

Board of Peace Officer Standards and Training

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Ms. Elizabeth Lincoln, Director, Legislative Reference Library <u>elizabeth.lincoln@lrl.leg.mn</u>

Subject: Annual Report on Ensuring Police Excellence and Improving Community Relations Advisory Council Minn. Stat. 626.8435, Subd. 6.

Dear Senators, Representatives, Director Lincoln:

Minnesota Statutes, section 626.8435, subdivision 6, requires the council to submit a report each year to the chairs and ranking minority members of the senate and house of representatives committees and divisions having jurisdiction over criminal justice policy and the board.

The Ensuring Police Excellence and Improving Community Relations Advisory Council held six meetings during calendar year 2023.

Minn. Stat. 626.8435, Subd. 6 (1) all recommendations presented to the board and how the board acted on those recommendations:

No new recommendations were made by the committee to the board.

Additional Council Activities:

- The Council held a regional listening session in Duluth on October 20, 2023. Several members of the public and local interest groups attended the session.
- The Council will hold a listening session for Hennepin County, and all municipalities within that jurisdiction, on March 5, 2024 in the New Hope City Hall.
- The new Chiefs of the Saint Paul and Minneapolis Police Departments spoke to the council at the February 6, 2023 meeting.
- The Council formed a juvenile DNA collection working group to further research the issue during 2023. Recommendations concerning this issue will likely be forthcoming in early 2024.

• As a result of the recommendation from the Council to the board modify the learning objectives for pre-service education regarding out-of-home placement of native children, those learning objectives were modified by the board and its training committee and adopted in 2023.

Please do not hesitate to contact me at 651-201-7789 or email <u>erik.misselt@state.mn.us</u> with questions or if I can provide further assistance.

Sincerely,

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