

Introduced by

Representatives Vetter, Brandenburg, Cory, Ista, Lefor, O'Brien, Schauer, Schneider

Senators Kreun, Larson, Meyer, Rummel

1 A BILL for an Act to provide an appropriation to the attorney general for a peace officer and
2 correctional officers appreciation grant program.

3 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:**

4 **SECTION 1. APPROPRIATION - ATTORNEY GENERAL - PEACE OFFICER AND**
5 **CORRECTIONAL OFFICERS APPRECIATION GRANT PROGRAM - ONE-TIME FUNDING.**

6 There is appropriated out of any moneys in the general fund in the state treasury, not otherwise
7 appropriated, the sum of \$8,450,000, or so much of the sum as may be necessary, to the
8 attorney general for the purpose of a peace officer and correctional officers appreciation grant
9 program for the biennium beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2025. The attorney
10 general shall provide grants to:

- 11 1. State agencies and political subdivisions on a reimbursement basis based on the
12 number of peace officers licensed in good standing under chapter 12-63 and who
13 have been employed by the same North Dakota state agency or political subdivision in
14 a law enforcement capacity for at least four consecutive years.
- 15 2. The department of corrections and rehabilitation based on the number of correctional
16 officers employed by the department of corrections and rehabilitation for at least four
17 consecutive years.

18 State agencies and political subdivisions receiving a grant under this program shall use the
19 funds only for providing each eligible peace officer or correctional officers an appreciation salary
20 bonus of up to \$6,000 at the end of each fiscal year. The attorney general shall establish an
21 application process and eligibility requirements for the program in consultation with the peace
22 officer standards and training board and the department of corrections and rehabilitation. The
23 funding provided in this section is considered a one-time funding item.