

A bill for an act
relating to public safety; providing for employment of certain peace officers and
corrections officers under joint power agreements; amending Minnesota Statutes
2008, section 471.59, by adding subdivisions.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2008, section 471.59, is amended by adding a
subdivision to read:

Subd. 12a. **Joint exercise of police power; employees.** If an agreement,
merger, or consolidation authorizes the exercise of peace officer or police powers by an
officer appointed by one of the governmental units within the jurisdiction of the other
governmental unit, a peace officer or public safety dispatcher working, pursuant to or as
a result of that agreement, merger, or consolidation must receive credit for accumulated
vacation and sick leave time earned within the governmental unit employing the peace
officer or public safety dispatcher immediately preceding the agreement, merger, or
consolidation. If a peace officer or public safety dispatcher working pursuant to an
agreement, merger, or consolidation becomes employed by the new entity, that peace
officer or public safety dispatcher is considered to have begun employment with the new
entity on the first day of employment by the governmental unit employing the peace
officer or public safety dispatcher immediately preceding the creation of the new entity
and must be credited with all previously accumulated vacation and sick leave time.

Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2008, section 471.59, is amended by adding a subdivision
to read:

2.1 Subd. 12b. **Correctional officers.** If there is an agreement, merger, or consolidation
2.2 between two or more local correctional or detention facilities, a correctional officer who
2.3 becomes employed by a new entity created by the agreement, merger, or consolidation
2.4 must receive credit for accumulated vacation and sick leave time earned by the correctional
2.5 officer during the officer's employment with a governmental unit immediately preceding
2.6 the creation of the new entity. If a correctional officer working pursuant to an agreement,
2.7 merger, or consolidation becomes employed by the new entity, the correctional officer is
2.8 considered to have begun employment with the new entity on the first day of employment
2.9 with the governmental unit employing the correctional officer immediately preceding the
2.10 creation of the new entity and must be credited with all previously accumulated vacation
2.11 and sick leave time.