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

1.1 A bill for an act  
1.2 relating to public safety; crime prevention; appropriating money to the  
1.3 commissioner of public safety to fund a grant to the St. Paul Police Department's  
1.4 Special Investigation Unit's Asian Gang Task Force.

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

1.6 Section 1. **GRANT.**

1.7 The commissioner of public safety shall issue a grant to the city of St. Paul Police  
1.8 Department's Special Investigation Unit's Asian Gang Task Force. The commander of St.  
1.9 Paul's special investigation unit must use the grant to combat the prostitution of women by  
1.10 Asian gangs. The commander may use the grant to:

- 1.11 (1) supplement salaries for undercover officers;
- 1.12 (2) purchase narcotics through drug stings;
- 1.13 (3) pay informants; and
- 1.14 (4) educate peace officers in other Minnesota jurisdictions on the issue of Asian  
1.15 gang prostitution.

1.16 Sec. 2. **REPORT.**

1.17 The commissioner, in consultation with the commander of the St. Paul Police  
1.18 Department's special investigation unit, must prepare a report that details how the grant  
1.19 was allocated, the specific activities that were funded, and the amount spent on each  
1.20 activity. The report must contain an assessment of the impact the grant had on Asian gang  
1.21 prostitution. By December 1, 2008, the commissioner must submit the report to the chairs  
1.22 and ranking minority members of the house and senate committees having jurisdiction  
1.23 over criminal justice policy.

2.1       Sec. 3. **APPROPRIATION.**

2.2               \$500,000 is appropriated from the general fund to the commissioner of public safety  
2.3 to fund the grant provided for in section 1, to be available for the biennium ending June  
2.4 30, 2009.