

Subject Deputy registrar aid
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Overview

This bill provides \$10 million from the general fund for reimbursement aid to deputy registrars, specifying a formula to distribute the aid and establishing related conditions.

Summary

Section	Description
1	<p>Deputy registrar reimbursements. Establishes formula-based conditional aid to deputy registrars. Effective the day after enactment.</p> <p>Subd. 1. Appropriation. Appropriates \$10 million from the general fund in fiscal year 2019 to the Department of Management and Budget for aid to deputy registrars. Requires the aid to be available by June 30, 2019.</p> <p>Subd. 2. Eligibility. Prevents offices operated by the state from being eligible for the aid.</p> <p>Subd. 3. Aid distribution. Creates a formula for aid distribution and specifies calculation methods. The formula is largely based on proportional shares of transactions handled by the deputy registrars, measured based on instances of filing fees collected:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">10 percent of the aid is distributed equally across the office locations.45 percent of the aid is distributed based on each deputy registrar's proportional share of transactions over most of fiscal year 2018 and part of fiscal year 2019.45 percent of the aid is distributed based on each deputy registrar's proportional share of transactions over fiscal years 2015-2017. An average share is used for deputy registrars that have not been in operation over that entire time period. <p>Subd. 4. Documentation. Requires one or more deputy registrar associations to submit evidence that the deputy registrars have experienced increased costs and</p>

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	<p>foregone revenue from MNLARS deployment. Prevents aid distribution until the documentation is submitted.</p> <p>Subd. 5. Conditions. Requires a deputy registrar who receives aid to either stay open for at least one year or return the aid.</p> <p>Subd. 6. Settlement and release from liability. Paragraph (a) establishes that distribution of the aid does not constitute a state admission of liability and is not admissible in a legal action to establish liability.</p> <p>Paragraph (b) requires a deputy registrar to agree to release the state from liability related to MNLARS in order to receive the aid.</p> <p>Subd. 7. Use of funds. Limits the source of funds expended by the Department of Public Safety on a civil action involving the aid conditions or liability release (in subdivisions 5 and 6), so that funds must come from appropriations for the commissioner’s office and cannot come from the trunk highway fund.</p>



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