

## SENATE COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE

FOR

SENATE BILL NO. 551

AN ACT

To amend chapter 590, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to mental health programs for peace officers.

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

Section A. Chapter 590, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto one new section, to be known as section 590.192, to read as follows:

590.192. 1. There is hereby established the "Critical Incident Stress Management Program" within the department of public safety. The program shall provide services for peace officers to assist in coping with stress and potential psychological trauma resulting from a response to a critical incident or emotionally difficult event. Such services may include consultation, risk assessment, education, intervention, and other crisis intervention services provided by the department to peace officers affected by a critical incident. For purposes of this section, a "critical incident" shall mean any event outside the usual realm of human experience that is markedly distressing or evokes reactions of intense fear, helplessness, or horror and involves the perceived threat to a person's physical integrity or the physical integrity of someone else.

2. All peace officers shall be required to meet with a program service provider once every three to five years for a mental health check-in. The program service provider shall send a notification to the peace officer's commanding officer that he or she completed such check-in.

3. Any information disclosed by a peace officer shall be privileged and shall not be used as evidence in criminal, administrative, or civil proceedings against the peace officer unless:

(1) A program representative reasonably believes the disclosure is necessary to prevent harm to a person who received services or to prevent harm to another person;

(2) The person who received the services provides written consent to the disclosure;

(3) The program representative is a witness or a party to a critical incident that prompted the peace officer to receive critical stress services; or

(4) The person receiving services discloses information that is required to be reported under mandatory reporting laws.

4. (1) There is hereby created in the state treasury the "988 Public Safety Fund", which shall consist of money appropriated by the general assembly. 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 for the purposes of providing services for peace officers pursuant to subsection 1 of this section. Such services may include consultation, risk assessment, education, intervention, and other crisis intervention services provided by the department to peace officers affected by a critical incident.

(2) 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.

(3) 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.