



103RD GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

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SB1858

Introduced 2/9/2023, by Sen. Chapin Rose

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

New Act
30 ILCS 105/5.990 new

Creates the Fund the Police Act. Contains findings. Creates the Fund the Police Grant Fund and provides that moneys that the Illinois Law Enforcement Training Standards Board receives from the Fund must be used for the purpose of making grants to units of local government for the purposes of: (1) hiring, rehiring, and retention of law enforcement officers, including hiring and retention incentives and overtime; (2) funding body camera mandates and purchasing law enforcement equipment designed to keep officers and their communities safe; (3) funding additional law enforcement training; (4) assisting with outreach and community policing activities; (5) assisting with mental health treatment for individuals in county jails; (6) providing mental health care for law enforcement officers; and (7) purchasing public safety equipment designed to prevent gang violence, motor vehicle theft, vehicular hijacking, or the sale of contraband. Provides that the Board may set rules relating to requirements for the distribution of grant moneys and determine which law enforcement agencies are eligible. Provides that the Board must consider compliance with the Uniform Crime Reporting Act as a factor in awarding grant moneys. Provides that moneys in the Fund the Police Grant Fund may not be appropriated, assigned, or transferred to another State fund. Provides for a continuing appropriation at the beginning of each fiscal year of \$125,000,000 from the General Revenue Fund to the Fund the Police Grant Fund. Amends the State Finance Act by making conforming changes.

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1 AN ACT concerning finance.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 1. Short title. This Act may be cited as the Fund
5 the Police Act.

6 Section 5. Findings. The General Assembly finds that:

7 (1) Illinois communities, large and small, have
8 recently experienced spikes in violence and theft
9 resulting in loss of life, loss of property, and a
10 diminished sense of security for the people of Illinois.

11 (2) Senseless violence has snuffed out the lives of
12 men, women, and children from all walks of life and
13 backgrounds and has caused irreversible harm to businesses
14 of all sizes across the State.

15 (3) Chicago alone recorded more than 3,500 shootings
16 and almost 800 homicides in 2021 and more than 2,899
17 shooting incidents and almost 700 homicides in 2022. The
18 homicide rate reflects a level not seen in decades.

19 (4) Cook County, likewise, experienced nearly 1,100
20 homicides in 2021, the highest level of homicides in Cook
21 County since 1994, and over 920 homicides in 2022.

22 (5) Other cities, such as Peoria and Champaign, also
23 broke homicide records in 2021, with Champaign's homicide

1 rate jumping 60% in a single year. Peoria and Chicago were
2 ranked as two of the most dangerous cities in the United
3 States in 2021.

4 (6) Similarly, between 2018 and 2020, aggravated
5 assaults across the State jumped 14%.

6 (7) Some property crimes also skyrocketed. Since 2019,
7 carjackings have tripled in Cook County. Organized retail
8 crime, a now-multi-billion-dollar racket, has ravaged
9 countless businesses in Chicago and the suburbs.

10 Section 10. Definition. As used in this Act, "Board" means
11 the Illinois Law Enforcement Training Standards Board.

12 Section 15. Fund the Police Grant Fund; creation.

13 (a) The Fund the Police Grant Fund is created as a special
14 fund in the State treasury. From appropriations to the Board
15 from the Fund, the Board must make grants to units of local
16 government for the purposes of:

17 (1) hiring, rehiring, and retention of law enforcement
18 officers, including hiring and retention incentives and
19 overtime;

20 (2) funding body camera mandates, including the
21 purchase, storage, and other necessary expenses for
22 running local body camera programs, and purchasing law
23 enforcement equipment designed to keep officers and their
24 communities safe;

1 (3) funding additional law enforcement training,
2 including funding for Mobile Team In-Service Training
3 Units throughout the State and training for law
4 enforcement officers in preventing gang violence, motor
5 vehicle theft, vehicular hijacking, or the sale of
6 contraband;

7 (4) assisting with outreach and community policing
8 activities;

9 (5) assisting with mental health treatment for
10 individuals in county jails;

11 (6) providing mental health care for law enforcement
12 officers; and

13 (7) purchasing public safety equipment designed to
14 prevent gang violence, motor vehicle theft, vehicular
15 hijacking, or the sale of contraband.

16 Moneys received for the purposes of this Section,
17 including fee receipts, gifts, grants, and awards from any
18 public or private entity, must be deposited into the Fund. Any
19 interest earned on moneys in the Fund must be deposited into
20 the Fund.

21 (b) The Board may, by rule, set requirements for the
22 distribution of grant moneys and determine which law
23 enforcement agencies are eligible.

24 (c) The Board must consider compliance with the Uniform
25 Crime Reporting Act as a factor in awarding grant moneys.

1 Section 20. No fund sweep; transfer.

2 (a) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, moneys in
3 the Fund the Police Grant Fund may not be appropriated,
4 assigned, or transferred to another State fund.

5 (b) At the beginning of each fiscal year, the State
6 Comptroller shall direct and the State Treasurer shall
7 transfer the sum of \$125,000,000 from the General Revenue Fund
8 to the Fund the Police Grant Fund.

9 (c) The Governor must submit to the General Assembly a
10 proposed budget in which the Governor must specify the total
11 amount of funds to be transferred from the General Revenue
12 Fund to the Fund the Police Grant Fund during the budget year,
13 which must be no less than the total amount transferred during
14 the previous fiscal year. The Governor may submit a proposed
15 budget in which the total of appropriated and transferred
16 amounts is less than the previous fiscal year if the Governor
17 declares in writing to the General Assembly the reason for the
18 lesser amounts.

19 The General Assembly must transfer from the General
20 Revenue Fund to the Fund the Police Grant Fund for the fiscal
21 year a total amount that is no less than the total amount
22 transferred for the previous fiscal year. The General Assembly
23 may appropriate or transfer lesser amounts if it declares by
24 Joint Resolution the reason for the lesser amounts.

25 Section 90. The State Finance Act is amended by adding

1 Section 5.990 as follows:

2 (30 ILCS 105/5.990 new)

3 Sec. 5.990. The Fund the Police Grant Fund.