

<p>Continued health insurance for injured public safety officers</p>	<p>M.S. 299A.465</p>	<p>Cities are required to continue health benefits to police officers and firefighters injured on duty, and their dependents, until age 65, even if they gain other employment and health insurance coverage. Initially, the state reimbursed cities for the full costs to comply with this requirement, but has not done so for several years. If the state cannot meet the obligation, the mandated payment by the employer should be eliminated, funded by the state, or have the PERA fund the costs from the retirement fund. The City does not oppose the intent of the mandate, but rather objects if it is unfunded or underfunded.</p>
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