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State of Minnesota

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NINETIETH SESSION

H. F. No. 3496

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1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to public safety; providing for a grant to develop protocol and conduct
1.3 training to identify and assist victims of labor trafficking; appropriating money.

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

1.5 Section 1. LABOR TRAFFICKING GRANT.

1.6 (a) \$350,000 in fiscal year 2018 and \$350,000 in fiscal year 2019 are appropriated to
1.7 the commissioner of public safety for the Office of Justice Programs to develop an open
1.8 and competitive grant process to award a grant to a nonprofit organization identifying and
1.9 serving victims of labor trafficking to: (1) develop a statewide model protocol for law
1.10 enforcement, prosecutors, and other persons who in their professional capacity encounter
1.11 labor trafficking to identify and intervene with victims of labor trafficking; (2) conduct
1.12 statewide training for law enforcement and prosecutors including, at a minimum, methods
1.13 under Minnesota Statutes, section 299A.79, subdivision 2; and (3) develop and disseminate
1.14 investigative best practices to identify victims of labor trafficking and traffickers to law
1.15 enforcement, prosecutors, and other persons who in their professional capacity encounter
1.16 labor trafficking. The grant recipient may use the money appropriated in this paragraph to
1.17 partner with other entities to implement clauses (1) to (3).

1.18 (b) By January 15, 2021, the grant recipient shall report to the chairs and ranking minority
1.19 members of the senate and house of representatives committees and divisions with jurisdiction
1.20 over criminal justice policy and funding on the grant process and how the grant money was
1.21 spent and details and results of the implementation of paragraph (a), clauses (1) to (3). This
1.22 appropriation is onetime and is available until spent.

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