



MINNESOTA POLICE AND PEACE OFFICERS ASSOCIATION

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To: Representative John Huot

RE: Support of HF2465 (Huot), that would establish an Intensive Comprehensive Peace Officer Education and Training Program for College Degree Holders

The Minnesota Police and Peace Officers Association (MPPOA) is the largest association representing public safety professionals in the State of Minnesota. We represent Minnesota's 10,000+ public safety officials who hold active law enforcement licenses.

MPPOA supports HF2465, legislation that would establish an Intensive Comprehensive Peace Officer Education and Training Program for college degree holders.

The bill would develop an intensive comprehensive law enforcement education and skills training curriculum that would provide eligible peace officer candidates with the law enforcement education and skills training needed to be licensed as a peace officer. The curriculum would be designed to be completed in eight months or less. Candidates would be paid while being trained as a peace officer.

The bill allows reimbursements to law enforcement agencies for retention bonuses and grants for costs of educating, training, paying and insuring eligible candidates until the individual is licensed as a peace officer. A candidate would also be eligible for student loan reimbursement. Finally, it permits retired police officers and their dependents to participate in the state insurance program until age 65.

HF2465 would enhance the recruitment and retention of public safety professionals and we strongly support the bill.

Sincerely,

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Executive Director
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