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H. F. No. 723

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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

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to public safety; establishing a grant to African American Youth Access
1.3 and African Immigrant Family Outreach programs; appropriating money.

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

1.5 Section 1. APPROPRIATION.

1.6 Subdivision 1. Department of Public Safety. \$2,000,000 in fiscal year 2022 and
1.7 \$2,000,000 in fiscal year 2023 are appropriated from the general fund to the commissioner
1.8 of public safety for youth and family antiviolenace outreach program grants.

1.9 Subd. 2. African American Youth Access and African Immigrant Family Outreach
1.10 programs grants. (a) Grant funds appropriated for youth and family antiviolenace outreach
1.11 programs may be directed to African American Youth Access and African Immigrant Family
1.12 Outreach programs and may be used to:

1.13 (1) identify behaviors indicating that an individual is vulnerable to committing or being
1.14 the victim of bullying or interfamily, community, or domestic abuse;

1.15 (2) identify and assess factors and influences that make African immigrant and African
1.16 American youth vulnerable to recruitment by violent organizations including but not limited
1.17 to family dysfunction and cultural disengagement;

1.18 (3) develop strategies to reduce and eliminate abusive and bullying behaviors among
1.19 youth and adults within the African immigrant and African American community;

1.20 (4) develop and implement strategies to reduce and eliminate the factors and influences
1.21 that make African immigrant and African American youth vulnerable to recruitment by
1.22 violent organizations;

2.1 (5) develop strategies, programs, and services to educate parents and other family  
2.2 members to recognize and address behaviors indicating that youth are being recruited by  
2.3 violent organizations; and

2.4 (6) develop strategies, programs, and services, in collaboration with public entities and  
2.5 other community and private organizations that provide services to at-risk youth and families,  
2.6 to reduce and eliminate bullying, abusive behavior, and the vulnerability of African immigrant  
2.7 and African American youth to recruitment by violent organizations.

2.8 (b) Prevention strategies, programs, and services may include but are not limited to:

2.9 (1) expressive and receptive communications programs including music, art, theater,  
2.10 dance, and play designed to teach and develop appropriate skills for interfaith family  
2.11 communication;

2.12 (2) development of protective skills and positive coping skills to deal with bullying,  
2.13 domestic abuse and interfaith family violence, and violent confrontations in the community;

2.14 (3) culturally appropriate individual and family counseling focusing on communication  
2.15 and interpersonal relations with the family and the African immigrant and African American  
2.16 community;

2.17 (4) after-school and summer programs for African immigrant and African American  
2.18 youth that are structured and include components offering physical recreation, sports,  
2.19 mentorship, education enrichment, art, music, and social activities that are culturally  
2.20 appropriate;

2.21 (5) individual and family-oriented financial planning and management skill building;

2.22 (6) culturally appropriate individual and family counseling focusing on education and  
2.23 employment counseling; and

2.24 (7) information regarding, and direct links to, entities that provide employment skills  
2.25 training, job search and placement, and employment support activities and services.

2.26 (c) Activities and services supported with funds under this section may be provided in  
2.27 collaboration with other organizations including but not limited to law enforcement, state  
2.28 and local public agencies, interfaith organizations, nonprofit organizations, and African  
2.29 immigrant and African American community organizations and stakeholders.

2.30 (d) African American Youth Access must use one-third of the funds received under this  
2.31 section for programs targeted at communities outside the seven-county metropolitan area.