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Overview

This bill modifies funding for the Peace Officer Standards and Training (POST) Board. Allows for the collection of data on racial composition of peace officer licensees and applicants. Adds new requirements for in-service training for peace officers in crisis intervention and mental illness crises, conflict management and mediation, and recognizing and valuing community diversity. Appropriates funds for training reimbursement for peace officer training and compensation and training of pathway to policing participants.

Section

- 1 **Reinstatement fee.** Redirects fees for reinstated drivers licenses from the special revenue fund established for peace officer training reimbursement to the general fund.
- 2 **Disbursement of surcharges by commissioner of management and budget.** Directs an unspecified amount of the criminal surcharge proceeds to the peace officer training account to fund the operations of the POST Board. Directs the remaining receipts to the general fund.
- 3 **Employer, employment agency, or labor organization.** Authorizes the collection of information to determine the aggregate racial composition of peace officer licensees and license applicants.
- 4 **Grounds for revocation, suspension, or denial.** Authorizes the POST board to refuse to issue, renew, or reinstate; suspend; or revoke the eligibility for licensure based on a failure to provide information in response to a request made pursuant to section 5.

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- 5 Powers and duties.** Empowers the POST board to collect information necessary to determine the aggregate racial composition of peace officer licensees and license applicants.
- 6 Training in crisis response, conflict management, and cultural diversity**
- Subd. 1. In-service training required.** Beginning July 1, 2018, requires 16 continuing education credits to be completed within an officer's three-year licensing cycle that cover crisis intervention and mental illness crisis, conflict management and mediation, and recognizing and valuing community diversity and cultural awareness. Officers with a renewal date after June 30, 2018, will be required to complete this training in their next full three-year cycle.
- Subd. 2. Record keeping required.** The head of local and state law enforcement agencies shall maintain records of compliance with subdivision 1.
- Subd. 3. Licensing sanctions; injunctive relief.** Allows the board to impose licensing sanctions and seek injunctive relief for failure to comply with this section.
- 7 Peace officer training reimbursement grants.** Appropriates \$10,000,000 each year to the POST Board for peace officer training reimbursement.
- 8 Pathway to policing reimbursement grants.** Appropriates \$1,000,000 each year to the commissioner of public safety to be used for proportionally allocated grants to law enforcement agencies for reimbursement of up to 50 percent of the cost of compensation and training of pathway to policing participants.