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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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H. F. No. 325

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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to military officers; providing for reimbursement grants to local units of
1.3 government for public safety personnel on authorized leave; amending Minnesota
1.4 Statutes 2018, sections 190.16, by adding a subdivision; 192.26, by adding a
1.5 subdivision.

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

1.7 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 190.16, is amended by adding a subdivision
1.8 to read:

1.9 Subd. 6b. Reimbursement grants. The adjutant general shall administer a reimbursement
1.10 grant program under section 192.26, subdivision 3, and pay grants to local units of
1.11 government to reimburse them for paying salary and benefits to public safety employees
1.12 on authorized leave under section 192.26, subdivision 1.

1.13 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 192.26, is amended by adding a subdivision to
1.14 read:

1.15 Subd. 3. State reimbursement for costs of authorized leave. (a) For purposes of this
1.16 subdivision, the terms in this paragraph have the meanings given them:

1.17 (1) "public safety employees" means firefighters who are full-time employees of a local
1.18 unit of government;

1.19 (2) "local unit of government" means a county or home rule charter or statutory city;
1.20 and

1.21 (3) "salary and benefits" means the wages or salaries and benefits paid to employees of
1.22 the local unit of government on authorized leave under this section.

2.1 (b) The adjutant general shall make grants to local units of government to reimburse  
2.2 them for salary and benefits paid to public safety employees on authorized leave under this  
2.3 section.

2.4 (c) To be eligible for state reimbursement of the amount of salary and benefits paid for  
2.5 the preceding calendar year as determined under this subdivision, the local unit of government  
2.6 shall apply to the adjutant general by March 15. By July 15, the adjutant general shall pay  
2.7 the reimbursement grants to the local units of government.

2.8 (d) The adjutant general shall prescribe the form and supporting information that must  
2.9 be supplied by the local unit of government as part of the application for state reimbursement.

2.10 (e) An appropriation by law from the general fund to the adjutant general must be used  
2.11 to pay the grants. If the appropriation is insufficient to pay the entire sum of all of the  
2.12 reimbursements for eligible costs for which local units of government have applied, the  
2.13 adjutant general shall reduce each grant proportionally so that the sum of the grants equals  
2.14 the available appropriation.

2.15 **Sec. 3. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

2.16 Sections 1 and 2 are effective the day following final enactment for reimbursement of  
2.17 eligible costs incurred by local units of government in calendar year 2020 and thereafter.