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### Overview

This bill establishes the Public Safety Innovation Board, provides for grants to community organizations, provides for grants to law enforcement agencies, and establishes policies related to the oversight of peace officers and law enforcement agencies.

## Article 1: Community Safety Grants

This article establishes the Public Safety Innovation Board and provides for grants to community organizations and local government entities.

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#### 1 Public Safety Innovation Board.

**Subd. 1. Establishment.** Establishes the Public Safety Innovation Board within the Office of Justice Programs in the Department of Public Safety.

**Subd. 2. Membership.** Establishes the membership for the board, including three academics, five individuals appointed by the governor, four members appointed by the community-specific boards, and three members representing law enforcement. Directs the members to elect a chair.

**Subd. 3. Terms; removal; vacancy.** Provides that members serve three-year terms following an initial staggered-term determination. Provides that compensation is governed by section 15.0575.

**Subd. 4. Powers and duties.** Establishes the powers and duties of the board including monitoring trends and research on crime and awarding grants.

**Subd. 5. Meetings.** Requires the board to meet at least monthly and provides that meetings are subject to the open meeting requirements in chapter 13D.

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**Subd. 6. Report.** Requires the board to submit a report on its work and administration of the grants under its authority, including any grants related to portable recording systems.

**2 Office of Justice Programs; expansion; appropriation.**

Appropriates \$4,825,000 in fiscal year 2023 to increase the staffing in the Office of Justice Programs, simplify grant procedures, and expand the pool of grant applicants. Requires that the money be used to hire at least eight additional staff members to provide training and technical assistance to grantees, 12 additional community outreach specialists, grant capacity trainers, increase funding of the Minnesota Statistical Analysis Center, and hire additional grant compliance and financial compliance staff.

**3 Local community innovation grants.**

**Subd. 1. Appropriation.** Appropriates \$55,000,000 in fiscal year 2023 to the commissioner of public safety for local community innovation grants administered by the Office of Justice Programs as directed by the Public Safety Innovation Board. Establishes a base appropriation of \$30,000,000 each year and requires the amount to be adjusted for inflation. Provides that funds do not cancel and are available to be awarded in the following year.

**Subd. 2. Definitions.** Defines terms as used in the section.

**Subd. 3. Expedited disbursement.** Requires that application materials be made available within three months of the appropriation and awards made within six months.

**Subd. 4. Eligible applicants; identification and notice.** Requires the commissioner of public safety to publish four lists by August 1 of each year. The lists must identify (1) the cities, towns, or Tribal governments with at least three recorded violent crimes and the 20 highest per capita crime rates in the previous fiscal year; (2) the counties with the 20 highest crime rates in the previous fiscal year; (3) the cities, towns, or Tribal governments that are not included in the first list and have experienced at least three violent crimes in the previous year and the 20 fastest increases in the rate of crime in the previous fiscal year; and (4) the counties that are not included in the second list and have experienced the 20 fastest increases in the per capita rate of crime in the previous fiscal year. Requires the commissioner to notify the entities on the lists and inform them that they are eligible for grants under this section.

**Subd. 5. Grant distribution.** Requires that half of the money must be distributed to entities on the first two lists, and half to those on the second two lists.

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**Subd. 6. Application materials.** Requires applicants to submit an application in the form and manner directed by the commissioner and establishes nine different categories of grants.

**Subd. 7. Awards.** Directs that awards should prioritize proposals based on evidence-based practices, prioritize areas that have been historically underinvested, and incorporate input from community stakeholders. Prohibits use of funds to offset other costs. Provides that any funds that are not encumbered or spent within six years must be returned.

**Subd. 8. Evaluation.** Requires grant recipients to complete a uniform evaluation established by the Minnesota Statistical Analysis Center every two years.

**4 Emergency community safety grants.**

Appropriates \$15,000,000 in fiscal year 2023 to the commissioner of public safety for emergency community safety grants. Provides that the appropriation is onetime. Requires that grants must be awarded and disbursed by October 1, 2022, and provides that half of the amount awarded must be to programs that do not involve law enforcement agencies. Identifies eligible recipients including local law enforcement agencies, Tribes, cities, towns, and counties. Identifies the purposes for which grants may be awarded. Requires applications to be on a form provided by the commissioner, limits the amount a recipient may spend on administrative costs, and requires reporting by grant recipients.

**5 Local co-responder grants.**

Appropriates \$10,000,000 in fiscal year 2023 to the commissioner of public safety for grants administered by the Office of Justice Programs as directed by the Public Safety Innovation Board to establish, maintain, or expand the use of co-responder programs. Requires the commissioner to award and disburse grants by October 1, 2023. Identifies eligible recipients including local law enforcement agencies, Tribes, cities, towns, and counties. Requires recipients to partner with local law enforcement agencies and include embedded social workers, mobile crisis teams, or violence interrupters. Limits the amount a recipient can use for administrative costs, and requires reporting by recipients.

**6 Public Safety Innovation Board; appropriation.**

Appropriates an unspecified amount in fiscal year 2023 to the commissioner of public safety to establish and maintain the Public Safety Innovation Board.

**7 Opiate epidemic response grants.**

Appropriates \$10,000,000 in fiscal year 2023 to the commissioner of public safety for grants to organizations selected by the Opiate Epidemic Response Advisory Council.

## Article 2: Law Enforcement Grants

The article establishes grants and related policy for law enforcement purposes.

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#### 1 **Task Force on Alternative Courses to Peace Officer Licensure.**

**Subd. 1. Establishment.** Establishes a task force to increase recruitment of new peace officers, increase the diversity of the racial makeup and professional background of licensed peace officers, promote education and training in community policing models, maintain the high standards of education and training required for licensure, and make policy and funding recommendations to the legislature.

**Subd. 2. Membership.** Establishes the task force membership. Requires appointments to be made by August 30, 2022. Provides that members serve without compensation.

**Subd. 3. Officers; meetings.** Requires the members to elect a chair and vice-chair from among its members. Requires the first meeting to be called by September 15, 2022. Directs the task force to meet at least monthly and provides that meetings are subject to chapter 13D (the Open Meetings Law).

**Subd. 4. Duties.** Lists the duties of the task force including development of policies and strategies to recruit new peace officers with a diverse professional background.

**Subd. 5. Report.** Requires the task force to submit a report by January 15, 2024.

**Subd. 6. Expiration.** Provides that the task force expires upon submission of its report.

#### 2 **Body camera data storage program; body camera grant program; appropriation.**

Appropriates \$6,016,000 in fiscal year 2023 for the commissioner of public safety to administer a statewide cloud-based body camera data storage program. Establishes a base appropriation of \$6,036,000 in fiscal year 2024 and \$6,057,000 in fiscal year 2025. Permits local law enforcement agencies to use the system to store data, but requires those agencies to agree to abide by certain restrictions on the use of portable recording systems and retention of data. Appropriates \$9,000,000 in fiscal year 2023 to provide grants to local law enforcement agencies for the purchase and maintenance of portable recording systems. Establishes prioritization for grant recipients. Grant recipients must agree to abide by certain restrictions on the use of the devices and retention of data.

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**3 Local community policing grants.**

Appropriates \$15,000,000 in fiscal year 2023 to the commissioner of public safety for local policing grants administered by the Office of Justice Programs as directed by the Public Safety Innovation Board. Establishes a base of \$10,000,000 in fiscal years 2024 and 2025, except that the fiscal year 2025 appropriation must be adjusted for inflation. Establishes a base of \$0 in fiscal year 2026 and beyond. Requires application materials to be available within three months of the appropriation and awards made within six months. Establishes eligibility based on recent crime rates. Permits applications by multijurisdictional entities provided at least one member qualifies based on the rate of crime. Establishes the purposes to which grants may be used. Establishes priorities for awarding the grants, prohibits using funds to offset other costs, and requires that recipients undergo an evaluation. Permits the commissioner to make rules to ensure that recipients have policies or patterns of practice that promote community trust.

**4 Local investigation grants.**

Appropriates \$15,000,000 in fiscal year 2023 to the commissioner of public safety for local investigation grants. Establishes a base of \$10,000,000 in fiscal years 2024 and 2025, except that the fiscal year 2025 appropriation must be adjusted for inflation. Establishes a base of \$0 in fiscal year 2026 and beyond. Requires application materials to be available within three months of the appropriation and awards made within six months. Establishes eligibility based on recent crime rates. Permits applications by multijurisdictional entities provided at least one member qualifies based on the rate of crime. Establishes the purposes to which grants may be used. Establishes priorities for awarding the grants, prohibits using funds to offset other costs, and requires that recipients undergo an evaluation. Permits the commissioner to make rules to ensure that recipients have policies or patterns of practice that promote community trust.

**5 Task Force on Alternative Courses to Peace Officer Licensure; appropriation.**

Appropriates \$50,000 in fiscal year 2023 to the POST Board to provide support for the Task Force on Alternative Courses to Peace Officer Licensure. The appropriation is onetime.

## **Article 3: Law Enforcement Grants and Policy**

This article contains provisions related to law enforcement grants and policy.

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- 1 Board of Peace Officer Standards and Training; receipt of complaint.**  
Permits, rather than requires, POST to order a law enforcement agency to conduct an inquiry into a written statement or complaint that alleges a violation of a statute or rule that the board is empowered to enforce.
- 2 Rules governing certain misconduct.**  
Directs POST to adopt rules under chapter 14 that permit POST to take action on a licensee for a violation of a standard of conduct whether or not criminal charges have been filed and in accordance with the standards and processes for boards under chapter 214.
- 3 Written policies and procedures required.**  
Adds additional requirements that must be included in body camera policies adopted by law enforcement agencies that have officers who use portable recording systems (a.k.a. body cameras).
- 4 Civilian review.**  
Authorizes local units of government to establish civilian oversight councils and grant an oversight council the authority to make findings of fact and impose discipline on officers.
- 5 Peace officer training assistance Philando Castile memorial training fund.**  
Amends the appropriation of \$6,000,000 to reimburse peace officer training expenses that passed in the 2021 First Special Session to limit the use of the appropriation to training courses that qualify for reimbursement under sections 626.8469 (training in crisis response, conflict management, and cultural diversity) and 626.8474 (autism training).
- 6 Multijurisdictional law enforcement training in the proper use of force, duty to intercede, and conflict de-escalation; reimbursement; appropriation.**  
Appropriates \$2,500,000 in fiscal year 2023 to the Office of Higher Education to reimburse postsecondary schools certified to provide professional peace officer training for expenses incurred while instructing licensed peace officers on the proper use of force. To be eligible for the \$450 per officer reimbursement, a school may not charge the officer or the agency that employs the officer for the training.
- 7 Peace Officer Standards and Training Board investigators; appropriation.**  
Appropriates \$2,500,000 in fiscal year 2023 to the POST Board for investigators and additional staff to perform compliance reviews and investigate alleged code of conduct violations.



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