

AMENDMENTS TO LB1270

Introduced by Judiciary.

1 1. Strike the original sections and insert the following new
2 sections:

3 Section 1. Sections 1 to 7 of this act shall be known and may be
4 cited as the Law Enforcement Attraction and Retention Act.

5 Sec. 2. (1) The Legislature finds that:

6 (a) The State of Nebraska and cities and counties in this state have
7 experienced a dramatic decrease in applications for law enforcement
8 officer positions;

9 (b) Law enforcement officers in Nebraska are leaving the law
10 enforcement profession;

11 (c) Law enforcement agencies are not retaining law enforcement
12 officers at a rate sufficient to ensure public safety;

13 (d) Law enforcement officers are the critical element of public
14 safety in Nebraska communities; and

15 (e) Maintaining a robust law enforcement workforce is in the best
16 interests of all Nebraskans.

17 (2) The purpose of the Law Enforcement Attraction and Retention Act
18 is to provide financial incentives to attract and retain law enforcement
19 officers.

20 Sec. 3. For purposes of the Law Enforcement Attraction and
21 Retention Act:

22 (1) Council means the Nebraska Police Standards Advisory Council;
23 and

24 (2) Law enforcement officer has the same meaning as in section
25 81-1401.

26 Sec. 4. (1) The council shall accept applications for retention
27 incentive payments from individual law enforcement officers in Nebraska.

1 (2) To be eligible for a tier 1 retention incentive payment, a law
2 enforcement officer must complete twelve months of full-time employment
3 as a law enforcement officer after July 1, 2022. No law enforcement
4 officer shall receive more than one tier 1 retention incentive payment.

5 (3) To be eligible for a tier 2 retention incentive payment, a law
6 enforcement officer must complete three years of full-time employment as
7 a law enforcement officer after July 1, 2022. No law enforcement officer
8 shall receive more than one tier 2 retention incentive payment.

9 (4) To be eligible for a tier 3 retention incentive payment, a law
10 enforcement officer must complete five years of full-time employment as a
11 law enforcement officer after July 1, 2022. No law enforcement officer
12 shall receive more than one tier 3 retention incentive payment.

13 (5) Full-time law enforcement officers employed by a law enforcement
14 agency that employs more than seventy-five full-time law enforcement
15 officers shall only be eligible for a tier 1 retention incentive payment,
16 and such payment shall be seven hundred fifty dollars.

17 (6) For full-time law enforcement officers employed by a law
18 enforcement agency that employs seventy-five or fewer full-time law
19 enforcement officers:

20 (a) The tier 1 retention incentive payment shall be one thousand
21 five hundred dollars;

22 (b) The tier 2 retention incentive payment shall be two thousand
23 five hundred dollars; and

24 (c) The tier 3 retention incentive payment shall be three thousand
25 dollars.

26 Sec. 5. (1) The council shall accept applications for grants from
27 law enforcement agencies in Nebraska. The grants shall be used to provide
28 hiring bonuses to newly hired full-time law enforcement officers.

29 (2) A law enforcement agency shall be eligible for a grant under
30 this section if:

31 (a) The law enforcement agency employs fewer than one hundred fifty

1 full-time law enforcement officers; and

2 (b) The law enforcement agency is not at the recommended level of
3 staffing under standards set by the council.

4 Sec. 6. The council may adopt and promulgate rules and regulations
5 to carry out the Law Enforcement Attraction and Retention Act.

6 Sec. 7. The Law Enforcement Attraction and Retention Act terminates
7 on June 30, 2028.

8 Sec. 8. This act becomes operative on July 1, 2022.

9 Sec. 9. Since an emergency exists, this act takes effect when
10 passed and approved according to law.