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**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

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**H. F. No. 699**

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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Government Operations

03/18/2013 Adoption of Report: Pass and re-referred to the Committee on State Government Finance and Veterans Affairs

1.1 A bill for an act  
1.2 relating to military officers; providing for reimbursement grants to local units  
1.3 of government for public safety personnel on authorized leave; amending  
1.4 Minnesota Statutes 2012, sections 190.16, by adding a subdivision; 192.26, by  
1.5 adding a subdivision.

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

1.7 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2012, section 190.16, is amended by adding a  
1.8 subdivision to read:

1.9 Subd. 6b. **Reimbursement grants.** The adjutant general shall administer a  
1.10 reimbursement grant program under section 192.26, subdivision 3, and pay grants to local  
1.11 units of government to reimburse them for additional costs to replace the services of  
1.12 employees on authorized leave under section 192.26, subdivision 1.

1.13 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2012, section 192.26, is amended by adding a subdivision  
1.14 to read:

1.15 Subd. 3. **State reimbursement for costs of authorized leave.** (a) For purposes of  
1.16 this subdivision, the terms in this paragraph have the meanings given them.

1.17 (1) "Public safety employees" means peace officers, firefighters, and ambulance  
1.18 service personnel, as defined in section 144E.001, subdivision 3a, that are full-time  
1.19 employees of a local unit of government.

1.20 (2) "Local unit of government" means a county or home rule charter or statutory city.

1.21 (3) "Replacement costs" means the wages or salaries and benefit costs incurred by  
1.22 the local unit of government to replace the services of employees on authorized leave  
1.23 under this section. Replacement costs include the costs of (i) full-time employees hired to  
1.24 perform those services, including wages on salaries, federal and state employer payments,

2.1 and benefits, and (ii) any additional costs, such as overtime pay, paid to permanent  
2.2 full-time employees who provide services in addition to their ordinary duties to replace  
2.3 the services of an employee on authorized leave.

2.4 (4) "Full-time employees" means employees who are considered full time under the  
2.5 personnel provisions of the local unit of government, but who are scheduled to work at  
2.6 least 35 hours per week.

2.7 (b) The adjutant general shall make grants to local units of government to reimburse  
2.8 them for the replacement costs of providing the services performed by public safety  
2.9 employees on authorized leave under this section.

2.10 (c) To be eligible for state reimbursement of the amount of replacement costs paid  
2.11 for the preceding calendar year as determined under this subdivision, the governmental  
2.12 subdivision shall apply to the adjutant general by March 15. By July 15, the adjutant  
2.13 general shall pay the reimbursement grants to the local units of government.

2.14 (d) The adjutant general shall prescribe the form and supporting information that  
2.15 must be supplied by the local unit of government as part of the application for state  
2.16 reimbursement.

2.17 (e) An appropriation by law from the general fund to the adjutant general must be  
2.18 used to pay the grants. If the appropriation is insufficient to pay the entire sum of all of the  
2.19 grants, the adjutant general shall reduce each grant proportionally so that the sum of the  
2.20 grants equals the available appropriation.

2.21 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective for replacement costs incurred by  
2.22 local units of government in calendar year 2013 and calendar years thereafter.