

S.F. No. 2846 – Peace Officer Education Expenses Reimbursement

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Section 1, paragraph (a) appropriates \$2.5 million in fiscal year 2023 from the general fund to the Peace Officer Standards and Training (POST) Board to provide education reimbursement grants to eligible peace officers. Allows the POST Board to use up to 3.5 percent of the appropriation for administration and monitoring of the program.

Paragraph (b) defines eligible peace officers as those who:

- began employment as a peace officer on or after July 1, 2021;
- have been continuously employed as a peace officer for at least 12 months;
- have not been found to be in violation of Minnesota peace officer standards of conduct; and
- paid tuition or other fees to a postsecondary school to participate in a professional peace officer education program.

Paragraph (c) authorizes eligible peace officers to receive reimbursement equal to the amount paid in tuition or other fees, or \$5,000, whichever is less.

Paragraphs (d) and (e) require the POST Board to establish the requirements for an application for reimbursement, to prepare such applications, and to make them available on its website for use by applicants and chief law enforcement officers.