

SENATE
STATE OF MINNESOTA
NINETY-FOURTH SESSION

S.F. No. 2126

(SENATE AUTHORS: SEEBERGER, Duckworth and Gustafson)

DATE	D-PG	OFFICIAL STATUS
03/03/2025	620	Introduction and first reading Referred to Judiciary and Public Safety

1.1

A bill for an act

1.2

relating to public safety; establishing Law Enforcement Appreciation Day;

1.3

providing law enforcement explorer program in schools; providing funding for

1.4

peace officer training; providing funding for pathway to policing reimbursement

1.5

grants; appropriating money; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes,

1.6

chapters 10; 120B.

1.7

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

1.8

Section 1. [10.586] LAW ENFORCEMENT APPRECIATION DAY.

1.9

January 9 is designated Law Enforcement Appreciation Day in the state in recognition

1.10

of the extraordinary service and sacrifice of the men and women in law enforcement who

1.11

keep our communities safe, enforce the rule of law, and respond in times of crisis. Each

1.12

year, the governor shall issue a proclamation honoring this observance.

1.13

Sec. 2. [120B.239] LAW ENFORCEMENT EXPLORER PROGRAMS.

1.14

Subdivision 1. **Programs; establishment.** Each school board is encouraged to partner

1.15

with a law enforcement agency to offer a law enforcement explorer program at public middle

1.16

schools and high schools in the state to educate students about law enforcement careers and

1.17

the criminal justice system.

1.18

Subd. 2. **Curriculum.** A law enforcement explorer program may be integrated into

1.19

existing curriculum, offered as an elective course, or offered as an after-school program.

1.20

Subd. 3. **Credit.** If a school district or charter school offers a law enforcement explorer

1.21

program as an elective course, a student enrolled in the elective course shall receive middle

1.22

school or high school course credit for successful completion of the course.

2.1 Sec. 3. **PEACE OFFICER TRAINING ASSISTANCE; APPROPRIATION.**

2.2 \$6,000,000 in fiscal year 2026 and \$6,000,000 in fiscal year 2027 are appropriated from
2.3 the general fund to the Peace Officer Standards and Training Board to support and strengthen
2.4 law enforcement training and implement best practices. The funds may only be used to
2.5 reimburse law enforcement agencies for board-approved law enforcement training courses
2.6 that provide peace officers with statutory-mandated training.

2.7 Sec. 4. **PATHWAY TO POLICING; APPROPRIATION.**

2.8 \$1,000,000 in fiscal year 2026 is appropriated from the general fund to the commissioner
2.9 of public safety for reimbursement grants to local units of government that operate pathway
2.10 to policing programs intended to bring persons with nontraditional backgrounds into law
2.11 enforcement. Applicants for reimbursement grants may receive up to 50 percent of the cost
2.12 of compensating and training pathway to policing participants. Reimbursement grants shall
2.13 be proportionally allocated based on the number of grant applications approved by the
2.14 commissioner.