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~~{SCHOLARSHIPS}~~ Senator Karen Mayne proposes the following substitute bill:

### REIMBURSEMENTS FOR PUBLIC SAFETY OFFICERS

2017 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

**Chief Sponsor: Karen Mayne**

House Sponsor: ~~{\_\_\_\_\_}~~ Lee B. Perry

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#### LONG TITLE

##### General Description:

This bill creates the ~~{Public Safety}~~ Peace Officer Career Advancement ~~{Scholarship}~~ Reimbursement program under the State Board of Regents.

##### Highlighted Provisions:

This bill:

- ▶ creates the ~~{Public Safety}~~ Peace Officer Career Advancement ~~{Scholarship}~~ Reimbursement program to provide up to \$5,000 annually for qualified applicants;
- ▶ appropriates funds for the ~~{Public Safety}~~ Peace Officer Career Advancement ~~{Scholarship}~~ Reimbursement program;
- ▶ dedicates a portion of the ~~{scholarship}~~ reimbursement funds for officers currently ~~{working}~~ employed in smaller counties;

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- ▶ requires that an individual who receives a ~~{scholarship}~~reimbursement through the ~~{Public Safety}~~Peace Officer Career Advancement ~~{Scholarship program}~~Reimbursement Program continue to ~~{work}~~be employed with ~~{their}~~the individual's current law enforcement agency for an additional year for each year that ~~{they apply}~~the individual applies for and ~~{receive scholarship funds;}~~  
—————  
—————▶ requires an individual to reimburse the State Board of Regents for any scholarship money awarded to them if they fail to comply with the requirements of the scholarship; and  
{receives reimbursement funds; and
  - ▶ requires the board to annually report on the ~~{scholarship}~~reimbursement program to the Higher Education Appropriations Subcommittee.

### Money Appropriated in this Bill:

This bill appropriates in fiscal year 2018:

- ▶ to the State Board of Regents – Student Assistance, as an ongoing appropriation:
  - from the Education Fund, \$200,000.

### Other Special Clauses:

None

### Utah Code Sections Affected:

ENACTS:

**53B-8-112**, Utah Code Annotated 1953

**53B-8-113**, Utah Code Annotated 1953

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*Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:*

Section 1. Section **53B-8-112** is enacted to read:

**53B-8-112. Public Safety Officer Career Advancement Scholarship.**

- (1) The Public Safety Officer Career Advancement ~~{Scholarship program}~~Reimbursement Program is created.
- (2) ~~{A Public Safety Officer Career Advancement Scholarship may only be used at:~~  
—————  
(a) a credit-granting higher education institution within the state system of higher education, described in Section 53B-1-102; or

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~~\_\_\_\_\_ (b) a private, nonprofit college or university in the state that is accredited by the Northwest Association of Schools and Colleges.~~

~~\_\_\_\_\_ (3) A scholarship authorized in this section may only be awarded to} Subject to legislative appropriations and Subsection (7) the board shall reimburse~~ an applicant who:

~~(a) is a certified {public safety}peace officer, currently employed by a law enforcement agency within the state;~~

~~(b) has been employed as a certified {public safety}peace officer for three or more consecutive years; {and}~~

~~(c) is seeking a post-secondary degree in the area of criminal justice from a credit-granting higher education institution within the state system of higher education, described in Section 53B-1-102; and~~

~~(d) is employed as a peace officer for one year following completion of the academic year for which the individual is seeking reimbursement.~~

~~(3) Individuals who qualify for reimbursement from the Public Safety Officer Career Advancement Reimbursement program may apply for reimbursement by July 1 one year after each academic year for which they are requesting reimbursement.~~

~~(4) Subject to Legislative appropriations, of the funds appropriated for the {Public Safety}Peace Officer Career Advancement {Scholarship program}Reimbursement Program:~~

~~(a) {\$50,000 each year}25% of the annual appropriation shall be designated for applicants who are currently employed by a law enforcement agency with jurisdiction in a county of the third or fourth class; and~~

~~(b) {\$25,000 each year}12% of the annual appropriation shall be designated for applicants who are currently employed by a law enforcement agency with jurisdiction in a county of the fifth or sixth class.~~

~~(5) {The board may grant a leave of absence to a scholarship holder, but the applicant may only receive scholarship money within eight years of the initial application for a scholarship.~~

~~\_\_\_\_\_ (6) (a) For each year that the applicant is awarded a scholarship from the Public Safety Officer Career Advancement Scholarship program, the applicant shall remain employed with that law enforcement agency for an additional year after being awarded a scholarship.~~

~~\_\_\_\_\_ (b) If an applicant is awarded a scholarship authorized by this section and fails to~~

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~~comply with the provisions of Subsection (6)(a), the applicant shall reimburse the board for any scholarship funds awarded to the applicant under this section.~~

~~—— (7)(a) A qualified applicant may be reimbursed up to half of the cost of tuition and fees.~~

~~(b) A reimbursement under Subsection (5)(a) is limited to:~~

~~(i) a maximum of \$5,000 each academic year; and~~

~~(ii) a maximum of eight academic years.~~

~~(6) (a) The board shall make rules in accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act, to:~~

~~(~~f~~a) adopt policies establishing~~(i) ~~set deadlines for receiving reimbursement applications and supporting documentation; and~~

~~(ii) establish the application process and an appeal process for a {scholarship} reimbursement from the {Public Safety} Peace Officer Career Advancement {Scholarship program} Reimbursement Program, including procedures to allow for online application submittals~~; ~~and~~.

~~(b) The board shall include a disclosure on all applications and related materials that the amount of the awarded {scholarships} reimbursements may be subject to funding or be reduced, in accordance with Subsection (~~f~~8)7).~~

~~(~~f~~8)7) (a) Subject to future budget constraints, the Legislature shall make an annual appropriation from the Education Fund to the board for the costs associated with the {Public Safety} Peace Officer Career Advancement {Scholarship program} Reimbursement Program authorized under this section.~~

~~(b) Notwithstanding the provisions of this section, if the appropriation under this section is insufficient to cover the costs associated with the {Public Safety} Peace Officer Career Advancement {Scholarship program} Reimbursement Program, the board may reduce the amount of {any scholarship}.~~

~~—— (9) The board shall set deadlines for receiving scholarship applications and supporting documentation.~~

~~—— (10) The amount of each scholarship awarded from the Public Safety Officer Career Advancement Scholarship program is up to \$5,000 each year, per applicant~~; ~~a reimbursement.~~

~~(c) Any individual who is denied reimbursement because of insufficient funds~~

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appropriated may re-apply for reimbursement up to two years after the first year of eligibility.

Section 2. Section **53B-8-113** is enacted to read:

### **53B-8-113. Reporting.**

~~The~~ No later than December 1, the board shall report annually on the Public Safety Officer Career Advancement ~~Scholarship~~ Reimbursement program ~~no later than December 1~~ to the Higher Education Appropriations Subcommittee regarding the following information for the previous calendar year:

(1) the number of certified ~~public safety~~ peace officer applicants for ~~scholarship~~ reimbursement;

(2) the number of ~~scholarships~~ reimbursements awarded from the ~~Public Safety~~ peace Officer Career Advancement ~~Scholarship program~~ Reimbursement Program; and

(3) the total amount in ~~scholarships~~ reimbursements awarded.

### Section 3. **Appropriation.**

The following sums of money are appropriated for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2017, and ending June 30, 2018. These are additions to amounts previously appropriated for fiscal year 2018. Under the terms and conditions of Title 63J, Chapter 1, Budgetary Procedures Act, the Legislature appropriates the following sums of money from the funds or accounts indicated for the use and support of the government of the state of Utah.

To State Board of Regents -- Student Assistance

From Education Fund \$200,000

Schedule of Programs:

Public Safety Officer Career Advancement

~~Scholarship Program~~ ~~\$200,000~~

Legislative Review Note

Office of Legislative Research and General Counsel Reimbursement

\$200,000

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