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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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H. F. No. 3339

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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; extending probationary period for municipal peace officer
1.3 to two years; appropriating money for peace officer hiring bonuses; amending
1.4 Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 44.10, subdivision 1.

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

1.6 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 44.10, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

1.7 Subdivision 1. **Employees in classified service.** (a) Except as provided in paragraph
1.8 (b) and subdivision 2, every person holding a position in the classified service of a
1.9 municipality on the effective date of the merit system ordinance and every person
1.10 subsequently appointed to such a position shall serve a probationary period of six months.

1.11 (b) The probationary period for a peace officer is ~~12~~ 24 months.

1.12 (c) During the probationary period described in this subdivision, the person may be
1.13 dismissed summarily without compliance with section 44.08, but the dismissal shall be in
1.14 writing and reported to the board.

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

1.16 Sec. 2. **PEACE OFFICER HIRING BONUS.**

1.17 \$..... in fiscal year 2023 is appropriated from the general fund to the commissioner of
1.18 public safety for grants to local units of government to award a hiring bonus of \$..... to
1.19 each law enforcement officer who is hired by a local law enforcement agency on or after
1.20 January 1, 2022, and who successfully completes a two-year probationary period. This
1.21 appropriation is available until expended.