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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NINETY-THIRD SESSION

H. F. No. 2295

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

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to public safety; establishing a grant for a study and report on pretrial
1.3 release practices; appropriating money.

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

1.5 Section 1. **PRETRIAL RELEASE STUDY AND REPORT; APPROPRIATION.**

1.6 (a) \$500,000 in fiscal year 2024 and \$500,000 in fiscal year 2025 are appropriated from
1.7 the general fund to the commissioner of corrections for a grant to the Minnesota Justice
1.8 Research Center to study and report on pretrial release practices in Minnesota and other
1.9 jurisdictions, including but not limited to the use of bail as a condition of pretrial release.
1.10 The base for this appropriation is \$0 in fiscal year 2026 and beyond.

1.11 (b) The Minnesota Justice Research Center shall review pretrial release practices in
1.12 Minnesota and community perspectives about those practices; conduct a robust survey of
1.13 pretrial release practices in other jurisdictions to identify effective approaches to pretrial
1.14 release that use identified best practices; provide analysis and recommendations describing
1.15 how practices in other jurisdictions could be adopted and implemented in Minnesota,
1.16 including but not limited to analysis addressing how changes would impact public safety,
1.17 treatment of defendants with different financial means, and community perspectives about
1.18 pretrial release; and make recommendations for policy changes for consideration by the
1.19 legislature.

1.20 (c) By February 15, 2024, the Minnesota Justice Research Center must provide a
1.21 preliminary report to the legislative committees and divisions with jurisdiction over public
1.22 safety finance and policy including a summary of the preliminary findings, any legislative
1.23 proposals to improve the ability of the Minnesota Justice Research Center to complete its

- 2.1 work, and any proposals for legislation related to pretrial release. The Minnesota Justice
- 2.2 Research Center shall submit a final report to the legislative committees and divisions with
- 2.3 jurisdiction over public safety finance and policy by February 15, 2025. The final report
- 2.4 shall include a description of the Minnesota Justice Research Center's work, findings, and
- 2.5 any legislative proposals.