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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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H. F. No. 3298

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

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to taxation; aid to local governments; establishing public safety aid for
1.3 local governments and Tribal governments; appropriating money.

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

1.5 Section 1. PUBLIC SAFETY AID.

1.6 Subdivision 1. Definitions. For purposes of this section, the following terms have the
1.7 meanings given:

1.8 (1) "city" means (i) a statutory or home rule charter city, or (ii) a town with a population
1.9 of at least 10,000;

1.10 (2) "city per capita aid amount" equals the amount appropriated for payments to cities,
1.11 divided by the total population of every city;

1.12 (3) "county basic per capita aid amount" equals ... percent of the amount appropriated
1.13 for payments to counties and Tribal governments, divided by the sum of the total population
1.14 of every county plus the total Tribal population;

1.15 (4) "county additional per capita aid amount" equals ... percent of the amount appropriated
1.16 for payments to counties and Tribal governments, divided by the sum of the total population
1.17 of every county plus the total Tribal population but excluding the total population of every
1.18 city;

1.19 (5) "population" means population estimates made or conducted by the United States
1.20 Bureau of the Census, the Metropolitan Council pursuant to section 473.24, or by the state
1.21 demographer pursuant to section 4A.02, paragraph (d), whichever is the most recent estimate
1.22 and available as of January 1, 2023;

2.1 (6) "Tribal governments" has the meaning given to "Minnesota Tribal governments" in
 2.2 section 10.65, subdivision 2; and

2.3 (7) "Tribal population" means population estimates made or conducted by the United
 2.4 States Bureau of the Census of the federally recognized American Indian reservations and
 2.5 off-reservation trust lands in Minnesota, whichever is the most recent estimate and available
 2.6 as of January 1, 2023.

2.7 Subd. 2. **Aid amounts.** (a) A county's public safety aid amount equals the sum of:

2.8 (1) the product of (i) the county's population, and (ii) the county basic per capita aid
 2.9 amount; plus

2.10 (2) the product of (i) the county's population minus the total population of every city
 2.11 located in that county, and (ii) the county additional per capita aid amount.

2.12 (b) A Tribal government's public safety aid amount equals the product of (1) the Tribe's
 2.13 population, and (2) the county basic per capita aid amount.

2.14 (c) A city's public safety aid amount equals the product of (1) the city's population, and
 2.15 (2) the city per capita aid amount.

2.16 Subd. 3. **Use of proceeds.** (a) Counties, Tribal governments, and cities that receive a
 2.17 distribution under this section must use the proceeds to provide public safety. Use of proceeds
 2.18 may include, but is not limited to, paying personnel and equipment costs.

2.19 (b) Counties must consult with their county sheriff in determining how to use the
 2.20 proceeds.

2.21 (c) Counties, Tribal governments, and cities that receive a distribution under this section
 2.22 may not apply the proceeds toward:

2.23 (1) their employer contribution to the public employees police and fire fund, if that
 2.24 county, Tribal government, or city received police state aid under chapter 477C in the year
 2.25 immediately prior to a distribution under this section; or

2.26 (2) any costs associated with alleged wrongdoing or misconduct.

2.27 Subd. 4. **Payments.** The commissioner must certify the amount to be paid in 2023 to
 2.28 each county, Tribal government, and city by August 1, 2023, and the full 2023 payment to
 2.29 the counties, Tribal governments, and cities must be made by December 26, 2023.

2.30 Subd. 5. **Appropriation.** \$..... is appropriated in fiscal year 2024 from the general fund
 2.31 to the commissioner of revenue to make payments required under this section as follows:

- 3.1 (1) \$..... to counties and Tribal governments; and (2) \$..... to cities. This is a onetime
- 3.2 appropriation.
- 3.3 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective for aids payable in 2023.