MN HOUSE RESEARCH

Subject	Higher Education: Law enforcement grants
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Overview

This bill establishes a new, last-dollar, full tuition and fee grant program for Minnesota law enforcement officers and their dependents attending public colleges and universities in Minnesota.

Summary

Section	Description
1	**Law enforcement grants.**

Establishes and sets forth requirements and parameters for the new grant program.

Subd. 1. Establishment. Establishes the program within the Office of Higher Education (OHE).

Subd. 2. Definitions. Defines key terms for the program.

Subd. 3. Eligibility. Sets eligibility criteria for awards. Limits awards to students at public postsecondary institutions who have not already obtained a baccalaureate degree. Requires a recipient to be either: (1) a peace officer employed by a Minnesota law enforcement agency; (2) the dependent child of such an officer; or (3) the dependent child of a former such officer who suffered a total and permanent duty disability. A student who qualifies as a peace officer must be enrolled in a baccalaureate degree related to law enforcement.

Subd. 4. Award amount. Provides for a last-dollar, full tuition and fee award. Allows OHE to reduce awards if the program's appropriation is insufficient.

Subd. 5. Duration of grant. Extends eligibility for grants in certain circumstances.

Subd. 6. Administration. Requires OHE to verify applicants' eligibility and promote the program in conjunction with the Board of Peace Officer Standards and Training.

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2	**Appropriation.**

Appropriates a to-be-determined ongoing amount to OHE for the new grant program in section 1.