This bill appropriates money for various criminal justice initiatives; contains language to transfer certain governmental functions; increases the driver's license reinstatement fee; makes changes related to productive day initiative programs; and establishes the Rush City correctional facility.

**Article I - Appropriations**

1. **Criminal justice appropriations.** Provides that the amounts appropriated are from the general fund or another named fund to the agencies and for the purposes specified for FY 2000 and FY 2001.

2. **Public Safety.** Appropriates $99,000 each year from the Bureau of Criminal Apprehension account in the special revenue fund for grants to local officials for the cooperative investigation of cross-jurisdictional criminal activity.

3. **Crime victim services center.** Requires the director of the crime victim services center and the commissioner of human services, in consultation with affected parties, to report by October 15, 1999, to the Governor, commissioner of finance, and appropriate legislative committee chairs on a complete plan and legislation necessary to implement the transfer of payments to battered women's shelters from the department to the agency effective July 1, 2000. Requires the plan to stay within the funding limitations fiscal year 2001 and to assume funding at the same level for the following biennium.

4. **Corrections.**

   **Subd. 1. Correctional Institutions.** Appropriates $2,537,000 the first year and $2,538,000 the second year for asset preservation and facility repair. Allows the funding to be transferred among programs, as long as it is used for these purposes and allows the commissioner to use other available funding for this purpose, as long as use of this funding is not inconsistent with any other law.

   Allows the commissioner to enter into contracts with private corporations and other
governmental units to house inmates committed to the commissioner's custody.

**Subd. 2. Juvenile services.** Appropriates $395,000 the first year and $395,000 the second year for asset preservation and facility repair. Allows the funding to be transferred among programs, as long as it is used for these purposes and allows the commissioner to use other available funding for this purpose, as long as use of this funding is not inconsistent with any other law. Authorizes the commissioner to place youth committed to the commissioner's custody at MCF-Sauk Centre if bed space is unavailable at MCF-Red Wing.

**Article II - Crime Victims Services Center**

1-3 **Transfer of Responsibilities for providing secure crisis center.** This article delays for one year the transfer from the commissioner or human services to the director of crime victim services the powers, duties, and functions relating to the operation and funding of battered women shelters. Provides that no payments by the general assistance program for residents at shelters shall be made after the effective date of this transfer (June 30, 2000). Repeals the statutory provisions governing payments by the general assistance program, effective July 1, 2000.

**Article III - Public Safety**

1-13 **Office of drug policy and violence prevention.** Transfers the office of drug policy and violence prevention and the community advisory violence prevention council from the department of children, families, and learning to the department of public safety. Makes various technical changes consistent with this transfer, including renumbering the statutes to move them to the public safety chapter, codifying the transfer, and repealing language related to the prior transfer of the program from the department of public safety to the department of children, families, and learning.

Article III also contains the following changes:

section 1 strikes language requiring the office of drug policy and violence prevention to be headed by an assistant commissioner; strikes language requiring at least one professional staff member to be dedicated to the chemical abuse prevention resource council; and provides that the resources of the office shall be used to conduct activities related to crime prevention and enforcement as deemed necessary; and

section 2 expands the commissioner's duties to include taking actions in addition to the enumerated duties to reduce the incidence of crime and allows the commissioner to use this office to support activities and strategies of the criminal gang council and strike force.

**Article IV - Miscellaneous**

1 **Fees, allocation.** Increases the driver's license reinstatement fee surcharge for individuals whose license has been revoked under section 169.121 (DWI) or 169.123 (implied consent) by $16 and provides that this amount ($16) shall be credited to the Bureau of Criminal Apprehension account in the special revenue fund for the purchase of laboratory supplies and equipment.

2 **Productive day initiative programs; correctional facilities; Hennepin, Ramsey, and St. Louis counties.** Removes mandatory requirements on productive day initiative programs and replaces them with permissive language. Requires the counties with productive day initiative programs under this section to report results of their evaluations of the programs each year, instead of the one-time reporting requirement in existing law for a report on July 1, 1996.

3 **Minnesota Correctional Facility - Rush City.** Establishes the Minnesota Correctional Facility - Rush City at Rush City, Minnesota. Provides that persons committed to the commissioner of correction's custody may be placed in the facility and that the general control and management
of the facility shall be under the commissioner of corrections.