16.6	(3) a full set of fingerprints and written consent for the individual's fingerprints to be
16.7	submitted to the Bureau of Criminal Apprehension (BCA) and the Federal Bureau of
16.8	Investigation (FBI) to determine whether the individual has a criminal record. The BCA
16.9	shall conduct a state and federal criminal history background check of each prospective
16.10	licensee. The BCA shall determine if the FBI report indicates that the individual was
16.11	convicted of a disqualifying offense and shall notify the board accordingly. The results of
16.12	the state criminal history background check shall be provided to the board to determine if
16.13	the individual is disqualified from holding a license under this chapter.
16.14	(b) If the application is for a private detective license, the individual signing the
16.15	application shall submit a statement under oath by a present or previous employer that the
16.16	applicant for an individual license, the qualified representative for a partnership or corporate
16.17	license, or the Minnesota manager, as appropriate, has been employed as an investigator
16.18	for a minimum of 6,000 hours by any of the following:
16.19	(1) a licensed private detective agency;
16.20	(2) a United States government investigative service;
16.21	(3) a city police department or sheriff's office; or
16.22	(4) an occupation that, the board finds equivalent in scope, responsibility, and training
16.23	to one of the specific occupations listed;
16.24	and has the qualifications established in the rules of the board.
16.25	(c) If the application is for a protective agent license, each person signing the application
16.26	shall submit a statement under oath by a present or previous employer that the applicant for
16.27	an individual license, the qualified representative for a partnership or corporate license, or
16.28	the Minnesota manager has been employed as an investigator or protective agent for a
16.29	minimum of 6,000 hours by any of the following:
16.30	(1) a licensed protective agent or licensed private detective, having gained experience
16.31	in security systems, audits, and supervision;

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(2) a United States government investigative service;

(3) a city police department or sheriff's office; or

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(4) an occupation that the board finds equivalent in scope, responsibility, and training to one of the specific occupations listed;

- and has the qualifications established in the rules of the board.
- 17.5 Sec. 5. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 611A.31, subdivision 2, is amended to read:
- Subd. 2. **Battered woman Domestic abuse victim.** "Battered woman Domestic abuse victim" means a woman person who is being or has been victimized by domestic abuse as defined in section 518B.01, subdivision 2.
- Sec. 6. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 611A.31, is amended by adding a subdivision to read:
 - Subd. 3a. Housing supports. "Housing supports" are those services and supports used to enable victims to secure and maintain transitional and permanent housing placement designed for independent living. Housing supports include but are not limited to providing rental or financial assistance, advocacy, legal services, counseling, child care, financial education, employment skills, health care, or information and referral services to meet these needs. Transitional housing placements may take place in communal living, clustered site, or scattered site programs, or other transitional housing methods. Grants for housing supports may also support housing for sexual assault victims, as defined in section 611A.211, subdivision 4.
- 17.20 Sec. 7. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 611A.32, subdivision 1, is amended to read:
 - Subdivision 1. **Grants awarded.** The commissioner shall award grants to programs which provide emergency shelter services to battered women, housing supports, and support services to battered women and domestic abuse victims and their children. The commissioner shall also award grants for training, technical assistance, and for the development and implementation of education programs to increase public awareness of the causes of battering domestic abuse, the solutions to preventing and ending domestic violence, and the problems faced by battered women and domestic abuse victims. Grants shall be awarded in a manner that ensures that they are equitably distributed to programs serving metropolitan and nonmetropolitan populations. By July 1, 1995, community-based domestic abuse advocacy and support services programs must be established in every judicial assignment district.

Sec. 8. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 611A.32, subdivision 1a, is amended to read:

Subd. 1a. **Program for American Indian Indigenous women.** The commissioner shall establish at least one program under this section to provide emergency shelter services and support services to battered American Indian Indigenous women. The commissioner shall grant continuing operating expenses to the program established under this subdivision in the same manner as operating expenses are granted to programs established under subdivision 1.

- Sec. 9. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 611A.32, subdivision 2, is amended to read:
- Subd. 2. **Applications.** Any public or private nonprofit agency may apply to the commissioner for a grant one or more of the following grants: to provide emergency shelter services to battered women, housing supports, or support services to domestic abuse victims, or both, to battered women and their children. The application shall be submitted in a form approved by the commissioner by rule adopted under chapter 14 and shall include:
- (1) a proposal for the provision of emergency shelter services for battered women, housing supports, and support services for domestic abuse victims, or both, for battered women and their children:
- 18.17 (2) a proposed budget;

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- (3) the agency's overall operating budget, including documentation on the retention of financial reserves and availability of additional funding sources;
 - (4) evidence of an ability to integrate into the proposed program the uniform method of data collection and program evaluation established under section 611A.33;
 - (5) evidence of an ability to represent the interests of battered women and domestic abuse victims and their children to local law enforcement agencies and courts, county welfare agencies, and local boards or departments of health;
 - (6) evidence of an ability to do outreach to unserved and underserved populations and to provide culturally and linguistically appropriate services; and
- 18.27 (7) any other content the commissioner may require by rule adopted under chapter 14, after considering the recommendations of the advisory council.
 - Programs which have been approved for grants in prior years may submit materials which indicate changes in items listed in clauses (1) to (7), in order to qualify for renewal funding. Nothing in this subdivision may be construed to require programs to submit complete applications for each year of renewal funding.

Sec. 10. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 611A.32, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

Subd. 3. **Duties of grantees.** Every public or private nonprofit agency which receives a grant to provide emergency shelter services to battered women and, housing supports, or support services to battered women and domestic abuse victims shall comply with all rules of the commissioner related to the administration of the pilot programs.

Sec. 11. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 611A.345, is amended to read:

611A.345 DIRECTOR RECOMMENDATIONS.

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The commissioner shall consider the domestic abuse program director's recommendations before awarding grants or adopting policies regarding the planning, development, data collection, rulemaking, funding or evaluation of programs and services for battered women and domestic abuse victims funded under section 611A.32. Before taking action on matters related to programs and services for battered women and domestic abuse victims and their children, except day-to-day administrative operations, the commissioner shall notify the domestic abuse program director of the intended action. Notification of grant award decisions shall be given to the domestic abuse program director in time to allow the director to request reconsideration.

Sec. 12. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 611A.35, is amended to read:

611A.35 DOMESTIC ABUSE PROGRAM DIRECTOR.

The commissioner shall appoint a program director. The program director shall administer the funds appropriated for sections 611A.31 to 611A.35 and perform other duties related to battered women's and domestic abuse programs as the commissioner may assign. The program director shall serve at the pleasure of the commissioner in the unclassified service.