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State of Minnesota

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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H. F. No. 3668

1.1 A bill for an act  
1.2 relating to health; establishing an office of gun violence prevention in the  
1.3 Department of Health; requiring a report; appropriating money; proposing coding  
1.4 for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 144.

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

1.6 Section 1. [144.0765] OFFICE OF GUN VIOLENCE PREVENTION.

1.7 Subdivision 1. Establishment. The commissioner of health shall establish and maintain  
1.8 an office dedicated to preventing gun violence.

1.9 Subd. 2. Director; staff. (a) The commissioner must appoint a director who is highly  
1.10 knowledgeable about issues related to gun violence.

1.11 (b) The director may select, appoint, and compensate out of available funds assistants  
1.12 and employees as necessary to discharge the office's responsibilities.

1.13 (c) The director and full-time staff shall be members of the Minnesota State Retirement  
1.14 System.

1.15 Subd. 3. Duties. The office has the following duties:

1.16 (1) coordinate and promote effective efforts to reduce gun violence and related traumas;

1.17 (2) coordinate, promote, and conduct research regarding causes of and evidence-based  
1.18 responses to gun violence;

1.19 (3) collect and report data on the number of gun-related incidents and deaths in Minnesota;

1.20 (4) create public health campaigns on the effects of and reducing gun violence;

1.21 (5) support and provide resources for victims of gun violence;

2.1 (6) build partnerships with local, state, and national experts, agencies, and stakeholders  
2.2 working to reduce gun violence; and

2.3 (7) serve as a resource to the legislature on gun violence prevention legislation.

2.4 Subd. 4. **Collaboration.** The office must coordinate its efforts with the Department of  
2.5 Public Safety, including the Office of Justice Programs.

2.6 Subd. 5. **Grants.** The office may apply for and receive grants from public and private  
2.7 entities for purposes of carrying out the office's duties under this section.

2.8 Subd. 6. **Coordination with other organizations.** In fulfilling its duties, the office may  
2.9 coordinate with stakeholder groups and state agencies that are invested in reducing gun  
2.10 violence.

2.11 Subd. 7. **Annual report.** By February 15 of each year, the office must submit a report  
2.12 to the chairs and ranking minority members of the legislative committees with primary  
2.13 jurisdiction over health and public safety policy and funding detailing the activities of the  
2.14 office for the preceding year.

2.15 Sec. 2. **APPROPRIATION.**

2.16 \$..... in fiscal year 2026 and \$..... in fiscal year 2027 are appropriated from the general  
2.17 fund to the commissioner of health to implement this act.