

House File 2549 - Introduced

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BY COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY

(SUCCESSOR TO HSB 654)

A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to health insurance by certain peace officers
2 of the department of public safety.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. NEW SECTION. 80.7 Peace officers — health
2 insurance.

3 1. Notwithstanding any provision to the contrary, peace
4 officers employed within the department that are not covered
5 under a collective bargaining agreement shall have the option
6 to participate in the group health insurance plan that is
7 negotiated under chapter 20 between the state and the state
8 police officers council labor union for peace officers.

9 2. The department shall calculate the savings to the
10 department for peace officers exercising the option to
11 participate in the group health insurance plan pursuant to
12 subsection 1. The department shall transfer to the special
13 investigations fund created in section 80.48 from moneys
14 appropriated to the department an amount equal to the savings
15 calculated by the department.

16 Sec. 2. NEW SECTION. 80.48 Special investigations fund.

17 1. A special investigations fund is established in the state
18 treasury under the control of the department. The fund shall
19 consist of moneys transferred to the fund pursuant to section
20 80.7.

21 2. Moneys in the fund are appropriated to the department for
22 purposes of paying for departmental personnel to investigate
23 unsolved homicides and sexual assaults.

24 3. Notwithstanding section 8.33, moneys in the fund
25 that remain unencumbered or unobligated at the close of a
26 fiscal year shall not revert but shall remain available for
27 expenditure for the purposes designated. Notwithstanding
28 section 12C.7, subsection 2, interest or earnings on moneys in
29 the fund shall be credited to the fund.

30 EXPLANATION

31 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with
32 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

33 This bill allows peace officers employed within the
34 department of public safety that are not covered under
35 a collective bargaining agreement to have the option to

1 participate in the group health insurance plan that is
2 negotiated between the state and the state police officers
3 council labor union for peace officers. The bill provides that
4 the department shall calculate the savings to the department
5 for peace officers exercising the option provided by the bill
6 and directs the department to transfer moneys to a new special
7 investigations fund created by the bill in an amount equal to
8 the savings. The bill creates a new special investigations
9 fund and provides that moneys in the fund are appropriated
10 to the department for purposes of paying for departmental
11 personnel to investigate unsolved homicides and sexual
12 assaults.