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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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H. F. No. 1511

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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 veteran mentorship program for Black youth.

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

1.5 Section 1. VETERAN MENTORSHIP PROGRAM FOR BLACK YOUTH.

1.6 The commissioner of veterans affairs must award a grant to an organization to develop,
1.7 operate, and administer a veteran mentorship program to prevent youth violence through
1.8 employing veterans who will mentor Black youth and assisting Black youth in exploring
1.9 career opportunities in the armed forces.

1.10 Sec. 2. APPROPRIATION.

1.11 \$5,000,000 in fiscal year 2026 is appropriated from the general fund to the commissioner
1.12 of veterans affairs for grants to an organization that will develop, operate, and administer
1.13 a veteran mentorship program for Black youth. Of the amount appropriated, \$1,000,000 is
1.14 for expenses for youth engagement activities, \$1,500,000 is for salaries for employing
1.15 veterans to mentor youth through the program, \$2,000,000 is for community outreach and
1.16 education for Black youth, and \$500,000 is to administer and operate the program. This is
1.17 a onetime appropriation.