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State of Minnesota

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NINETY-THIRD SESSION

H. F. No. 4681

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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Public Safety Finance and Policy

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to public safety; requiring peace officer training on issues relating to child
1.3 protection; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 626.

1.4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

1.5 Section 1. 626.8479 CHILD PROTECTION TRAINING.

1.6 Subdivision 1. Learning objectives. By January 1, 2025, the board must create learning
1.7 objectives for preservice and in-service training to educate and prepare peace officers in
1.8 the area of child protection. The objectives must address the applicable laws and policies
1.9 governing a peace officer's role in child protection matters and practical issues that officers
1.10 are likely to encounter in the field. The learning objectives must be updated as the board
1.11 considers appropriate.

1.12 Subd. 2. Preservice training required. (a) The learning objectives developed pursuant
1.13 to subdivision 1 must be included in the required curriculum of professional peace officer
1.14 educational programs.

1.15 (b) A person is not eligible to take the peace officer licensing examination after July 1,
1.16 2026, unless the individual has received the training described in paragraph (a).

1.17 Subd. 3. In-service training required. Beginning July 1, 2025, the chief law enforcement
1.18 officer of every state and local law enforcement agency shall provide in-service child
1.19 protection training to every peace officer and part-time peace officer employed by the
1.20 agency. The training must comply with the learning objectives developed and approved by
1.21 the board and must meet board requirements for board-approved continuing education credit.
1.22 The training must consist of at least six continuing education credits of the credits required

2.1 under section 626.8469 within an officer's three-year licensing cycle. Each peace officer
2.2 with a license renewal date after June 30, 2025, is not required to complete this training
2.3 until the officer's next full three-year licensing cycle.

2.4 Subd. 4. **Record keeping required.** The head of every state and local law enforcement
2.5 agency shall maintain written records of the agency's compliance with the requirements of
2.6 subdivision 3. The documentation is subject to periodic review by the board, and must be
2.7 made available to the board at its request.

2.8 Subd. 5. **Licensing sanctions; injunctive relief.** The board may impose licensing
2.9 sanctions and seek injunctive relief under section 214.11 for failure to comply with the
2.10 requirements of this section.