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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to public safety; establishing a Peace Officer Excellence Task Force.
1.3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

1.4 Section 1. PEACE OFFICER EXCELLENCE TASK FORCE.

1.5 Subdivision 1. Establishment; purpose. There is established a Peace Officer Excellence
1.6 Task Force. The purpose of the task force is to study the laws, rules, contracts, and policies
1.7 that govern the employer-employee relationship between political subdivisions and peace
1.8 officers.

1.9 Subd. 2. Members. (a) The task force must consist of:

1.10 (1) two members of the house of representatives, one appointed by the speaker of the
1.11 house and one appointed by the minority leader;

1.12 (2) two members of the senate, one appointed by the majority leader and one appointed
1.13 by the minority leader;

1.14 (3) the attorney general, or a designee;

1.15 (4) the executive director of the Minnesota Peace Officer Standards and Training Board,
1.16 or a designee;

1.17 (5) the commissioner of public safety, or a designee;

1.18 (6) the commissioner of the Minnesota Bureau of Mediation Services;

1.19 (7) one representative from the Minnesota Chiefs of Police Association;

1.20 (8) one representative from the Minnesota Sheriffs Association;

2.1 (9) two representatives from the Minnesota Peace and Police Officers Association;

2.2 (10) one representative from the League of Minnesota Cities;

2.3 (11) one representative from the Association of Minnesota Counties;

2.4 (12) two representatives from organized labor, including at least one representative of
2.5 an organization comprised of peace officers; and

2.6 (13) two members of the public appointed by the governor.

2.7 (b) Appointments must be made no later than July 1, 2019. Members of the task force
2.8 shall not be compensated or receive reimbursement for expenses, except for compensation
2.9 or expense reimbursements received in the member's ordinary scope of employment.

2.10 Subd. 3. **Organization.** (a) The commissioner of public safety or the commissioner's
2.11 designee shall convene the first meeting of the task force no later than August 1, 2019.

2.12 (b) The members of the task force may elect a chair and other officers as the members
2.13 deem necessary.

2.14 (c) The task force shall meet at least monthly, with one meeting devoted to collecting
2.15 input from the public and local units of government that employ peace officers.

2.16 Subd. 4. **Staff.** The commissioner of public safety shall provide support staff, office
2.17 space, and administrative services for the task force.

2.18 Subd. 5. **Duties of task force.** The task force must review, assess, and make
2.19 recommendations for reforms to the laws, rules, contracts, and policies that govern the
2.20 employer-employee relationship between political subdivisions and peace officers. In
2.21 formulating recommendations, the task force must seek to balance the employment rights
2.22 of peace officers and the need for chief law enforcement officers and political subdivisions
2.23 to maintain the integrity and excellence of peace officers they employ.

2.24 Subd. 6. **Report and recommendations.** By January 15, 2020, the task force shall
2.25 prepare and submit to the chairs and ranking minority members of the committees of the
2.26 house of representatives and senate with jurisdiction over public safety and labor and
2.27 employment a report that summarizes the activities of the task force, issues identified by
2.28 the task force, reform recommendations to address the issues, and recommendations for
2.29 legislative action, if needed.

2.30 Subd. 7. **Expiration.** The task force expires upon submission of the report required by
2.31 subdivision 6.

2.32 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.