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HOUSE BILL NO. 828

98TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE WHITE.

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D. ADAM CRUMBLISS, Chief Clerk

AN ACT

To amend chapter 50, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to the law enforcement technology advancement fund.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the state of Missouri, as follows:

Section A. Chapter 50, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto one new section, to be known as section 50.575, to read as follows:

50.575. 1. There is hereby created in the state treasury the “Law Enforcement Technology Advancement Fund”. A surcharge of one hundred fifty dollars shall be assessed as costs in each court proceeding filed in any court in the state in all criminal cases, excluding any class C misdemeanor, infraction, or violation of a municipal ordinance; except that no such fee shall be collected in any proceeding in any court if the proceeding or the defendant has been dismissed by the court or if costs are to be paid by the state, county, or municipality. The moneys collected by the clerks of the courts under this section shall be placed into the law enforcement technology advancement fund.

2. The state treasurer shall be custodian of the fund. In accordance with sections 30.170 and 30.180, the state treasurer may approve disbursements. The fund shall be a dedicated fund and, upon appropriation, moneys in the fund shall be used solely for the administration of subsection 4 of this section. Notwithstanding the provisions of section 33.080 to the contrary, any moneys remaining in the fund at the end of the biennium shall not revert to the credit of the general revenue fund. The state treasurer shall invest moneys in the fund in the same manner as other funds are invested. Any interest and moneys earned on such investments shall be credited to the fund.

EXPLANATION — Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted from the law. Matter in **bold-face** type in the above bill is proposed language.

17 **3. Money from the law enforcement technology advancement fund shall only be**
18 **expended upon the approval of the director of the department of public safety or his or her**
19 **designee and only for the purposes provided for by subsection 4 of this section.**

20 **4. Money from the law enforcement technology advancement fund shall only be**
21 **expended to county and local law enforcement agencies for the following purposes:**

22 **(1) Purchasing new or updating existing computer systems;**

23 **(2) Purchasing audio or video recording devices; and**

24 **(3) Purchasing equipment or software that will improve and expand law**
25 **enforcement capabilities.**

26 **5. A political subdivision shall not reduce any law enforcement agency's budget as**
27 **a result of funds received from the law enforcement technology advancement fund. The**
28 **technology advancement fund is to be used only as a supplement to the law enforcement**
29 **agency's funding received from other county, state, or federal funds. Nothing in this**
30 **section shall prohibit law enforcement agencies from receiving funds by other sources, if**
31 **such funding is in accordance with and in such manner as provided by law.**

32 **6. The department of public safety shall receive applications from county and local**
33 **law enforcement agencies and disburse the funds based on the merit of the application.**

34 **7. The department shall work to acquire grants from federal and private agencies**
35 **to supplement the fund.**

36 **8. The department shall submit an annual report to the general assembly detailing**
37 **the benefits authorized under this fund. The report shall include, at a minimum:**

38 **(1) Descriptions of petitions received by the department;**

39 **(2) Criteria used to approve or deny petitions;**

40 **(3) Expenditures of the funds; and**

41 **(4) Technology advancement projects approved by the department.**

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