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AN ACT

1 Establishing the Safe Streets Law Enforcement Grant Program; and
2 providing for an annual transfer.

3 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
4 hereby enacts as follows:

5 Section 1. Short title.

6 This act shall be known and may be cited as the Safe Streets
7 Law Enforcement Grant Program Act.

8 Section 2. Definitions.

9 The following words and phrases when used in this act shall
10 have the meanings given to them in this section unless the
11 context clearly indicates otherwise:

12 "City." The term shall include:

- 13 (1) A city of the first class.
14 (2) A city of the second class.
15 (3) A city of the second class A.
16 (4) A city of the third class.

17 "Commission." The Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and

1 Delinquency.

2 "Fund." The Safe Streets Law Enforcement Grant Program Fund
3 established under section 5.

4 "Program." The Safe Streets Law Enforcement Grant Program
5 established under section 3.

6 Section 3. Establishment.

7 There is established a grant program to be known as the Safe
8 Streets Law Enforcement Grant Program. The program shall be
9 administered by the commission in accordance with this act.

10 Section 4. Grant guidelines and limitations.

11 (a) Application.--A city may apply to the commission for a
12 grant. The commission may prescribe the form and manner in which
13 an application from a city may be filed. The commission shall
14 review applications from a city within 30 days of receipt and
15 award a grant.

16 (b) Use.--A city that receives a grant under this act may
17 use the grant for one-time, nonrecurring costs which may include
18 the following:

19 (1) Purchase of police equipment.

20 (2) Training of police officers.

21 (3) Public safety initiatives.

22 (4) Other law enforcement programs.

23 (5) Overtime.

24 (c) Limitations.--The following limitations shall apply:

25 (1) Grant money may not be used to cover costs
26 associated with personnel, except for costs associated with
27 overtime.

28 (2) A grant may be not be awarded in excess of:

29 (i) \$150,000 for a city of the first or second
30 class.

1 (ii) \$100,000 for a city of the second class A.

2 (iii) \$100,000 for a city of the third class with a
3 population, based on the most recent Federal decennial
4 census, of at least 40,000 but not more than 120,000.

5 (iv) \$75,000 for a city of the third class with a
6 population, based on the most recent Federal decennial
7 census, of at least 16,000 but not more than 39,999.

8 (v) \$50,000 for a city of the third class with a
9 population, based on the most recent Federal decennial
10 census, of at least 10,000 but not more than 15,999.

11 (vi) \$25,000 for a city of the third class with a
12 population, based on the most recent Federal decennial
13 census, of not more than 10,000.

14 (3) The commission may not award grants in excess of
15 money in the fund.

16 (4) A city that does not have a municipal police
17 department and in which the Pennsylvania State Police provide
18 the city with primary police coverage shall not be eligible
19 for a grant under this act.

20 (d) Reports.--The commission shall require a city that
21 receives a grant to file a report within 60 days of receipt of
22 the grant. The report shall contain detail of the use of the
23 grant and any other information required by the commission.

24 Section 5. Funding.

25 (a) Establishment.--There is established in the State
26 Treasury a fund to be known as the Safe Streets Law Enforcement
27 Grant Program Fund.

28 (b) Use.--Money in the fund shall be used by the commission
29 to award grants in accordance with this act.

30 (c) Transfer.--Beginning July 1, 2016, and each fiscal year

1 thereafter, \$3,200,000 shall be transferred from the General
2 Fund to the fund.

3 Section 6. Reports.

4 (a) Report.--No later than June 30 of each year, the
5 commission shall file a report with the General Assembly. The
6 report shall contain the following:

7 (1) The total number of grants awarded.

8 (2) The name and amount of each city receiving a grant.

9 (3) A detailed list of the uses of grant money by a
10 city.

11 (4) The total dollar amount of grants awarded.

12 (5) Any other information the commission deems
13 necessary.

14 (b) Filing.--The report under subsection (a) shall be filed
15 with the following:

16 (1) The majority and minority chairpersons of the
17 Appropriations Committee of the Senate.

18 (2) The majority and minority chairpersons of the
19 Appropriations Committee of the House of Representatives.

20 (3) The majority and minority chairpersons of the
21 Judiciary Committee of the Senate.

22 (4) The majority and minority chairpersons of the
23 Judiciary Committee of the House of Representatives.

24 Section 7. Effective date.

25 This act shall take effect in 60 days.