

Subject Funding and grants for crime and violence prevention programs

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Overview

This bill establishes three new funds in the special revenue fund. The violent crime reduction and clearance support account is intended to fund violent crime reduction strategies and criminal case clearance support throughout the state. The community crime and violence prevention account is intended for grants to governmental, Tribal, and nongovernmental organizations to fund crime and violence prevention programs. The crisis response and criminal investigation account is intended to fund grants to local law enforcement agencies and governmental entities to improve responses to situations involving individuals experiencing mental health crises and to improve criminal investigation outcomes. The bill also appropriates supplemental funds to the Bureau of Criminal Apprehension's (BCA's) independent Use of Force Investigations Unit and removes the sunset of the unit.

Summary

Section	Description
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1	Violent crime reduction and clearance support; special revenue account; appropriation.
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Establishes the violent crime reduction and clearance support account in the special revenue fund. Appropriates \$15,000,000 from the account each year to the commissioner of public safety to fund violent crime reduction strategies and offer criminal case clearance support. The commissioner must use the remaining funds in the account to support law enforcement in local communities. Directs the commissioner to prioritize use of the funds in jurisdictions that have the most acute need. Local units of government that receive funds from the account must enter a joint powers agreement with the commissioner and the superintendent of the BCA.

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2	<p>Violent crime reduction and clearance support account; transfer.</p> <p>Transfers \$75,000,000 in fiscal year 2023 from the general fund to the violent crime reduction and clearance support account in the special revenue fund. This is a onetime transfer.</p>
3	<p>Community crime and violence prevention grants; special revenue account; appropriation.</p> <p>Establishes the community crime and violence prevention account in the special revenue fund. Appropriates \$30,000,000 each year to the Office of Justice Programs to award community violence prevention and intervention grants. Provides that grants may be awarded to local governments, Tribal entities, and nonprofit organizations that have the support of a local government or Tribal entity. Requires grant recipients to provide direct services to community members with the purpose of reducing or preventing crime or violence. Requires a report on the program and authorizes the Office of Justice Programs to use up to 2.5 percent of the appropriation for administering the grants.</p>
4	<p>Community crime and violence prevention account; transfer.</p> <p>Transfers \$150,000,000 in fiscal year 2023 from the general fund to the community crime and violence prevention account in the special revenue fund. This is a onetime transfer.</p>
5	<p>Crisis response and criminal investigation grants; special revenue account; appropriation.</p> <p>Establishes a crisis response and criminal investigation account in the special revenue fund. Appropriates \$25,000,000 in fiscal year 2023 and \$15,000,000 each year thereafter to the Office of Justice Programs to award grants to local law enforcement agencies and local governments to improve responses to situations involving individuals experiencing a mental health crisis and to improve criminal investigations. Provides that \$10,000,000 in the first year is for local law enforcement to acquire, improve, or replace technology or equipment used to investigate crimes and \$15,000,000 each year is for local law enforcement or local governments to operate crisis response teams to respond to a call involving a mental health crisis. Authorizes the Office of Justice Programs to use up to 2.5 percent of the appropriation for administering the grants.</p>
6	<p>Crisis response and criminal investigation account; transfer.</p> <p>Transfers \$55,000,000 in fiscal year 2023 from the general fund to the crisis response and criminal investigation account in the special revenue fund. This is a onetime transfer.</p>

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7	<p>Bureau of Criminal Apprehension; independent Use of Force Investigations Unit; appropriation.</p> <p>Appropriates \$5,000,000 in fiscal years 2024 and 2025 from the general fund to the commissioner of public safety to the BCA’s independent Use of Force Investigation Unit.</p>
8	<p>Repealer.</p> <p>Repeals the August 1, 2024, sunset of the BCA’s independent Use of Force Investigation Unit.</p>



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