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

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 Committee Recommendation and Adoption of Report:

 To Pass and re-referred to the Committee on Finance

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to public safety; establishing the county jail reentry project; appropriating
1.3 money; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 641.

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

1.5 Section 1. **[641.156] COUNTY JAIL REENTRY PROJECTS; GRANTS.**

1.6 Subdivision 1. **Purpose.** The purpose of the reentry project is to promote public
1.7 safety, prevent recidivism, and promote a successful reintegration into the community
1.8 by providing services to individuals confined in jails and county regional jails who are
1.9 identified as having mental illness, traumatic brain injury, chemical dependency, or being
1.10 homeless.

1.11 Subd. 2. **Grants.** (a) The commissioner of corrections, in consultation with the
1.12 commissioner of human services, shall award grants to county boards for two-year reentry
1.13 pilot projects. At a minimum, one project must be located outside the seven-county
1.14 metropolitan area. Projects will target prisoners in jails and county regional jails who have
1.15 a release date and are identified as having:

1.16 (1) a mental illness, as defined in section 245.462, subdivision 20;
1.17 (2) a traumatic brain injury, as defined in section 256B.093, subdivision 4;
1.18 (3) chemical dependency, as defined in section 253B.02, subdivision 2; or
1.19 (4) a history of homelessness, as defined in section 116L.361, subdivision 5.

1.20 (b) The projects shall include a collaboration of county agencies and may provide a
1.21 range of services including, but not limited to, screening and assessment, client-specific
1.22 programming, discharge planning and follow-up assistance, and follow up for at least
1.23 three months after the prisoner has reentered the community.

2.1 Subd. 3. **Applications.** A grant applicant shall prepare and submit to the
2.2 commissioner of corrections a written proposal detailing the plan and strategies on how
2.3 the applicant will implement the program. The application shall include a proposed
2.4 evaluation component of outcome measures including, but not limited to, numbers of
2.5 prisoners served, recidivism, and restoration of public benefits.

2.6 **Sec. 2. APPROPRIATIONS.**

2.7 (a) \$..... for fiscal year 2010 and \$..... for fiscal year 2011 are appropriated from
2.8 the general fund to the commissioner of corrections to administer the grant program
2.9 established in Minnesota Statutes, section 641.156.

2.10 (b) \$..... is appropriated from the general fund to the commissioner of human
2.11 services for the biennium beginning July 1, 2009, to fund discharge planning for offenders
2.12 with serious and persistent mental illness as defined in Minnesota Statutes, section
2.13 245.462, subdivision 20, paragraph (c), who are pending release from correctional
2.14 facilities.