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Introduction and first reading
Referred to Judiciary and Public Safety

OFFICIAL STATUS

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to public safety; requiring the state to fully fund costs related to the
1.3 continuation of health insurance coverage for certain disabled or deceased peace
1.4 officers or firefighters; providing an open statutory appropriation to accomplish
1.5 this; amending Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 299A.465, subdivision 4, by
1.6 adding a subdivision.

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

1.8 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 299A.465, subdivision 4, is amended to read:

1.9 Subd. 4. **Public employer reimbursement.** A public employer subject to this section
1.10 may annually apply by August 1 for the preceding fiscal year to the commissioner of public
1.11 safety for reimbursement to ~~help defray a portion~~ of its total costs of complying with this
1.12 section. The commissioner shall provide ~~an equal pro rata share~~ reimbursement to the public
1.13 employer out of the public safety officer's benefit account ~~based on the availability of funds~~
1.14 ~~for each eligible officer, firefighter, and qualifying dependents. Individual shares must not~~
1.15 ~~exceed the actual costs of providing coverage under this section by a public employer.~~

1.16 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 1, 2023.

1.17 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 299A.465, is amended by adding a subdivision
1.18 to read:

1.19 Subd. 4a. **Annual appropriation.** An amount necessary to fully fund the reimbursement
1.20 requests under subdivision 4 is annually appropriated from the general fund to the
1.21 commissioner of public safety for deposit into the public safety officer's benefit account.
1.22 This appropriation is a statutory appropriation as defined in section 16A.011, subdivision
1.23 14a.

2.1 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 1, 2023.