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100TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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AN ACT

To amend chapter 589, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to crime prevention and control programs.

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 section, to be known as section 589.805, to read as follows:

589.805. 1. The department of public safety shall establish a pilot program to be known as the "Community Crime Reduction Grant Program" to provide moneys to qualifying municipal police departments, as provided under subsection 2 of this section. Grants provided under this section shall be subject to appropriation by the general assembly and shall be equally dispersed among qualifying municipal police departments.

2. To be eligible for a grant under the program, the municipal police department shall:

(1) Employ less than two officers per one thousand people, as measured by the Bureau of Justice Statistics, Office of Justice Programs, within the U.S. Department of Justice; and

(2) Serve a city with a population of seventy-five thousand inhabitants to one hundred twenty-five thousand inhabitants that is located in a first class county.

3. Grants received by a municipal police department under this program shall be used as payment for the following:

(1) Up to fifty percent of the cost of employing new law enforcement officers needed to raise the department's officer to population ratio to two officers per one thousand people as measured by the Bureau of Justice Statistics, Office of Justice Programs, within

22 the U.S. Department of Justice; and

23 (2) Up to one hundred percent of the cost for law enforcement
24 officers hired with grant moneys by the municipal police department
25 to attend not less than one seminar relating to fair and impartial
26 policing and one seminar relating to racial sensitivity at the University
27 of Missouri Law Enforcement Training Institute.

28 4. Municipal police departments receiving grants under the pilot
29 program shall submit an annual report to the department of public
30 safety on or before December thirty-first of each year in which the
31 department received a grant, including the following information:

32 (1) An itemized list of how the moneys were used;

33 (2) The number of law enforcement officers hired;

34 (3) The number of hours of advanced training obtained by law
35 enforcement officers;

36 (4) The municipal police department's plans to retain officers
37 hired with grant moneys once such moneys expire; and

38 (5) The most recent crime statistics within the municipality
39 compared to the crime statistics when the municipal police department
40 initiated participation in the pilot program.

41 5. There is hereby created in the state treasury the "Community
42 Crime Reduction Program Fund", which shall consist of all gifts,
43 bequests, transfers, and moneys appropriated by the general assembly
44 under this section. The state treasurer shall be custodian of the fund.
45 In accordance with sections 30.170 and 30.180, the state treasurer may
46 approve disbursements. The fund shall be a dedicated fund and, upon
47 appropriation, moneys in the fund shall be used solely by the
48 department of public safety to issue grants to qualifying municipal
49 police departments through the pilot program established under this
50 section. Notwithstanding the provisions of section 33.080, to the
51 contrary, any moneys remaining in the fund at the end of the biennium
52 shall not revert to the credit of the general revenue fund; however, if
53 at the end of fiscal year 2025 the fund remains unutilized, any moneys
54 remaining in the fund shall revert to the credit of the general revenue
55 fund in fiscal year 2026. The state treasurer shall invest moneys in the
56 fund in the same manner as other funds are invested. Any interest and
57 moneys earned on such investments shall be credited to the fund.

58 6. The department of public safety shall administer the grants

59 issued under the pilot program and promulgate all necessary rules and
60 regulations for the administration of this section. Any rule or portion
61 of a rule, as that term is defined in section 536.010, that is created
62 under the authority delegated in this section shall become effective
63 only if it complies with and is subject to all of the provisions of chapter
64 536 and, if applicable, section 536.028. This section and chapter 536 are
65 nonseverable and if any of the powers vested with the general assembly
66 pursuant to chapter 536 to review, to delay the effective date, or to
67 disapprove and annul a rule are subsequently held unconstitutional,
68 then the grant of rulemaking authority and any rule proposed or
69 adopted after August 28, 2020, shall be invalid and void.

70 7. Pursuant to section 23.253 of the Missouri sunset act:

71 (1) The provisions of the new program authorized under this
72 section shall automatically sunset four years after the effective date of
73 this section unless reauthorized by an act of the general assembly;

74 (2) If such program is reauthorized, the program authorized
75 under this section shall automatically sunset ten years after the
76 effective date of the reauthorization of this section; and

77 (3) This section shall terminate on September first of the
78 calendar year immediately following the calendar year in which the
79 program authorized under this section is sunset.

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