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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Public Safety and Civil Justice

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to public safety; authorizing the continuation of the domestic fatality
1.3 review team; amending Laws 1999, chapter 216, article 2, section 27,
1.4 subdivisions 1, as amended, 4; repealing Laws 2002, chapter 266, section 1,
1.5 as amended.

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

1.7 Section 1. Laws 1999, chapter 216, article 2, section 27, subdivision 1, as amended by
1.8 Laws 2000, chapter 468, section 29, is amended to read:

1.9 Subdivision 1. ~~Pilot project authorized~~ **Domestic fatality review team; purpose.**
1.10 The fourth judicial district may establish a domestic fatality review team ~~as a 30-month~~
1.11 ~~pilot project~~ to review domestic violence deaths that have occurred in the district. The
1.12 team may review cases in which prosecution has been completed or the prosecutorial
1.13 authority has decided not to pursue the case. The purpose of the review team is to
1.14 assess domestic violence deaths in order to develop recommendations for policies and
1.15 protocols for community prevention and intervention initiatives to reduce and eliminate
1.16 the incidence of domestic violence and resulting fatalities.

1.17 Sec. 2. Laws 1999, chapter 216, article 2, section 27, subdivision 4, is amended to read:

1.18 Subd. 4. **Evaluation and report.** (a) The domestic fatality review team shall
1.19 develop a system for evaluating the effectiveness of its program and shall focus on
1.20 identifiable goals and outcomes. An evaluation must include data components as well as
1.21 input from individuals involved in the review process.

1.22 (b) ~~The domestic fatality review team shall issue two annual reports to the legislature~~
1.23 ~~during the pilot project; one on or before December 31, 2000, and one on or before~~
1.24 ~~December 31, 2001. The reports must consist of the written aggregate recommendations~~

2.1 ~~of the domestic fatality review team without reference to specific cases. The December~~
2.2 ~~31, 2001, report must include recommendations for legislation. The reports must be~~
2.3 ~~available upon request and distributed to the governor, attorney general, supreme court,~~
2.4 ~~county board, and district court.~~

2.5 Sec. 3. **REPEALER.**

2.6 Laws 2002, chapter 266, section 1, as amended by Laws 2004, chapter 290, section
2.7 38, and Laws 2006, chapter 260, article 5, section 53, is repealed.