

SENATE BILL No. 204

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: IC 5-2.

Synopsis: Grants for local law enforcement agencies. Establishes the community relations and fund the police grant program to be administered by the Indiana criminal justice institute (ICJI). Specifies that the program is a matching grant program requiring recipients to match each dollar received. Establishes the community relations and fund the police grant fund (fund). Annually appropriates \$25,000,000 to the ICJI for deposit in the fund. Annually allocates \$5,000,000 for grants to local law enforcement agencies in Marion County and \$20,000,000 for grants to local law enforcement agencies in the other counties of the state. Provides that the maximum amount of a grant awarded to a local law enforcement agency in a particular state fiscal year is \$250,000. Specifies certain restrictions on and the permissible uses of a grant awarded to a local law enforcement agency.

Effective: July 1, 2023.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning public safety and to make an appropriation.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

- 1 SECTION 1. IC 5-2-6-3, AS AMENDED BY P.L.101-2022,
- 2 SECTION 3, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
- 3 JULY 1, 2023]: Sec. 3. The institute is established to do the following:
- 4 (1) Evaluate state and local programs associated with:
- 5 (A) the prevention, detection, and solution of criminal
- 6 offenses;
- 7 (B) law enforcement; and
- 8 (C) the administration of criminal and juvenile justice.
- 9 (2) Participate in statewide collaborative efforts to improve all
- 10 aspects of law enforcement, juvenile justice, and criminal justice
- 11 in this state.
- 12 (3) Stimulate criminal and juvenile justice research.
- 13 (4) Develop new methods for the prevention and reduction of
- 14 crime.
- 15 (5) Prepare applications for funds under the Omnibus Act and the
- 16 Juvenile Justice Act.
- 17 (6) Administer victim and witness assistance funds.



- 1 (7) Administer the traffic safety functions assigned to the institute
2 under IC 9-27-2.
- 3 (8) Compile and analyze information and disseminate the
4 information to persons who make criminal justice decisions in this
5 state.
- 6 (9) Serve as the criminal justice statistical analysis center for this
7 state.
- 8 (10) Identify grants and other funds that can be used by the
9 department of correction to carry out its responsibilities
10 concerning sex or violent offender registration under IC 11-8-8.
- 11 (11) Administer the application and approval process for
12 designating an area of a consolidated or second class city as a
13 public safety improvement area under IC 36-8-19.5.
- 14 (12) Administer funds for the support of any sexual offense
15 services.
- 16 (13) Administer funds for the support of domestic violence
17 programs.
- 18 (14) Administer funds to support assistance to victims of human
19 sexual trafficking offenses as provided in IC 35-42-3.5-4.
- 20 (15) Administer the domestic violence prevention and treatment
21 fund under IC 5-2-6.7.
- 22 (16) Administer the family violence and victim assistance fund
23 under IC 5-2-6.8.
- 24 (17) Monitor and evaluate criminal code reform under
25 IC 5-2-6-24.
- 26 (18) Administer the ignition interlock inspection account
27 established under IC 9-30-8-7.
- 28 (19) Identify any federal, state, or local grants that can be used to
29 assist in the funding and operation of regional holding facilities
30 under IC 11-12-6.5.
- 31 (20) Coordinate with state and local criminal justice agencies for
32 the collection and transfer of data from sheriffs concerning jail:
33 (A) populations; and
34 (B) statistics;
35 for the purpose of providing jail data to the management
36 performance hub established by IC 4-3-26-8.
- 37 (21) Establish and administer the Indiana crime guns task force
38 fund under IC 36-8-25.5-8.
- 39 (22) Establish and administer:
40 (A) the juvenile diversion and community alternatives grant
41 program fund under IC 31-40-5; and
42 (B) the juvenile behavioral health competitive grant pilot



1 program fund under IC 31-40-6.

2 **(23) Administer the community relations and fund the police**
 3 **grant program under IC 5-2-13.5.**

4 SECTION 2. IC 5-2-13.5 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE
 5 AS A NEW CHAPTER TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 6 JULY 1, 2023]:

7 **Chapter 13.5. Community Relations and Fund the Police Grant**
 8 **Program**

9 **Sec. 1. As used in this chapter, "fund" means the community**
 10 **relations and fund the police grant fund established by section 5 of**
 11 **this chapter.**

12 **Sec. 2. As used in this chapter, "institute" refers to the Indiana**
 13 **criminal justice institute established under IC 5-2-6.**

14 **Sec. 3. As used in this chapter, "local law enforcement agency"**
 15 **means a tribal law enforcement agency or a political subdivision's**
 16 **department or agency whose principal function is the apprehension**
 17 **of criminal offenders.**

18 **Sec. 4. As used in this chapter, "officer" means a law**
 19 **enforcement officer employed by a local law enforcement agency.**

20 **Sec. 5. (a) The community relations and fund the police grant**
 21 **fund is established to provide grants to local law enforcement**
 22 **agencies. The fund consists of the following:**

23 **(1) Appropriations made by the general assembly.**

24 **(2) Money from any other public or private source.**

25 **(b) Twenty-five million dollars (\$25,000,000) is annually**
 26 **appropriated from the state general fund to the institute for**
 27 **deposit in the fund for the purpose of making grants under this**
 28 **chapter.**

29 **Sec. 6. The institute shall administer the fund. Costs of**
 30 **administering the fund must be paid from money in the fund.**

31 **Sec. 7. The treasurer of state shall invest the money in the fund**
 32 **not currently needed to meet the obligations of the fund in the same**
 33 **manner as other public funds may be invested.**

34 **Sec. 8. Money in the fund at the end of a state fiscal year does**
 35 **not revert to the state general fund.**

36 **Sec. 9. (a) The institute shall allocate grant money in each state**
 37 **fiscal year as follows:**

38 **(1) Five million dollars (\$5,000,000) for local law enforcement**
 39 **agencies located within Marion County.**

40 **(2) Twenty million dollars (\$20,000,000) for local law**
 41 **enforcement agencies located in counties other than Marion**
 42 **County.**



1 **(b) A local law enforcement agency is eligible for a grant under**
 2 **this chapter only if the local law enforcement agency provides**
 3 **matching funds equal to one dollar (\$1) for each one dollar (\$1) of**
 4 **grant funds received from the institute.**

5 **(c) The maximum amount of a grant that may be awarded to a**
 6 **local law enforcement agency in a particular state fiscal year is two**
 7 **hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$250,000).**

8 **Sec. 10. (a) A local law enforcement agency may apply to the**
 9 **institute to receive grants from the fund under this chapter.**

10 **(b) The institute shall approve or deny a grant application**
 11 **submitted under this chapter in accordance with criteria for the**
 12 **evaluation of grant applications developed by the institute.**

13 **(c) Subject to subsection (d), a grant awarded under this**
 14 **chapter:**

15 **(1) must be used to supplement funds available to a local law**
 16 **enforcement agency; and**

17 **(2) may not be used to replace funds that the local law**
 18 **enforcement agency would normally spend for training,**
 19 **personnel, equipment, and other agency expenses.**

20 **(d) A grant awarded to a local law enforcement agency under**
 21 **this chapter must be used for the following purposes:**

22 **(1) To recruit candidates for employment as an officer of the**
 23 **local law enforcement agency.**

24 **(2) To improve the diversity of the officers employed by the**
 25 **local law enforcement agency.**

26 **(3) To improve relations between the officers of the local law**
 27 **enforcement agency and members of the community.**

28 **(4) To update technology used by the local law enforcement**
 29 **agency to prevent and solve violent crimes.**

30 **(5) To provide anti-bias and cultural sensitivity training to the**
 31 **officers of the local law enforcement agency.**

32 **(6) To design, implement, test, and evaluate new strategies to**
 33 **reduce violent crime.**

34 **Sec. 11. The board of trustees of the institute shall adopt rules**
 35 **under IC 4-22-2 to implement this chapter.**

