

1.1 Senator moves to amend the delete-everything amendment (SCS2909A-2)
1.2 to S.F. No. 2909 as follows:

1.3 Page 20, line 22, delete "\$14,945,000" and insert "\$9,945,000"

1.4 Page 32, after line 9, insert:

1.5 "Sec. 19. INTENSIVE COMPREHENSIVE PEACE OFFICER EDUCATION AND
1.6 TRAINING PROGRAM; OUTREACH; FISCAL YEAR 2023 APPROPRIATION.

1.7 \$5,000,000 in fiscal year 2023 is appropriated to the commissioner of public safety from
1.8 the general fund to implement the intensive comprehensive peace officer education and
1.9 training program described in Minnesota Statutes, section 626.8516, and conduct outreach
1.10 to qualified candidates under that section. The commissioner shall use the funds to target
1.11 and recruit candidates or groups of candidates who meet the program's eligibility
1.12 requirements with an emphasis placed on reaching candidates from groups that are currently
1.13 underrepresented in law enforcement and who represent the state's increasingly diverse
1.14 population. The commissioner shall conduct outreach directly to statewide and national
1.15 peace officer affinity groups that represent groups that are currently underrepresented in
1.16 law enforcement. The commissioner shall contract with an agency with proven experience
1.17 and success in targeting and recruiting candidates for specific professions."

1.18 Page 90, after line 10, insert:

1.19 "Sec. 56. [626.8516] INTENSIVE COMPREHENSIVE PEACE OFFICER
1.20 EDUCATION AND TRAINING PROGRAM.

1.21 Subdivision 1. Establishment; title. A program is established within the Department
1.22 of Public Safety to fund the intensive comprehensive law enforcement education and training
1.23 of college degree holders. The program shall be known as the intensive comprehensive
1.24 peace officer education and training program.

1.25 Subd. 2. Purpose. The program is intended to address the critical shortage of peace
1.26 officers in the state. The program shall reimburse law enforcement agencies that recruit,
1.27 educate, and train highly qualified college graduates to become licensed peace officers in
1.28 the state.

1.29 Subd. 3. Eligibility for reimbursement grant; grant cap. (a) The chief law enforcement
1.30 officer of a law enforcement agency may apply to the commissioner for reimbursement of
1.31 the cost of educating, training, paying, and insuring an eligible peace officer candidate until
1.32 the candidate is licensed by the board as a peace officer.

2.1 (b) The commissioner must reimburse an agency for the actual cost of educating, training,
2.2 paying, and insuring an eligible peace officer candidate up to \$50,000.

2.3 (c) The commissioner shall not award a grant under this section until the candidate has
2.4 been licensed by the board.

2.5 Subd. 4. **Eligibility for retention bonus reimbursement grant.** (a) The chief law
2.6 enforcement officer of a law enforcement agency may apply to the commissioner for a
2.7 onetime reimbursement grant for a retention bonus awarded to an eligible peace officer
2.8 candidate after the candidate has worked for a minimum of two years as a licensed peace
2.9 officer for the applicant's agency.

2.10 (b) The commissioner must reimburse an agency for the actual cost of an eligible retention
2.11 bonus up to \$10,000.

2.12 Subd. 5. **Eligibility for student loan reimbursement grant.** (a) An eligible peace officer
2.13 candidate, after serving for consecutive years as a licensed peace officer in good
2.14 standing for a law enforcement agency, may apply to the commissioner for a grant to cover
2.15 student loan debt incurred by the applicant in earning the applicant's four-year degree.

2.16 (b) The commissioner shall reimburse the applicant for the amount of the applicant's
2.17 student loan debt up to \$20,000.

2.18 Subd. 6. **Forms.** The commissioner must prepare the necessary grant application forms
2.19 and make them available on the agency's public website.

2.20 Subd. 7. **Intensive education and skills training program.** No later than February 1,
2.21 2024, the commissioner, in consultation with the executive director of the board and the
2.22 institutions designated as education providers under subdivision 8, shall develop an intensive
2.23 comprehensive law enforcement education and skills training curriculum that will provide
2.24 eligible peace officer candidates with the law enforcement education and skills training
2.25 needed to be licensed as a peace officer. The curriculum must be designed to be completed
2.26 in eight months or less and shall be offered at the institutions designated under subdivision
2.27 8. The curriculum may overlap, coincide with, or draw upon existing law enforcement
2.28 education and training programs at institutions designated as education providers under
2.29 subdivision 8. The commissioner may designate existing law enforcement education and
2.30 training programs that are designed to be completed in eight months or less as intensive
2.31 comprehensive law enforcement education and skills training programs for purposes of this
2.32 section.

3.1 Subd. 8. Education providers; sites. (a) No later than September 1, 2023, the Board
3.2 of Trustees of the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities shall designate at least two
3.3 regionally diverse system campuses to provide the required intensive comprehensive law
3.4 enforcement education and skills training to eligible peace officer candidates.

3.5 (b) In addition to the campuses designated under paragraph (a), the commissioner may
3.6 designate private, nonprofit postsecondary institutions to provide the required intensive
3.7 comprehensive law enforcement education and skills training to eligible peace officer
3.8 candidates.

3.9 Subd. 9. Definitions. (a) For purposes of this section, the following terms have the
3.10 meanings given.

3.11 (b) "Commissioner" means the commissioner of public safety.

3.12 (c) "Eligible peace officer candidate" means a person who:

3.13 (1) holds a four-year degree from an accredited college or university;

3.14 (2) is a citizen of the United States;

3.15 (3) passed a thorough background check, including searches by local, state, and federal
3.16 agencies, to disclose the existence of any criminal record or conduct which would adversely
3.17 affect the candidate's performance of peace officer duties;

3.18 (4) possesses a valid Minnesota driver's license or, in case of residency therein, a valid
3.19 driver's license from another state, or eligibility to obtain either license; and

3.20 (5) is sponsored by a state or local law enforcement agency.

3.21 (d) "Law enforcement agency" has the meaning given in section 626.84, subdivision 1,
3.22 paragraph (f), clause (1).

3.23 (e) "Program" means the intensive comprehensive peace officer education and training
3.24 program.

3.25 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment."

3.26 Correct the subdivision and section totals and the appropriations by fund

3.27 Renumber the sections in sequence and correct the internal references

3.28 Amend the title accordingly