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Bill Summary

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Overview

Beginning with Pay 2012, reduces a city or county's LGA, county program aid (CPA), and market value credit if a city or county reduced its complement of peace officers or its budget for firefighting compensation in the previous year as a result of an aid or credit reduction in the previous year caused by an unallotment or post-certification legislation. It does not apply to reductions related to formula-based aid and credit reductions.

1 Aid and credit reductions for certain decreases in public safety employment.

Subdivision 1. Aid reduction for reductions in public safety complements. Eliminates a city or county's LGA or CPA payment in any year if the city or county reduced its licensed peace officer complement or its budget for fire fighting compensation in the previous year due to an unallotment or legislative reduction, other than changes due to the aid formulas.

Subd. 2. Credit reduction for reduction in public safety complements. Eliminates a city or county's market value credit reimbursement in any year if the city or county reduced its licensed peace officer complement or its budget for fire fighting compensation in the previous year due to an unallotment or legislative reduction, other than changes due to the credit formulas.

Subd. 3. Calculating a reduction in licensed peace officer complement or budget for firefighter compensation. Requires each city and county to certify to the commissioner of revenue by March 30 of the year in which the aid or credit is received, (1) their budgeted amounts as of January 1, of the previous calendar year for full-time equivalent number of peace officers (direct and through contract) and for firefighter compensation (direct and through contract); and (2) their actual spending for those purposes in the previous calendar year.

States that a reduction has occurred if the spent amount falls below the budgeted amount in either category by a currently unspecified percent. The percentage will allow for some natural fluctuation in spending related to staff turnover.