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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NINETY-FOURTH SESSION

H. F. No. 1516

02/26/2025 Authored by Clardy, Hussein and Rehrauer The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Veterans and Military Affairs Division

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to veterans; appropriating money to the commissioner of veterans affairs
1.3 for a grant to an organization to establish a Black veterans support program.

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

1.5 Section 1. BLACK VETERANS SUPPORT PROGRAM.

1.6 The commissioner of veterans affairs must award a grant to an organization to develop,
1.7 operate, and administer a comprehensive support program for Black veterans in Minnesota.
1.8 The support program must provide Black veterans assistance with mental health services
1.9 and mental health case management, job training, seeking employment opportunities,
1.10 accessing health care, achieving homeownership through financial literacy programming,
1.11 and loans.

1.12 Sec. 2. APPROPRIATION.

1.13 \$5,000,000 in fiscal year 2026 is appropriated from the general fund to the commissioner
1.14 of veterans affairs for a grant to an organization to develop, operate, and administer a Black
1.15 veterans support program. Of the amount appropriated, \$1,500,000 is for mental health
1.16 services and mental health case management; \$1,000,000 is for job-training and
1.17 employment-seeking programming; \$700,000 is for homeownership assistance; \$500,000
1.18 is for educational support; and \$1,000,000 is for administration and outreach. This is a
1.19 onetime appropriation.