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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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H. F. No. **900**

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

1.1 A bill for an act  
1.2 relating to public safety; establishing training for peace officers in de-escalation  
1.3 techniques; appropriating money; amending Minnesota Statutes 2014, section  
1.4 626.8452, subdivision 2.

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

1.6 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 626.8452, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

1.7 Subd. 2. **Deadly force and firearms use; initial instruction.** Beginning January 1,  
1.8 1992, the head of every local and state law enforcement agency shall provide instruction  
1.9 on the use of force, deadly force, ~~and the use of firearms,~~ and the use of crisis de-escalation  
1.10 techniques to avoid the use of deadly force to every peace officer and part-time peace  
1.11 officer newly appointed by or beginning employment with the agency. This instruction  
1.12 must occur before the agency head issues a firearm to the officer or otherwise authorizes  
1.13 the officer to carry a firearm in the course of employment. The instruction must be based  
1.14 on the agency's written policy required in subdivision 1 and on the instructional materials  
1.15 required by the board for peace officer and part-time peace officer licensure.

1.16 Sec. 2. **APPROPRIATION; DE-ESCALATION TRAINING.**

1.17 \$..... in fiscal year 2016 is appropriated from the general fund to the commissioner  
1.18 of public safety to be spent for training peace officers in the use of crisis de-escalation  
1.19 techniques. The commissioner must consult with the director of the Peace Officers  
1.20 Training and Standards Board, and may consult with any other state or local governmental  
1.21 official or nongovernmental authority the commissioner determines to be relevant, to  
1.22 include postsecondary institutions, when selecting a service provider for this training.  
1.23 Among any other criteria the commissioner may establish for the selection, the training

- 2.1 provider must have a demonstrated understanding of policing in culturally and racially  
2.2 diverse communities. The commissioner must ensure that training opportunities provided  
2.3 are reasonably distributed statewide.