

the criteria in department regulations and publish changes as necessary.

(c) The amount of a tuition and textbook reimbursement grant must be specified on a schedule as determined and published in department regulations by the adjutant general, but is limited to a maximum of an amount equal to the greater of:

(1) 80 percent of the cost of tuition for lower division programs in the college of liberal arts at the twin cities campus of the University of Minnesota in the most recent academic year; or

(2) 80 percent of the cost of tuition for the program in which the person is enrolled at that Minnesota public institution, or if that public institution is outside the state of Minnesota, for the cost of a comparable program at the University of Minnesota, except that in the case of a survivor as defined in paragraph (b), the amount of the tuition and textbook reimbursement grant for coursework satisfactorily completed by the person is limited to 100 percent of the cost of tuition for post-secondary courses at a Minnesota public educational institution.

Paragraph (b) notwithstanding, a person is no longer eligible for a grant under this subdivision once the person has received grants under this subdivision for the equivalent of 208 quarter credits or 144 semester credits of coursework.

(d) Tuition and textbook reimbursement grants received under this subdivision may not be considered by the Minnesota higher education services office or by any other state board, commission, or entity in determining a person's eligibility for a scholarship or grant-in-aid under sections 136A.095 to 136A.1311.

(e) If a member fails to complete a term of enlistment during which a tuition and textbook reimbursement grant was paid, the adjutant general may seek to recoup a prorated amount as determined by the adjutant general.

~~(f) The adjutant general shall maintain records and report any findings to the legislature by March 1, 2003, on the impact of increasing the reimbursement amounts under paragraph (e) during the period July 1, 2001, through December 31, 2002.~~

~~(g) This paragraph, paragraph (f), and the amendments made by Laws 2001, First Special Session chapter 10 to paragraph (e) expire June 30, 2003.~~

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Signed by the governor May 12, 2003, 12:13 p.m.

CHAPTER 35—H.F.No. 700

An act relating to civil actions; providing immunity for good faith reports to or requests for assistance from law enforcement; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 604A.

New language is indicated by underline, deletions by ~~strikeout~~.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

Section 1. [604A.34] REPORTS OR ASSISTANCE REQUESTS TO LAW ENFORCEMENT.

An individual who in good faith seeks assistance from, or reports apparent unlawful conduct to, law enforcement is not liable for civil damages as a result of that action. If an individual prevails in a civil action from which the individual has been granted immunity by this section, the court shall award the individual reasonable attorney fees and costs. This section does not exempt individuals from their professional obligations of confidentiality.

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CHAPTER 36—S.F.No. 515

An act relating to criminal justice; modifying structure of financial crimes task force and modifying related policies; repealing sunset provision; amending Minnesota Statutes 2002, section 299A.68.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2002, section 299A.68, is amended to read:

299A.68 MINNESOTA FINANCIAL CRIMES INVESTIGATION TASK FORCE.

Subdivision 1. **INVESTIGATION TASK FORCE ESTABLISHED.** ~~A group of two or more local governmental units may enter into an agreement to establish a major~~ The Minnesota financial crimes investigation task force is established to investigate major financial crimes. Local law enforcement agencies, federal law enforcement agencies, and state and federal prosecutor's offices may join the Minnesota financial crimes task force, subject to the provisions of this section.

Subd. 2. **INVESTIGATION TASK FORCE'S DUTIES.** (a) ~~The investigation task force shall investigate consumer identity theft cases and reported financial crimes from individuals and businesses who that are victims of such crimes.~~

(b) ~~The investigation task force shall focus on financial crimes including, but not limited to, statewide crimes such as: theft, fraud, and forgery crimes, including identity theft, check forgery, fraud in obtaining credit, financial transaction card fraud, theft from merchants, possession or sale of stolen or counterfeit checks, issuance of dishonored checks, creation or use of counterfeit state identification, obtaining counterfeit state identification, fraudulent Internet transactions, fraudulent merchandise returns, investment fraud, insurance fraud, vehicle insurance fraud, financial institution~~

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