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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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H. F. No. 120

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

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to local government aid; making modifications related to public safety;
1.3 withholding local government aid from a city that reduces the number of peace
1.4 officers; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 477A.

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

1.6 Section 1. 477A.0176 AID REDUCTIONS FOR REDUCTIONS IN CITY
1.7 EXPENDITURES ON PEACE OFFICERS.

1.8 Subdivision 1. Definitions. (a) For the purposes of this section, the terms in this
1.9 subdivision have the meanings given them.

1.10 (b) "City" means a statutory or home rule charter city.

1.11 (c) "Identified city" means a city that adopts a budget that provides for fewer peace
1.12 officers than provided in the budget the city adopted for 2020.

1.13 (d) "Peace officer" has the meaning given in section 626.84, subdivision 1, paragraph
1.14 (c).

1.15 Subd. 2. Certification. By February 1, 2022, and annually thereafter, a city must certify
1.16 to the state auditor the number of peace officers provided in the budget the city adopted for
1.17 2020 and the number of peace officers provided in the city's most recently adopted budget.
1.18 The state auditor must determine the form and manner of the certification. By March 15,
1.19 2022, and annually thereafter, the state auditor must certify to the commissioner (1) a list
1.20 of cities that certified under this subdivision, and (2) a list of identified cities.

1.21 Subd. 3. Aid reductions. Notwithstanding any other law to the contrary, beginning with
1.22 aids payable in 2022, an identified city or a city that did not certify as required under

- 2.1 subdivision 2 is ineligible for local government aid under sections 477A.011 to 477A.03.
- 2.2 Any aid reductions under this subdivision must cancel to the general fund and not be
- 2.3 reallocated among other cities.