

**Subject** Higher education: grants for students pursuing law enforcement degrees

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### Overview

This bill creates a new last-dollar grant program to fund any remaining tuition and fee costs for students in an associate degree program or nondegree program qualifying them for licensure as a peace officer.

### Summary

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1	<b>Tuition relief grant program for students pursuing a degree in law enforcement.</b>
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**Subd. 1. Establishment.** Establishes the program within the Office of Higher Education (OHE).

**Subd. 2. Eligibility.** Sets eligibility criteria for the grants. Among other factors, an award may only be given to a Minnesota resident enrolled in an associate degree program or nondegree program approved by the Minnesota Peace Officer Standards and Training (POST) Board.

**Subd. 3. Application.** Requires students to apply through a process to be established by OHE.

**Subd. 4. Grant amount and duration.** Grants are awarded annually. A grant award amount shall equal a student's actual tuition and fees, minus any Pell Grant, state grant, and other grants and scholarships awarded to the student. A grant may be awarded for no more than four semesters over not more than three years.

**Subd. 5. Penalty.** Requires grant awards to be repaid by the student if the student fails to complete a law enforcement degree or nondegree program, or if the student does not become a Minnesota peace officer. This requirement may be waived by OHE for emergency circumstances.

**Subd. 6. Expiration.** Expires this program on June 30, 2031.

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2	<b>Appropriation.</b> Appropriates \$960,000 in FY24 and \$954,000 in FY25 for the program. Sets a base of \$923,000 in FY26 until the program expires.



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