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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Public Safety and Civil Justice

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By motion, recalled and re-referred to the Committee on Finance

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to public safety; requiring commissioner of public safety's annual report
1.3 on human trafficking include information on trafficking of American Indian
1.4 women and girls; appropriating money for research on trafficking of American
1.5 Indian women and girls; amending Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 299A.785,
1.6 subdivision 2.

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

1.8 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 299A.785, subdivision 2, is amended to
1.9 read:

1.10 Subd. 2. **Report and annual publication.** (a) By September 1, 2006, the
1.11 commissioner of public safety shall report to the chairs of the senate and house of
1.12 representatives committees and divisions having jurisdiction over criminal justice policy
1.13 and funding a summary of its findings. This report shall include, to the extent possible, the
1.14 information to be collected in subdivision 1 and any other information the commissioner
1.15 finds relevant to the issue of trafficking in Minnesota.

1.16 (b) The commissioner shall gather, compile, and publish annually statistical data
1.17 on the extent and nature of trafficking in Minnesota. This annual publication shall be
1.18 available to the public and include, to the extent possible, the information to be collected
1.19 in subdivision 1 and any other information the commissioner finds relevant to the issue of
1.20 trafficking in Minnesota. In addition, the report must include research and data specific to
1.21 the domestic trafficking of American Indian women and girls in Minnesota.

1.22 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 1, 2008.

1.23 Sec. 2. **APPROPRIATION; REPORT.**

2.1 (a) \$ is appropriated from the general fund for the fiscal year ending June
2.2 30, 2009, to the commissioner of public safety for a grant to a nonprofit organization
2.3 to conduct culturally based research on the sex trafficking of American Indian women
2.4 and girls in Minnesota. The grant recipient must be an established American Indian
2.5 nonprofit organization whose mission is to serve American Indian women and girls and
2.6 their families, with a focus on sexual/gender violence advocacy, building resources, and
2.7 creating policy change and awareness to end sexual violence. In addition, the organization
2.8 must have American Indian women in leadership positions, be governed by a board of
2.9 directors that is a majority of American Indian women, and be an organization currently
2.10 working on the issue of trafficking of American Indian women and girls statewide. The
2.11 organization must have extensive experience in working on violence against American
2.12 Indian women issues, working on reservations in the state of Minnesota, partnering with
2.13 other Native women-led agencies, be based in the Twin Cities metropolitan area but with
2.14 statewide networks, and have experience managing governmental funds.

2.15 (b) By July 1, 2009, the grant recipient shall report to the chairs and ranking minority
2.16 members of the senate and house of representatives committees and divisions having
2.17 jurisdiction over criminal justice policy and funding on the results of the research. In
2.18 addition, the report must include recommendations for action in prevention, education and
2.19 awareness building, intervention, and prosecution of the perpetrators of sex trafficking of
2.20 American Indian women and girls.