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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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CIRESI, M. MACKENZIE, SANCHEZ, HILL-EVANS, MADDEN AND BURGOS,  
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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY, MARCH 17, 2023

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AN ACT

1 Amending the act of November 22, 1978 (P.L.1166, No.274),  
2 entitled "An act establishing the Pennsylvania Commission on  
3 Crime and Delinquency, providing for its powers and duties  
4 establishing several advisory committees within the  
5 commission and providing for their powers and duties,"  
6 further providing for definitions and for powers and duties  
7 of the commission; and establishing the Constable William  
8 Davidson Reward Fund.

9 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
10 hereby enacts as follows:

11 Section 1. Section 1 of the act of November 22, 1978  
12 (P.L.1166, No.274), referred to as the Pennsylvania Commission  
13 on Crime and Delinquency Law, is amended by adding a definition  
14 to read:

15 Section 1. Definitions.

16 The following words and phrases when used in this act shall  
17 have, unless the context clearly indicates otherwise, the  
18 meanings given to them in this section:

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20 "Law enforcement officer." The term shall have the same

1 meaning as the term "peace officer" under 18 Pa.C.S. § 501  
2 (relating to definitions).

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4 Section 2. Section 3 of the act is amended by adding a  
5 paragraph to read:

6 Section 3. Powers and duties of the commission.

7 The commission shall have the power and its duty shall be:

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9 (19) To offer and cause to be paid rewards of up to  
10 \$50,000 for information leading to the arrest and conviction  
11 of perpetrators of an offense against a law enforcement  
12 officer under 18 Pa.C.S. § 2502 (relating to murder) or 2507  
13 (relating to criminal homicide of law enforcement officer).

14 Section 3. The act is amended by adding a section to read:

15 Section 8.2. Constable William Davidson Reward Fund.

16 (a) Establishment of fund.--The Constable William Davidson  
17 Reward Fund is established as a nonlapsing fund in the State  
18 Treasury.

19 (b) Administration.--The fund shall be administered by the  
20 commission. The commission shall use money in the fund solely  
21 for the purpose of section 3(19).

22 (c) Fund sources.--Funding shall consist of appropriations  
23 by the General Assembly.

24 (d) Definitions.--As used in this section, the following  
25 words and phrases shall have the meanings given to them in this  
26 subsection unless the context clearly indicates otherwise:

27 "Fund." The Constable William Davidson Reward Fund.

28 Section 4. This act shall take effect in 60 days.