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Sixty-ninth
Legislative Assembly
of North Dakota

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO

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 - PEACE OFFICER AND**
6 **CORRECTIONAL OFFICER APPRECIATION GRANT PROGRAM - LEGISLATIVE**
7 **MANAGEMENT REPORT - ONE-TIME FUNDING.** There is appropriated out of any moneys in

8 the general fund in the state treasury, not otherwise appropriated, the sum of

9 ~~\$8,450,000~~ \$3,500,000, or so much of the sum as may be necessary, to the attorney general for

10 the purpose of a peace officer and correctional officer appreciation grant program, for the

11 biennium beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2027. The attorney general shall provide
12 grants to:

13 ~~1. State agencies and political subdivisions on a reimbursement basis based on the~~
14 ~~number of peace officers licensed in good standing under chapter 12-63 and who~~
15 ~~have been employed by the same North Dakota state agency or political subdivision in~~
16 ~~a law enforcement capacity for at least four consecutive years.~~

17 ~~2. The department of corrections and rehabilitation based on the number of correctional~~
18 ~~officers employed by the department of corrections and rehabilitation for at least four~~
19 ~~consecutive years.~~

1 ~~State agencies and political subdivisions receiving a grant under this program shall use the~~
2 ~~funds only for providing each eligible peace officer or correctional officer an appreciation salary~~
3 ~~bonus of up to \$6,000 at the end of each fiscal year. The attorney general shall establish an~~
4 ~~application process and eligibility requirements for the program in consultation with the peace~~
5 ~~officer standards and training board and the department of corrections and rehabilitation. each~~
6 city and county law enforcement agency in the state based on the proportional number of
7 licensed peace officers and correctional officers employed by the city or county law enforcement
8 agency compared to the total number of licensed peace officers and correctional officers
9 employed by all city and county law enforcement agencies. Of the funding available for this
10 program, a sum of at least \$750,000 must be granted to city and county law enforcement
11 agencies employing ten or fewer employees working in a law enforcement capacity. Funding
12 appropriated in this section must be used for providing hiring and retention bonuses to new and
13 current law enforcement and correctional officers and providing tuition and fee payments on
14 behalf of law enforcement trainees. During the 2025-26 interim, the attorney general shall
15 provide a report to the legislative management regarding the use and effectiveness of grant
16 funds, the number of grants provided, the average amount of bonuses provided by city and
17 county law enforcement agencies and correctional facilities, and other program outcomes under
18 this section. The funding provided in this section is considered a one-time funding item.