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# SENATE BILL NO. 155

98TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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INTRODUCED BY SENATOR NASHEED.

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ADRIANE D. CROUSE, Secretary.

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## AN ACT

To amend chapter 589, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to neighborhood safety.

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

Section A. Chapter 589, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto one new  
2 section, to be known as section 589.685, to read as follows:

**589.685. 1. There is hereby created in the state treasury the  
2 "Neighborhood Watch Fund", which shall consist of money collected  
3 under this section. The general assembly may appropriate moneys to  
4 the fund for the purpose of providing funds to counties, cities, towns,  
5 other political subdivisions, or wards of a city not within a county, as  
6 provided in this section. At no time shall the annual amount of funding  
7 approved for disbursement from the neighborhood watch fund exceed  
8 ten million dollars.**

9 **2. Moneys in the fund may be distributed to counties, cities,  
10 towns, other political subdivisions, or wards of a city not within a  
11 county for the creation or establishment of neighborhood watch  
12 organizations.**

13 **3. The director of the department of public safety shall create an  
14 application and establish procedures for counties, cities, towns, other  
15 political subdivisions, or wards of a city not within a county to follow  
16 to receive funds under this section. To qualify, the political subdivision  
17 or ward shall complete an application to the department of public  
18 safety.**

19           4. The department of public safety shall make a determination  
20 regarding the application for a disbursement from the neighborhood  
21 watch fund based on the application submitted by the political  
22 subdivision or ward. In determining disbursement of funds from the  
23 neighborhood watch fund, priority shall be given to political  
24 subdivisions and wards in counties with a high crime rate, as defined  
25 in this subsection. A county with a high crime rate, for purposes of this  
26 section, is defined as a county, that is in the top twenty-five percent of  
27 all counties with the highest overall crime rate in the state, according  
28 to the most recently available state highway patrol uniform crime  
29 reporting data.

30           5. The director of the department of public safety may  
31 promulgate rules and regulations to implement the provisions of this  
32 section. Any rule or portion of a rule, as that term is defined in section  
33 536.010, that is created under the authority delegated in this section  
34 shall become effective only if it complies with and is subject to all of  
35 the provisions of chapter 536 and, if applicable, section 536.028. This  
36 section and chapter 536 are nonseverable and if any of the powers  
37 vested with the general assembly pursuant to chapter 536 to review, to  
38 delay the effective date, or to disapprove and annul a rule are  
39 subsequently held unconstitutional, then the grant of rulemaking  
40 authority and any rule proposed or adopted after August 28, 2015, shall  
41 be invalid and void.

42           6. The director of the department of public safety shall  
43 administer the neighborhood watch fund. The state treasurer shall be  
44 custodian of the fund. In accordance with sections 30.170 and 30.180  
45 the state treasurer may approve disbursements. The fund shall be a  
46 dedicated fund and, upon appropriation, money in the fund shall be  
47 used solely for the administration of this section.

48           7. Notwithstanding the provisions of section 33.080 to the  
49 contrary, any moneys remaining in the fund at the end of the biennium  
50 shall not revert to the credit of the general revenue fund.

51           8. The state treasurer shall invest moneys in the fund in the  
52 same manner as other funds are invested. Any interest and moneys  
53 earned on such investments shall be credited to the fund.