Sixty-ninth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota

FIRST ENGROSSMENT with Senate Amendments ENGROSSED HOUSE BILL NO. 1193

Introduced by

Representatives Vetter, Bahl, Holle, Motschenbacher, Satrom, Christianson, McLeod, Schauer

Senators Barta, Cory, Meyer

- 1 A BILL for an Act to provide an appropriation to the attorney general for a peace officer and
- 2 correctional officer appreciation grant program; and to provide for a legislative management
- 3 report.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:

5 SECTION 1. APPROPRIATION - ATTORNEY GENERAL - STRATEGIC INVESTMENT 6 AND IMPROVEMENTS FUND - PEACE OFFICER AND CORRECTIONAL OFFICER 7 APPRECIATION GRANT PROGRAM - LEGISLATIVE MANAGEMENT REPORT - ONE-TIME 8 FUNDING. There is appropriated out of any moneys in the strategic investment and 9 improvements fund in the state treasury, not otherwise appropriated, the sum of \$3,500,000, or 10 so much of the sum as may be necessary, to the attorney general for the purpose of a peace 11 officer and correctional officer appreciation grant program, for the biennium beginning July 1, 12 2025, and ending June 30, 2027. The attorney general shall provide grants to each city and 13 county law enforcement agency in the state based on the proportional number of licensed 14 peace officers and correctional officers employed by the city or county law enforcement agency 15 compared to the total number of licensed peace officers and correctional officers employed by 16 all city and county law enforcement agencies. Of the funding available for this program, a sum 17 of at least \$750,000 must be granted to city and county law enforcement agencies employing 18 ten or fewer employees working in a law enforcement capacity. Funding appropriated in this 19 section must be used for providing retention bonuses to current law enforcement and 20 correctional officers and providing tuition and fee payments on behalf of law enforcement 21 trainees. During the 2025-26 interim, the attorney general shall provide a report to the

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- 1 legislative management regarding the use and effectiveness of grant funds, the number of
- 2 grants provided, the average amount of bonuses provided by city and county law enforcement
- 3 agencies and correctional facilities, and other program outcomes under this section. The
- 4 appropriation in this section is considered a one-time funding item.