

SENATE BILL NO. 173

103RD GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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AN ACT

To amend chapter 590, RSMo, by adding thereto two new sections relating to grants for nonprofit organizations at risk for terrorist attacks.

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

Section A. Chapter 590, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto
2 two new sections, to be known as sections 590.1400 and 590.1405,
3 to read as follows:

590.1400. 1. This section shall establish the
2 **"Missouri Task Force on Safety and Security for Nonprofit**
3 **Organizations", within the department of public safety. The**
4 **task force shall study and make recommendations on the**
5 **security needs of nonprofit organizations that are at**
6 **elevated risk of terrorist attacks or threats which have the**
7 **potential to endanger individuals or public safety in**
8 **Missouri, including recommendations:**

9 (1) On the administration and funding of a grant
10 program for eligible nonprofit entities as determined by the
11 department to apply for security grants covering security
12 personnel, security training, facility hardening, and other
13 necessary security measures; and

14 (2) Outreach to and education for nonprofit entities
15 about the grant program and the security grant application
16 process, with a particular focus on engaging and assisting
17 first-time grant applicants.

18 2. Members of the task force shall be appointed by the
19 director of the department of public safety and shall
20 include:

21 (1) The director of the department of public safety,
22 or his or her designee, who shall serve as chairperson of
23 the task force;

24 (2) The director of the Missouri state highway patrol,
25 or his or her designee;

26 (3) The executive director of the Missouri Sheriffs'
27 Association, or his or her designee;

28 (4) The executive director of the Missouri Police
29 Chiefs Association, or his or her designee;

30 (5) The executive director of a state-wide interfaith
31 or interreligious organization, or his or her designee; and

32 (6) Three representatives from other nonprofit
33 organizations, including faith-based groups, academia, or
34 organizations that work on countering domestic terrorism and
35 extremism.

36 3. Members of the task force shall serve without
37 compensation. Members appointed under subdivisions (5) and
38 (6) of subsection 2 of this section shall serve a four year
39 term and may be reappointed. The director of the department
40 of public safety shall fill any vacancies on the task force
41 for members appointed under subdivisions (5) and (6) of
42 subsection 2 of this section.

43 4. The task force shall fix a time and place for its
44 meetings and shall meet at least quarterly. Additional
45 meetings may be held upon the call of the chairperson.

46 5. A majority of the total task force members shall
47 constitute a quorum and any official action taken by the
48 task force shall require an affirmative vote of a majority
49 of the members present and voting.

50 6. The task force shall issue a report to the
51 department of public safety of its findings and
52 recommendations with respect to the security status and
53 needs of nonprofit organizations that are at elevated risk
54 of terrorist attacks in Missouri and recommendations on the
55 appropriate formula and standards for determining security
56 grant recipients. The report shall be issued annually and
57 at such other times as deemed necessary by the task force.
58 The report shall also be provided to the chairperson of the
59 senate committee on appropriations and the house budget
60 committee.

61 7. The department shall develop a grant program to
62 administer funds to eligible nonprofit organizations.

63 8. The department of public safety shall adopt any
64 rules or regulations necessary to create a grant application
65 form identical or substantially similar to the form used by
66 the United States Department of Homeland Security for a
67 nonprofit security grant program. Any rule or portion of a
68 rule, as that term is defined in section 536.010, that is
69 created under the authority delegated in this section shall
70 become effective only if it complies with and is subject to
71 all of the provisions of chapter 536 and, if applicable,
72 section 536.028. This section and chapter 536 are
73 nonseverable and if any of the powers vested with the
74 general assembly pursuant to chapter 536 to review, to delay
75 the effective date, or to disapprove and annul a rule are
76 subsequently held unconstitutional, then the grant of
77 rulemaking authority and any rule proposed or adopted after
78 August 28, 2025, shall be invalid and void.

79 9. An eligible organization may receive a grant up to
80 five percent of the available grant pool for that
81 distribution. No grants shall be awarded until the

82 announcement of the recipients and the amount of the grants
83 awarded under the federal nonprofit security grant program.

590.1405. 1. There is hereby created in the state
2 treasury the "Supplemental Nonprofit Safety and Security
3 Grant Program Fund" which shall consist of moneys
4 appropriated, donated, or otherwise made available to
5 eligible nonprofit organizations pursuant to section
6 590.1400 that are at elevated risk of terrorist attacks in
7 Missouri. The state treasurer shall be custodian of the
8 fund. In accordance with sections 30.170 and 30.180, the
9 state treasurer may approve disbursements. The fund shall
10 be a dedicated fund and money in the fund shall be used
11 solely by nonprofit organizations for security enhancements
12 or measures for security personnel, security training,
13 facility hardening, and other necessary security measures.

14 2. Notwithstanding the provisions of section 33.080 to
15 the contrary, any moneys remaining in the fund at the end of
16 the biennium shall not revert to the credit of the general
17 revenue fund.

18 3. The state treasurer shall invest moneys in the fund
19 in the same manner as other funds are invested. Any
20 interest and moneys earned on such investments shall be
21 credited to the fund.

22 4. No more than five percent of the funds available
23 annually shall be used for administration expenses
24 associated with the fund.

25 5. The fund shall be used to defray the costs of
26 security enhancements or measures for eligible nonprofit
27 organizations, which shall include:

- 28 (1) Safety and security planning;
- 29 (2) Safety and security equipment;
- 30 (3) Security-related technology;

- 31 (4) Safety and security training;
- 32 (5) Safety and security exercises;
- 33 (6) Threat awareness and response training;
- 34 (7) Upgrades to existing structures that enhance
- 35 safety and security; and
- 36 (8) Vulnerability and threat assessments.

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