

1.1 moves to amend H.F. No. 4608, the delete everything amendment
1.2 (H4608DE2), as follows:

1.3 Page 12, delete lines 30 to 35

1.4 Page 13, delete lines 1 and 2

1.5 Reletter the paragraphs in sequence

1.6 Page 14, after line 3, insert:

1.7 **"(y) Community Youth Programs Relating**
1.8 **to Law Enforcement**

1.9 \$5,000,000 in fiscal year 2023 is to provide
1.10 grants to law enforcement agencies to
1.11 implement community-based public safety
1.12 career opportunity programs for high school
1.13 students as described in this paragraph.

1.14 A grant recipient must use money received
1.15 under this paragraph to establish a
1.16 community-based program for high school
1.17 students located within the agency's
1.18 jurisdiction to educate interested students
1.19 regarding career opportunities in law
1.20 enforcement and encourage them to consider
1.21 pursuing a career in law enforcement. A
1.22 program may provide students with
1.23 information about the experience of being a
1.24 peace officer and may include outings with
1.25 peace officers in various settings in the

2.1 community and facilitating mentorships
2.2 between officers and students.
2.3 The commissioner shall develop general
2.4 guidelines for programs that must be followed
2.5 by an agency receiving a grant. The guidelines
2.6 must ensure that student participation in the
2.7 program is entirely voluntary."

2.8 Page 15, line 25, delete "1,550,000" and insert "26,550,000"

2.9 Page 16, after line 16, insert:

2.10 **"(e) Recruitment and Retention Bonuses**
2.11 \$25,000,000 in fiscal year 2023 is for grants
2.12 to qualified local or state law enforcement
2.13 agencies to reimburse agencies for the
2.14 payment of recruitment bonuses to newly hired
2.15 peace officers or retention bonuses to currently
2.16 employed peace officers."

2.17 Page 16, line 31, delete "24,110,000" and insert "29,110,000"

2.18 Page 18, line 14, delete "7,050,000" and insert "12,050,000"

2.19 Page 19, after line 8, insert:

2.20 **"(e) Ramsey County Post-Juvenile**
2.21 **Delinquency Adjudication Treatment**
2.22 **Homes**
2.23 \$5,000,000 in fiscal year 2023 is appropriated
2.24 from the general fund to the commissioner of
2.25 corrections for a grant to Ramsey County to
2.26 establish at least five and up to seven
2.27 culturally specific, community-based intensive
2.28 therapeutic secure treatment homes in Ramsey
2.29 County that provide up to 25 out-of-home,
2.30 community-based placement options for
2.31 Ramsey County youth who have been
2.32 adjudicated delinquent. This is a onetime
2.33 appropriation."

3.1 Page 50, after line 26, insert:

3.2 "Sec. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 609.487, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

3.3 Subd. 3. **Fleeing officer; motor vehicle.** Whoever ~~by means of a motor vehicle~~ flees
3.4 or attempts to flee a peace officer who is acting in the lawful discharge of an official duty,
3.5 and the perpetrator knows or should reasonably know the same to be a peace officer, is
3.6 guilty of a felony and may be sentenced as follows:

3.7 (1) if fleeing in a motor vehicle, to imprisonment for not more than three years and one
3.8 day or to payment of a fine of not more than \$5,000, or both;

3.9 (2) if fleeing in a stolen motor vehicle, to imprisonment of not more than five years or
3.10 to payment of a fine of not more than \$10,000, or both; or

3.11 (3) if fleeing while operating a motor vehicle in a reckless or grossly negligent manner,
3.12 to imprisonment of not more than five years or to payment of a fine of not more than \$10,000,
3.13 or both.

3.14 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective August 1, 2023, and applies to crimes
3.15 committed on or after that date."

3.16 Page 85, after line 4, insert:

3.17 "Sec. **PEACE OFFICER RECRUITMENT AND RETENTION BONUSES;**
3.18 **REIMBURSEMENT GRANTS.**

3.19 Subdivision 1. **Grants.** The Peace Officers Standards and Training Board may award a
3.20 grant or grants to qualified local or state law enforcement agencies to reimburse agencies
3.21 for the payment of recruitment bonuses to newly hired peace officers or retention bonuses
3.22 to currently employed peace officers. An agency may apply for a grant on a form developed
3.23 by the board and as directed by the board. The maximum amount of a grant is \$5,000 for
3.24 each officer hired and \$5,000 for each officer retained by the agency. An agency may apply
3.25 for more than one grant to cover multiple bonuses.

3.26 Subd. 2. **Financial recruitment.** (a) A qualified law enforcement agency may offer
3.27 recruitment bonuses to provide financial incentives to individuals to become licensed peace
3.28 officers with the agency. A reimbursement grant under this section may be made only if a
3.29 newly licensed peace officer is hired after having received notice of the availability of a
3.30 recruitment bonus and after the agency has paid the bonus. Grants may not reimburse bonuses
3.31 paid to peace officers moving laterally from other jurisdictions within the state or peace
3.32 officers who previously served as correctional officers within the state.

4.1 (b) Except as otherwise provided in this paragraph, a recruitment bonus must be paid in
4.2 two installments. A newly licensed peace officer is eligible for one-half of the bonus amount
4.3 upon successfully completing the probationary period. An officer is eligible for the second
4.4 half of the bonus amount upon successfully completing one year of employment at the
4.5 agency and the officer is a member in good standing with the agency. A newly licensed
4.6 peace officer employed at a law enforcement agency that does not require a probationary
4.7 period shall receive the total bonus amount upon successfully completing one year of
4.8 employment at the agency and the officer is a member in good standing with the agency.

4.9 Subd. 3. **Financial retention.** A qualified law enforcement agency may offer retention
4.10 bonuses to provide financial incentives to individual peace officers to remain employed
4.11 with the agency. An officer is eligible for one-half of the bonus amount upon completing
4.12 6 months at the agency after having received notice of the availability of a retention bonus.
4.13 An officer is eligible for the second half of the bonus amount upon successfully completing
4.14 one year of employment at the agency and the officer is a member in good standing with
4.15 the agency. A reimbursement grant under this section may be made only if the peace officer
4.16 remains employed with the agency after having received notice of the availability of a
4.17 retention bonus and after the agency has paid the bonus.

4.18 Subd. 4. **Qualified law enforcement agency.** A local or state law enforcement agency
4.19 that offers recruitment or retention financial incentives to individuals to become or remain
4.20 licensed peace officers with the agency is qualified to apply to the board for a grant if the
4.21 agency has at least a ten percent loss in the number of peace officers employed with the
4.22 agency resulting from resignations or retirements within the past year or expects a ten percent
4.23 loss within the next year due to the number of peace officers employed with the agency
4.24 who are eligible for retirement.

4.25 Subd. 5. **Grant awards.** Grants are awarded at the discretion of the board and are limited
4.26 to the amount appropriated for the purposes of this section. If the demand for grants exceeds
4.27 the amount appropriated, the board shall award grants in a manner that ensures that grants
4.28 are distributed to qualified local and state law enforcement agencies in a geographically
4.29 balanced manner and also in a balanced manner in terms of the size of the law enforcement
4.30 agencies receiving grants."

4.31 Page 85, after line 6, insert:

5.1 "ARTICLE 4

5.2 LAW ENFORCEMENT EDUCATION AND TRAINING

5.3 Section 1. [626.8516] INTENSIVE COMPREHENSIVE PEACE OFFICER
5.4 EDUCATION AND TRAINING PROGRAM.

5.5 Subdivision 1. Establishment; title. A program is established within the Department
5.6 of Public Safety to establish a program in coordination with funding through the Office of
5.7 Higher Education for intensive comprehensive law enforcement education and the training
5.8 of highly qualified college degree holders. The program shall be known as the "intensive
5.9 comprehensive peace officer education and training program."

5.10 Subd. 2. Purpose; participant qualities. The program is intended to address the critical
5.11 shortage of peace officers in the state. The program shall recruit, educate, and train highly
5.12 qualified college graduates to become licensed peace officers in the state through an intensive
5.13 comprehensive process. A highly qualified participant shall have a strong moral character
5.14 and a proven commitment to community and public service. In addition, participants should
5.15 possess strong critical thinking, problem-solving, communication, and interpersonal skills.
5.16 Participants must also possess the physical capabilities to perform the duties of a peace
5.17 officer. The program shall strive to include persons from groups that are currently
5.18 underrepresented in policing. Program participants shall represent all regions of the state.

5.19 Subd. 3. Eligibility. To be eligible to participate in the program, a candidate must:

5.20 (1) hold a two- or four-year degree from an accredited college or university;

5.21 (2) be a citizen of the United States;

5.22 (3) submit to a thorough background check, including searches by local, state, and federal
5.23 agencies, to disclose the existence of any criminal record or conduct which would adversely
5.24 affect the performance by the candidate of peace officer duties; and

5.25 (4) possess a valid Minnesota driver's license or, in case of residency therein, a valid
5.26 driver's license from another state, or eligibility to obtain either license.

5.27 Subd. 4. Application. The commissioner of public safety shall establish and publish an
5.28 application for participation in the program no later than November 1, 2022.

5.29 Subd. 5. Selection committee; purpose; membership. (a) The commissioner of public
5.30 safety shall convene a selection committee to review applications and make recommendations
5.31 for participation in the program.

5.32 (b) The selection committee shall consist of:

6.1 (1) a state employee experienced in law enforcement who is appointed by the
6.2 commissioner;

6.3 (2) a representative of the Minnesota Sheriffs' Association;

6.4 (3) a representative of the Minnesota Chiefs of Police Association;

6.5 (4) a peace officer who is a member of a statewide or national peace officer affinity
6.6 group that represents a group or groups that are currently underrepresented in law
6.7 enforcement;

6.8 (5) a designee appointed by the commissioner of public safety; and

6.9 (6) a representative of the National Alliance on Mental Illness.

6.10 (c) The members of the selection committee shall select a chair from its membership.

6.11 Subd. 6. **Selection process; commencement of coursework and training.** (a) The
6.12 selection committee shall strive to provide opportunities to participate in the program to
6.13 applicants from groups that are currently underrepresented in law enforcement and who
6.14 represent the state's increasingly diverse population.

6.15 (b) For the initial cohort of program participants, the selection committee shall make
6.16 recommendations to the commissioner of public safety no later than January 15, 2023.

6.17 (c) The commissioner of public safety shall select up to 125 persons to participate in the
6.18 program each fiscal year.

6.19 (d) The commissioner of public safety shall select and notify candidates of their selection
6.20 to participate in the initial cohort no later than February 15, 2023.

6.21 (e) The commissioner of public safety, in consultation with the presidents of the system
6.22 campuses designated as education providers under subdivision 11, shall establish a date to
6.23 commence coursework and training for the initial cohort of program participants. Coursework
6.24 must commence as soon as practicable, but no later than September 1, 2023.

6.25 (f) The commissioner of public safety shall establish future deadlines for the nomination
6.26 of candidates, the selection of participants, and commencement of coursework and training
6.27 for subsequent cohorts. The commissioner shall establish these deadlines, in consultation
6.28 with the presidents of the system campuses designated as education providers under
6.29 subdivision 11, to ensure that institutions providing training under the program have the
6.30 staff, facilities, and resources necessary to provide intensive comprehensive coursework
6.31 and training to participants.

7.1 Subd. 7. **Nominations.** Chief law enforcement officers may nominate and recommend
7.2 qualified candidates to participate in the program. Statewide and national peace officer
7.3 affinity groups that represent groups that are currently underrepresented in law enforcement
7.4 may also nominate candidates to participate in the program. Candidates may nominate
7.5 themselves.

7.6 Subd. 8. **Participant benefits.** Program participants are entitled to the following benefits
7.7 which shall be overseen by the Office of Higher Education:

7.8 (1) tuition-free law enforcement education and skills training needed to be eligible for
7.9 licensure as a peace officer;

7.10 (2) a stipend of \$1000 each month to provide for living expenses while participating in
7.11 the program;

7.12 (3) forgiveness of student loans incurred for past higher education degrees in an amount
7.13 up to \$3,000 for a two-year degree and \$10,000 for a four-year degree, to the extent the
7.14 legislature appropriates funds for this purpose;

7.15 (4) a signing bonus of \$5,000 when hired by a state law enforcement agency as a peace
7.16 officer; and

7.17 (5) a bonus of \$7,000 for being retained after completion of the 18-month probationary
7.18 period provided for in subdivision 14.

7.19 Subd. 9. **Participant obligations.** (a) To enter the program, participants must sign a
7.20 contract with the Office of Higher Education agreeing to fulfill the program's requirements
7.21 and to fulfill the employment obligation under subdivision 10. The contract shall provide
7.22 that a participant who fails to meet the requirements of the program without being excused
7.23 by the commissioner of higher education must reimburse the state for the amount of state
7.24 funds expended on the participant. The contract shall also include acknowledgment from
7.25 the participant that the participant was advised of the minimum selection standards to become
7.26 a licensed peace officer in Minnesota.

7.27 (b) To remain in the program, participants must:

7.28 (1) continue to meet the eligibility requirements to participate in the program established
7.29 in subdivision 3;

7.30 (2) achieve passing grades in the required courses;

7.31 (3) complete the required law enforcement skills training;

7.32 (4) make timely progress towards completion of the program;

8.1 (5) pass the Minnesota peace officer licensure exam; and

8.2 (6) actively seek employment as a peace officer with a Minnesota law enforcement
8.3 agency until employed as a peace officer.

8.4 Subd. 10. **Education providers; sites.** No later than September 1, 2022, the Board of
8.5 Trustees of the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities shall designate at least four
8.6 regionally diverse system campuses to provide the required intensive comprehensive law
8.7 enforcement education and skills training to participants in the program.

8.8 Subd. 11. **Education and skills training program.** No later than February 1, 2023, the
8.9 Board of Trustees of the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities, in consultation with
8.10 the executive director of the board, shall develop an intensive comprehensive law
8.11 enforcement education and skills training program that will provide program participants
8.12 with the law enforcement education and skills training needed to be licensed as a peace
8.13 officer. The program must be designed to be completed in eight months and shall be offered
8.14 at the campuses designated under subdivision 11. The program may overlap, coincide with,
8.15 or draw upon existing law enforcement education and training programs at system campuses.
8.16 Existing law enforcement programs that are designed to be completed in eight months or
8.17 less may be considered an intensive comprehensive law enforcement education and skills
8.18 training program for purposes of this section.

8.19 Subd. 12. **Job placement assistance; commissioner.** The commissioner of public safety
8.20 shall assist program participants in identifying and applying for peace officer positions in
8.21 the state.

8.22 Subd. 13. **Hiring law enforcement agencies; extended probationary period granted;**
8.23 **reassignment.** (a) The chief law enforcement officer of an agency that hires a program
8.24 graduate shall have 18 months to evaluate the officer's fitness for nonprobationary
8.25 employment. If an agency elects not to offer a program graduate an unrestricted position
8.26 after the 18-month probationary period, the agency shall provide the officer with up to three
8.27 months of assistance in finding another public safety position within Minnesota.

8.28 (b) During a program graduate's 18-month probationary period, the hiring agency must
8.29 provide the officer with a mentor who is not the officer's partner. If the officer is a member
8.30 of a group that is currently underrepresented in law enforcement, the agency must make a
8.31 good faith effort to pair the officer with a mentor from the same underrepresented group.
8.32 When available, the agency shall pair the officer with a mentor who is employed as a peace
8.33 officer with another law enforcement agency in the state.

9.1 Subd. 14. **Account established.** (a) An intensive comprehensive peace officer education
9.2 and training program account is created in the special revenue fund for depositing money
9.3 appropriated to or received by the department for this program. Money deposited in the
9.4 account is appropriated to the commissioner of higher education, does not cancel, and is
9.5 continuously available to fund the requirements of this section.

9.6 (b) The commissioner of higher education shall annually transfer a sum to the Board of
9.7 Trustees of the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities that is sufficient to provide the
9.8 required education and skills training to program participants at the campuses designated
9.9 under subdivision 11.

9.10 Subd. 15. **Definitions.** (a) For purposes of this section, the following terms have the
9.11 meanings given.

9.12 (b) "Board" means the Board of Peace Officer Standards and Training.

9.13 (c) "Peace officer" has the meaning given in section 626.84, subdivision 1, paragraph
9.14 (c).

9.15 (d) "Program" means the intensive comprehensive peace officer education and training
9.16 program.

9.17 **Sec. 2. [626.8518] PEACE OFFICER COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM.**

9.18 Subdivision 1. **Establishment.** A program is established within the Office of Higher
9.19 Education to provide college scholarships to highly qualified Minnesota high school graduates
9.20 to earn a law enforcement degree from an eligible postsecondary institution. The Office of
9.21 Higher Education shall consult with the Department of Public Safety in establishing the
9.22 program. The program shall be known as the "peace officer college scholarship program."

9.23 Subd. 2. **Purpose.** The peace officer college scholarship program is intended to recruit,
9.24 educate, train, and mentor highly qualified high school graduates to become licensed peace
9.25 officers in the state. A highly qualified candidate shall demonstrate a strong moral character
9.26 and a commitment to community and public service. In addition, candidates should possess
9.27 advanced critical thinking, problem-solving, communication, and interpersonal skills. The
9.28 program shall strive to include persons from groups that are currently underrepresented in
9.29 policing. Program participants shall represent all regions of the state.

9.30 Subd. 3. **Program eligibility.** (a) To be eligible for a scholarship under this section, a
9.31 candidate must:

9.32 (1) qualify for resident tuition, as defined in section 135A.043;

10.1 (2) be a citizen of the United States;

10.2 (3) submit to a thorough background check, including searches by local, state, and federal
10.3 agencies, to disclose the existence of any criminal record or conduct which would adversely
10.4 affect the performance by the applicant of peace officer duties; and

10.5 (4) be enrolled for at least 12 credits per term in a law enforcement degree, diploma, or
10.6 certificate program at an eligible institution, as defined by section 136A.101.

10.7 (b) Both current students and newly-admitted incoming students may apply for and
10.8 receive a scholarship.

10.9 Subd. 4. **Application; program administration.** (a) The commissioner of higher
10.10 education shall establish and publish an application for participation in the scholarship
10.11 program no later than November 1, 2022. For each academic year, the commissioner of
10.12 higher education shall establish the deadline for applicants to apply for a scholarship. The
10.13 commissioner of higher education must publish the application deadline at least 12 weeks
10.14 prior to the deadline.

10.15 (b) The commissioner of higher education shall establish guidelines for the program.
10.16 The commissioner of public safety shall establish the programming necessary for
10.17 implementing and administering the program, including providing summer law enforcement
10.18 and leadership skills training to participants.

10.19 Subd. 5. **Nominations.** Chief law enforcement officers may nominate up to two
10.20 candidates to receive scholarships under this program each academic year that funding is
10.21 available for scholarships. Statewide and national peace officer affinity groups that represent
10.22 groups that are currently underrepresented in law enforcement may also nominate candidates
10.23 to participate in the program. Students may nominate themselves.

10.24 Subd. 6. **Selection committee; membership.** (a) The commissioner of public safety
10.25 shall convene a selection committee to review applications and recommend candidates for
10.26 participation in the program.

10.27 (b) The selection committee shall consist of:

10.28 (1) a state employee experienced in law enforcement who is appointed by the
10.29 commissioner;

10.30 (2) a representative of the Minnesota Sheriffs' Association;

10.31 (3) a representative of the Minnesota Chiefs of Police Association;

11.1 (4) a peace officer who is a member of a statewide or national peace officer affinity
11.2 group that represents a group or groups that are currently underrepresented in law
11.3 enforcement; and

11.4 (5) a designee appointed by the commissioner of public safety.

11.5 (c) The members of the selection committee shall select a chair from its membership.

11.6 Subd. 7. Selection process. (a) The commissioner of public safety shall award up to
11.7 125 scholarships each academic year beginning in the 2023-2024 academic year to students
11.8 that the selection committee recommends to the commissioner. The commissioner shall
11.9 strive to provide opportunities to participate in the program to applicants from groups that
11.10 are currently underrepresented in law enforcement and who represent the state's increasingly
11.11 diverse population. The commissioner of public safety must ensure that scholarships are
11.12 awarded to students from all regions of the state.

11.13 (b) The commissioner of public safety shall establish deadlines for the nomination of
11.14 candidates and the selection of participants. For the initial cohort of program participants,
11.15 the selection committee shall make recommendations to the commissioner no later than
11.16 January 15, 2023. The commissioner of public safety shall select and notify candidates of
11.17 their selection to participate in the initial cohort no later than February 15, 2023, and shall
11.18 notify the commissioner of higher education of the selection. The selection committee shall
11.19 give preference to applicants from groups that are currently underrepresented in law
11.20 enforcement and who represent the state's increasingly diverse population.

11.21 Subd. 8. Participant benefits. (a) Program participants are entitled to the following
11.22 benefits as overseen by the Officer of Higher Education:

11.23 (1) free tuition and fees for up to eight semesters;

11.24 (2) free law enforcement skills training;

11.25 (3) supplemental law enforcement and leadership skills training; and

11.26 (4) a stipend of \$500 a month to provide for living expenses while participating in the
11.27 program.

11.28 (b) In calculating the amount of tuition and fees covered by the scholarship under
11.29 paragraph (a), clause (1), the commissioner must first deduct:

11.30 (1) the amount of the federal Pell Grant award for which the recipient is eligible;

11.31 (2) the amount of the state grant award for which the recipient is eligible;

11.32 (3) the amount of any other state or federal financial aid received; and

12.1 (4) the sum of all institutional grants, scholarships, tuition waivers, and tuition remission
12.2 amounts.

12.3 (c) For scholarship recipients attending a private institution, the amount of tuition and
12.4 fees covered by the scholarship under paragraph (a), clause (1), must not exceed:

12.5 (1) for private two-year programs, the highest amount of tuition and fees charged at a
12.6 public two-year institution; or

12.7 (2) for private four-year programs, the highest amount of tuition and fees charged at a
12.8 public university.

12.9 **Subd. 9. Participant obligations.** (a) To enter the program, participants must sign a
12.10 contract agreeing to fulfill the program's requirements, to fulfill the employment obligation
12.11 under subdivision 10, and to reimburse the state for failing to complete the program without
12.12 being excused from the program by the commissioner of higher education. The contract
12.13 shall also include acknowledgment from the participant that the participant was advised of
12.14 the minimum selection standards to become a licensed peace officer in Minnesota.

12.15 (b) To remain in the program, participants must:

12.16 (1) continue to meet the eligibility requirements to participate in the program established
12.17 in subdivision 3;

12.18 (2) remain in good academic standing and make timely progress toward completion of
12.19 a law enforcement degree as provided for under paragraph (c);

12.20 (3) complete the required law enforcement skills training;

12.21 (4) participate in leadership and peace officer specific training provided by the
12.22 commissioner of public safety each summer;

12.23 (5) pass the Minnesota peace officer licensure exam; and

12.24 (6) actively seek employment as a peace officer in a Minnesota law enforcement agency
12.25 until employed as a peace officer.

12.26 (c) Unless the commissioner of higher education approves a participant's request for an
12.27 extension or grants an exception to the requirements of this paragraph, a participant must
12.28 complete the program:

12.29 (1) in four academic years, if the program is a bachelor's degree program; or

12.30 (2) in two academic years, if the program is a diploma, certificate, or associate's degree
12.31 program.

13.1 Subd. 10. **Job placement assistance; commissioner of public safety.** The commissioner
13.2 of public safety shall assist program participants in identifying and applying for peace officer
13.3 positions in the state.

13.4 Subd. 11. **Account established.** A peace officer college scholarship program account
13.5 is created in the special revenue fund for depositing money appropriated to or received by
13.6 the Office of Higher Education for this program. Money deposited in the account is
13.7 appropriated to the commissioner of higher education, does not cancel, and is continuously
13.8 available to fund the requirements of this section.

13.9 Subd. 12. **Definitions.** (a) For purposes of this section, the following terms have the
13.10 meanings given.

13.11 (b) "Board" means the Board of Peace Officer Standards and Training.

13.12 (c) "Peace officer" has the meaning given in section 626.84, subdivision 1, paragraph
13.13 (c).

13.14 (d) "Program" means the peace officer college scholarship program.

13.15 Sec. 3. **APPROPRIATIONS; INTENSIVE COMPREHENSIVE PEACE OFFICER**
13.16 **EDUCATION AND TRAINING PROGRAM.**

13.17 Subdivision 1. **Commissioner of higher education; program creation and**
13.18 **administration.** \$13,000,000 in fiscal year 2023 is appropriated from the general fund for
13.19 transfer to the intensive comprehensive peace officer education and training program account
13.20 in the special revenue fund to establish and administer the intensive comprehensive peace
13.21 officer education and training program.

13.22 Subd. 2. **Public safety; outreach.** \$800,000 in fiscal year 2023 is appropriated from the
13.23 general fund for transfer to the intensive comprehensive peace officer education and training
13.24 program account in the special revenue fund for the Department of Public Safety to conduct
13.25 outreach to qualified candidates for the intensive comprehensive peace officer education
13.26 and training program. The commissioner shall use the funds to target and recruit candidates
13.27 or groups of candidates who meet the program's eligibility requirements with an emphasis
13.28 placed on reaching candidates from groups that are currently underrepresented in law
13.29 enforcement and who represent the state's increasingly diverse population. The commissioner
13.30 of public safety shall conduct outreach directly to statewide and national peace officer
13.31 affinity groups that represent groups that are currently underrepresented in law enforcement.
13.32 The commissioner of public safety shall contract with an agency with proven experience
13.33 and success in targeting and recruiting candidates for specific professions.

14.1 Sec. 4. **APPROPRIATION; OFFICE OF HIGHER EDUCATION; TRANSFER TO**
14.2 **MNSCU; PEACE OFFICER COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM.**

14.3 \$2,600,000 in fiscal year 2023 is appropriated from the general funds for transfer to the
14.4 peace officer college scholarship program account in the special revenue fund to establish
14.5 and administer the peace officer college scholarship program. The commissioner of higher
14.6 education shall use up to 2.5 percent of this appropriation to promote the program to students
14.7 from groups that are currently underrepresented in law enforcement and who represent the
14.8 state's increasingly diverse population. The commissioner of higher education shall conduct
14.9 outreach directly to statewide and national peace officer affinity groups that represent groups
14.10 that are currently underrepresented in law enforcement.

14.11 Sec. 5. **APPROPRIATION; PEACE OFFICER EXPLORER PROGRAM GRANTS;**
14.12 **MENTOR GRANTS.**

14.13 Subdivision 1. **Peace officer explorer program grants.** \$1,000,000 in fiscal year 2023
14.14 is appropriated from the general fund to the commissioner of public safety for reimbursement
14.15 grants to local units of government that operate peace officer explorer programs. Applicants
14.16 for reimbursement grants may receive up to 50 percent of the cost of operating the program.
14.17 Reimbursement grants shall be proportionally allocated based on the number of grant
14.18 applications approved by the commissioner.

14.19 Subd. 2. **Mentor grants.** \$1,000,000 in fiscal year 2023 is appropriated from the general
14.20 fund to the commissioner of public safety for reimbursement grants to local units of
14.21 government that permit peace officers employed by the applicant to serve as mentors to
14.22 officers employed by other agencies who have recently graduated from either the intensive
14.23 comprehensive peace officer education and training program or the peace officer college
14.24 scholarship program. Reimbursement grants shall be proportionally allocated based on the
14.25 number of grant applications approved by the commissioner."

14.26 Renumber the sections in sequence and correct the internal references

14.27 Adjust amounts accordingly