

Subject Peace officer recruitment, education, and training

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Overview

This bill allows certain retired peace officers to participate in the state insurance program. The bill also creates an intensive, comprehensive peace officer education and training program that provides free law enforcement education and training to current qualified college degree holders.

Summary

Section	Description
1	Definitions. Adds a definition of “retired peace officer” to the statutes governing eligibility for the state insurance program.
2	Public employee participation. Exempts retired peace officers who elect to participate in the state insurance program from certain restrictions that apply to other participants.
3	Retired peace officers. Authorizes retired peace officers to elect to participate in the state insurance program until they reach the age of 65.
4	Intensive comprehensive peace officer education and training program. Subd. 1. Establishment; title. Establishes the intensive comprehensive peace officer education and training program in the Department of Public Safety. Subd. 2. Purpose. Sets forth the program’s purpose – recruiting and training highly qualified college graduates to become peace officers. Subd. 3. Eligibility for reimbursement; grant cap. Establishes eligibility criteria for chief law enforcement officers (CLEOs) to apply for a maximum reimbursement grant of \$50,000 per participant.

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Subd. 4. Eligibility for retention bonus reimbursement grant. Authorizes CLEOs to seek reimbursement of up to \$10,000 per officer for retention bonuses awarded to graduates of this program who serve at least two years as a peace officer.

Subd. 5. Eligibility for student loan reimbursement. Authorizes peace officers who complete the program to seek college student loan reimbursement after serving a to-be-determined number of years as a peace officer.

Subd. 6. Forms. Requires the commissioner to provide the necessary grant application forms.

Subd. 7. Intensive education and skills program. Directs the commissioner of public safety to develop an intensive comprehensive law enforcement education and skills training program to educate and train program participants.

Subd. 8. Education providers; sites. Directs MnState to designate at least two regionally diverse campuses to host the program. Authorizes private, nonprofit, accredited schools to provide the education and training that participants are required to complete.

Subd. 9. Account established. Establishes an intensive comprehensive peace officer education and training program account in the special revenue fund.

Subd. 10. Definitions. Defines terms used in this section.

5 **Appropriations; intensive comprehensive peace officer education and training program.**

Subd. 1. Commissioner of public safety; program creation and administration. Appropriates an unspecified sum to the commissioner to administer the intensive comprehensive peace officer education and training program.

Subd. 1. Public safety; outreach. Appropriates an unspecified sum to the commissioner to conduct outreach to recruit participants in the intensive comprehensive peace officer education and training program.



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