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### Overview

This bill establishes the Public Safety Innovation Board, provides for grants to community organizations, provides for grants to law enforcement agencies, and establishes policies related to the oversight of peace officers and law enforcement agencies.

## Article 1: Community Safety Grants

This article establishes the Public Safety Innovation Board and provides for grants to community organizations and local government entities.

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#### 1 Public Safety Innovation Board.

**Subd. 1. Establishment.** Establishes the Public Safety Innovation Board within the Office of Justice Programs in the Department of Public Safety.

**Subd. 2. Membership.** Establishes the membership for the board, including three academics, five individuals appointed by the governor, four members appointed by the community-specific boards, and three members representing law enforcement. Directs the members to elect a chair.

**Subd. 3. Terms; removal; vacancy.** Provides that members serve three-year terms following an initial staggered-term determination. Provides that compensation is governed by section 15.0575.

**Subd. 4. Powers and duties.** Establishes the powers and duties of the board including monitoring trends and research on crime and awarding grants.

**Subd. 5. Meetings.** Requires the board to meet at least monthly and provides that meetings are subject to the open meeting requirements in chapter 13D.

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**Subd. 6. Report.** Requires the board to submit a report on its work and administration of the grants under its authority, including any grants related to portable recording systems.

**2 Office of Justice Programs; expansion; appropriation.**

Appropriates \$4,825,000 in fiscal years 2024 and 2025 to increase the staffing in the Office of Justice Programs, simplify grant procedures, and expand the pool of grant applicants. Requires that the money be used to hire at least eight additional staff members to provide training and technical assistance to grantees, 12 additional community outreach specialists, grant capacity trainers, increase funding of the Minnesota Statistical Analysis Center, and hire additional grant compliance and financial compliance staff.

**3 Public Safety Innovation Board; appropriation.**

Appropriates an unspecified amount in fiscal year 2024 to the commissioner of public safety to establish and maintain the Public Safety Innovation Board.

## **Article 2: Law Enforcement Grants**

The article establishes grants and related policy for law enforcement purposes.

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**1 Data classification; court-authorized disclosure.**

Establishes timelines for law enforcement agencies to disclose body camera recordings of incidents involving the use of deadly force that result in death to (1) the decedent's family and legal representatives, and (2) the public. Requires law enforcement agencies to release all recordings of incidents where an officer discharges a firearm.

**2 Body camera data storage program; body camera grant program; appropriation.**

Appropriates \$6,016,000 in fiscal year 2024 for the commissioner of public safety to administer a statewide cloud-based body camera data storage program. Establishes a base appropriation of \$6,036,000 in fiscal year 2025 and \$6,057,000 in fiscal year 2026. Permits local law enforcement agencies to use the system to store data, but requires those agencies to agree to abide by certain restrictions on the use of portable recording systems and retention of data. Appropriates \$9,000,000 in fiscal year 2024 to provide grants to local law enforcement agencies for the purchase and maintenance of portable recording systems. Establishes prioritization for grant

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recipients. Grant recipients must agree to abide by certain restrictions on the use of the devices and retention of data.

## **Article 3: Law Enforcement Grants and Policy**

This article contains provisions related to law enforcement grants and policy.

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- 1 Board of Peace Officer Standards and Training; receipt of complaint.**  
Permits, rather than requires, POST to order a law enforcement agency to conduct an inquiry into a written statement or complaint that alleges a violation of a statute or rule that the board is empowered to enforce.
- 2 Rules governing certain misconduct.**  
Directs POST to adopt rules under chapter 14 that permit POST to take action on a licensee for a violation of a standard of conduct whether or not criminal charges have been filed and in accordance with the standards and processes for boards under chapter 214.
- 3 Written policies and procedures required.**  
Adds additional requirements that must be included in body camera policies adopted by law enforcement agencies that have officers who use portable recording systems (a.k.a. body cameras).
- 4 Civilian review.**  
Authorizes local units of government to establish civilian oversight councils and grant an oversight council the authority to make findings of fact and impose discipline on officers.
- 5 Peace officer training assistance Philando Castile memorial training fund.**  
Amends the appropriation of \$6,000,000 to reimburse peace officer training expenses that passed in the 2021 First Special Session to limit the use of the appropriation to training courses that qualify for reimbursement under sections 626.8469 (training in crisis response, conflict management, and cultural diversity), 626.8452 (use of force), and 626.8474 (autism training).

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- 6 Peace Officer Standards and Training Board investigators; appropriation.**  
Appropriates \$1,450,000 in fiscal year 2024 and \$1,203,000 in fiscal year 2025 to the POST Board for investigators and additional staff to perform compliance reviews and investigate alleged code of conduct violations.



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