

S.F. No. 3059 – Corrections Supervision Funding

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Background

Minnesota funds probation and supervised release (parole) services through three county-based delivery systems: community correction act (CCA) counties, county probation officer (CPO) counties, and counties for whom all offender supervision is provided by the Department of Corrections (DOC).

CCA counties provide all supervision services – juvenile and adult misdemeanor and felon. CPO counties provide juvenile and adult misdemeanor services, while the Department of Corrections provides their adult felon services. Finally, DOC counties are counties in which all services are provided by the Department of Corrections.

The CCA subsidy provides funds to community corrections act counties to defray the cost of providing supervision services. The annual base appropriation for the CCA subsidy is \$62.8 million.

For CPO counties, the state is statutorily mandated to reimburse CPO counties for 50 percent of the salary costs of county probation officers. The annual base funding for CPO reimbursement is \$5.0 million, which is only 27.2 percent of county probation officer salaries.

DOC supervision is funded through the Community Supervision and Post-Release Services division of the Department of Corrections.

In the past, when funding supervision services, the following ratio based on historical caseloads has applied: for every dollar appropriated, the CCA subsidy receives 71 percent, DOC supervision receives 18 percent, and CPO reimbursement receives 11 percent. Unlike the CPO reimbursement rate, which is statutory, this ratio simply follows budgetary guidance from the executive agency budget requests. This bill retains that funding ratio.

Bill Summary

Section 1 appropriates \$900,000 in fiscal year 2023 to the commissioner of corrections for DOC provided supervision services.

Section 2 appropriates \$3,550,000 in fiscal year 2023 to the commissioner of corrections to be added to the CCA subsidy.

Section 3 appropriates \$550,000 in fiscal year 2023 to the commissioner of corrections for CPO reimbursement.

All three of these appropriations are ongoing, which means they are added to the base budget for these activities.