

HB 2628 -- TUITION REIMBURSEMENT PROGRAM

SPONSOR: Roberts (161)

This bill establishes the "Peace Officer Basic Training Tuition Reimbursement Program", which will be a fund to which Missouri residents who attend a basic law enforcement academy for training required to be a peace officer and who obtain full-time employment with a law enforcement agency, on or after September 1, 2020, may apply to have their tuition reimbursed at a rate of 25% per year of employment, with full tuition reimbursed by the end of four years of employment. Qualifying government entities that pay for a person to attend the academy may submit for tuition reimbursement at the same rate. The POST Commission will be the administrative agency for implementation of the reimbursement program.

The bill also establishes the "Peace Officer Basic Training Tuition Reimbursement Fund", which will consist of money appropriated by the General Assembly, as well as any gifts, bequests, or donations, and the funds are to be used solely for the administration of the reimbursement program.