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Overview

This bill modifies reimbursement for training costs under a motorcycle safety education program, to require the Department of Public Safety to provide partial reimbursement to all motorcycle training schools and approved organizations, to the extent that funds are available. The bill also eliminates the Minnesota Department of Education from responsibilities in implementing the program.

The motorcycle safety education program was first established by the 1982 Legislature. The program's creation was coupled with an increase in the driver's license fee for persons getting a two-wheeled vehicle endorsement. Funds from a portion of the endorsement fee are appropriated under the program (with certain restrictions) for: administrative costs, motorcycle safety instructor training, motorcycle safety public information, and partial reimbursement of the costs of safety training classes.

- Motorcycle Safety Education Program. Requires the commissioner of public safety to make grants, as funds are available, from the motorcycle safety fund to all training schools and approved organizations in order to reimburse up to 50 percent of the actual cost of providing approved motorcycle safety education courses. Removes the Minnesota Department of Education from duties to give reimbursements through funds optionally provided from the Department of Public Safety under the program.
- **Revisor's instruction.** Makes a technical change, to direct the Revisor of Statutes to recodify the statutory section on the motorcycle safety education program, to locate it in the chapter of statutes on driver's licenses and driver training.