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CHAPTER 251—H.F.No.1409
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An act relating to the policemen's relief association in the city of New Ulm, and membership in the public employees police and fire fund.

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

Section 1. NEW ULM, CITY OF; POLICE RELIEF FUND. Subdivision 1. Notwithstanding any other law, contributions of members of the policemen's relief association in the city of New Ulm to their fund shall be seven percent of the prevailing base pay of members of the association for the year of 1975 and eight percent of such prevailing base pay beginning January 1, 1976, and for each year thereafter.

Subd. 2. The minimum obligation of the city of New Ulm in respect to the policemen's relief association therein shall be determined and provided in accordance with the provisions of Minnesota Statutes, Section 69.71 to 69.77, except that the normal cost shall be computed as a percentage of the compensation paid only to members of the association.

Subd. 3. Commencing in the year 1980, in addition to the minimum obligation required by subdivision 2 of this section, the city of New Ulm shall provide additional financing to the policemen's relief association therein, sufficient to amortize by the year 2010 the fund deficit as determined in accordance with Minnesota Statutes, Section 69.73.

Subd. 4. Notwithstanding any other law, any state aid received by the city of New Ulm pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 69, said state aid shall be transferred to the police relief association in accordance with the provisions of Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 69.

Sec. 2. Subdivision 1. All police officers first employed by the city of New Ulm on and after July 1, 1973 may be members of the public employees police and fire fund operated pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, Sections 353.63 to 353.68. Such persons shall not be members of the police relief association and pension fund of the city of New Ulm or be subject to any of the laws relating thereto.

Subd. 2. Compensation paid to an employee who is within the scope of subdivision 1 in lieu of benefits attributable to membership in the police relief association shall not be considered in determining the

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amount of benefits payable under laws applicable to such relief association. Nothing contained in this subdivision shall prevent the escalation of the pension of any retired member of the policemen's relief association upon the retirement of the last member of the association. The amount of any such pension shall be based on the then current prevailing base pay of the highest ranking patrol officer who is within the scope of subdivision 1 of this section less the compensation paid in lieu of benefits which would have been attributable to membership in the police relief association.

Sec. 3. When every member of the policemen's relief association retires from active duty, the funds of the association shall become a trust fund managed for the benefit of the recipients of such funds by a board of trustees composed of five members selected by the recipient beneficiaries of the fund.

Sec. 4. This act is effective upon its approval by the governing body of the city of New Ulm and compliance with Minnesota Statutes, Section 645.021.

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CHAPTER 252—H.F.No.1489
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An act relating to education; providing for establishment and operation of cooperative centers by independent school districts.

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

Section 1. [123.351] VOCATIONAL EDUCATION; COOPERATIVE CENTERS. Subdivision 1. **ESTABLISHMENT.** Two or more independent school districts may enter into an agreement to establish a cooperative center to provide for vocational education and other educational services upon the vote of a majority of the full membership of each of the boards of the districts entering into the agreement. When a resolution approving this action has been adopted by the board of a district, the resolution shall be published once in a newspaper of general circulation in the district. If a petition for referendum on the question of the district entering into the agreement, containing signatures of qualified voters of the district equal to five percent of the number of voters at the last annual school election, is filed with the clerk of the board within 60 days after publication of the resolution, the board shall not enter into the agreement until the question has been submitted to the voters of the district at a special election. This election shall be conducted and canvassed in accordance with Minnesota Statutes, Section 123.32. If a majority of the total number of votes cast on the question within the district is in favor of the proposition, the board may

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