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# State of Minnesota

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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H. F. No. **3358**

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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Public Safety and Criminal Justice Reform Finance and Policy

1.1 A bill for an act

1.2 relating to public safety; establishing a program to award bonuses to peace officers

1.3 for exemplary service; requiring a report; appropriating money; proposing coding

1.4 for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 626.

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

1.6 Section 1. **[626.8415] PEACE OFFICER BONUS PROGRAM.**

1.7 Subdivision 1. **Program established.** The Peace Officer Standards and Training Board

1.8 may issue bonus payments to peace officers employed by state or local law enforcement

1.9 agencies as provided under this section. To be eligible for a bonus payment, the officer must

1.10 have been nominated by the chief law enforcement officer of the agency employing the

1.11 officer. The board shall develop nomination forms and guidelines for bonus payment

1.12 eligibility. The guidelines must describe the process and criteria by which payments are to

1.13 be awarded. Final decisions on the actual awarding and amount of individual bonuses are

1.14 at the discretion of the board and are limited to funds appropriated for this purpose.

1.15 Subd. 2. **Types of bonuses.** The board may accept nominations and award bonuses for

1.16 exemplary service that goes above and beyond the call of duty, including but not limited to

1.17 acts of heroism or valor. In addition, the board may award bonuses for recognition of

1.18 meritorious service in which the recipient officer has served for a minimum of five years

1.19 without having any adverse disciplinary actions taken against the officer. An individual

1.20 bonus payment may not exceed \$10,000.

1.21 Subd. 3. **Report required.** By January 15 of each year, the board shall report to the

1.22 chairs and ranking minority members of the legislative committees having jurisdiction over

1.23 criminal justice policy and funding on the bonus program. At a minimum, the report must

2.1 provide detailed information on the bonuses awarded under this section, including the  
2.2 amount of each bonus, the agency employing the recipient, and general information on the  
2.3 reasons for the bonus.

2.4 Sec. 2. **APPROPRIATION.**

2.5 \$..... is appropriated from the general fund for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2023, to  
2.6 the Peace Officer Standards and Training Board for the bonus program described in section  
2.7 1. The board may use up to 3.5 percent of this appropriation to administer the program.