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1.1A bill for an act

1.2relating to public safety; appropriating money to provide reimbursements to state

1.3and local law enforcement agencies that have paid incentive bonuses to encourage

1.4individuals to become peace officers; requiring a report; proposing coding for new

1.5law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 299A.

1.6BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

1.7Section 1. [299A.625] REIMBURSEMENT GRANTS TO LAW ENFORCEMENT

1.8AGENCIES FOR NEW PEACE OFFICER HIRING BONUSES.

1.9Subdivision 1. Grants authorized. The commissioner of public safety may make

1.10reimbursement grants as provided in this section to local law enforcement agencies that

1.11have paid recruitment bonuses to newly hired peace officers. Agencies may apply for grants

1.12on forms prescribed and as directed by the commissioner. The maximum amount of a grant

1.13is \$10,000 per officer hired. An agency may apply for multiple grants to cover multiple

1.14eligible bonuses. Grants are awarded at the discretion of the commissioner and are limited

1.15to the amount appropriated for this purpose.

1.16Subd. 2. Grant eligibility. Law enforcement agencies may offer recruitment bonuses

1.17to provide incentives to individuals to become peace officers with the agency. A

1.18reimbursement grant under this section may be made only if the peace officer was hired

1.19after having received notice of the availability of a recruitment bonus and only after the

1.20agency has paid the bonus. An officer is eligible for a bonus upon reaching the officer's one

1.21year anniversary of starting employment at the agency and only if the officer is a member

1.22in good standing with the agency. A grant may be awarded only for a bonus paid to a newly

1.23licensed peace officer hire. Grants may not reimburse bonuses paid to officers moving

1.24laterally from other jurisdictions within the state. If the demand for grants exceeds the

2.1 amount appropriated, the commissioner shall award grants in a manner that ensures that
2.2 grants are distributed to agencies in a geographically balanced manner and also in a balanced
2.3 manner in terms of the size of the law enforcement agencies receiving grants.

2.4 Subd. 3. **Report required.** By January 15 of each year, the commissioner shall report
2.5 to the chairs and ranking minority members of the legislative committees having jurisdiction
2.6 over criminal justice policy and funding on the grant program. At a minimum, the report
2.7 must provide detailed information on the grants awarded under this section, including the
2.8 amount of each grant and the recipient agency, and the number of new hires made in whole
2.9 or in part because of the grants.

2.10 Sec. 2. **APPROPRIATION.**

2.11 \$15,000,000 is appropriated from the general fund for the fiscal year ending June 30,
2.12 2023, to the commissioner of public safety for the grant program described in section 1. This
2.13 is a onetime appropriation and is available until expended.