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ADRIANE D. CROUSE, Secretary

AN ACT

To amend chapter 650, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to funding to certain organizations to deter criminal behavior.

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

Section A. Chapter 650, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto one new section, to be known as section 650.550, to read as follows:

650.550. 1. There is hereby created in the state treasury the "Economic Distress Zone Fund", which shall consist of money appropriated under this section. 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 money in the fund shall be used solely by the department of public safety to provide funding to organizations registered with the United States Internal Revenue Service as a 501(c)(3) corporation that provide services to residents of the state in areas of high incidents of crime and deteriorating infrastructure in for the purpose of deterring criminal behavior in such areas. Any moneys appropriated and any other moneys made available by gift, grant, bequest, contribution, or otherwise to carry out the purpose of this section, and all interest earned on, and income generated from, moneys in the fund shall be paid to, and deposited in, the economic distress zone fund.

19 2. Notwithstanding the provisions of section 33.080 to
20 the contrary, any moneys appropriated to the fund over three
21 million dollars, excluding any moneys made available by
22 gift, grant, bequest, contribution, or otherwise, that
23 remain in the fund at the end of the biennium shall revert
24 to the credit of the general revenue fund.

25 3. The department of public safety shall promulgate
26 rules to carry out the provisions of this section. Any rule
27 or portion of a rule, as that term is defined in section
28 536.010, that is created under the authority delegated in
29 this section shall become effective only if it complies with
30 and is subject to all of the provisions of chapter 536 and,
31 if applicable, section 536.028. This section and chapter
32 536 are nonseverable and if any of the powers vested with
33 the general assembly pursuant to chapter 536 to review, to
34 delay the effective date, or to disapprove and annul a rule
35 are subsequently held unconstitutional, then the grant of
36 rulemaking authority and any rule proposed or adopted after
37 August 28, 2021, shall be invalid and void.

38 4. As used in this section, "areas of high incidents
39 of crime and deteriorating infrastructure" shall mean a city
40 with a homicide rate of at least seven times the national
41 average according to the Federal Bureau of Investigation's
42 Uniform Crime Reporting System; a poverty rate that exceeds
43 twenty percent according to the United States Census Bureau;
44 and has a school district with at least eighty percent of
45 students who qualify for free or reduced lunch.

46 5. The provisions of this section shall terminate on
47 August 28, 2024.

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