



General Assembly

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**AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE URBAN VIOLENCE REDUCTION
GRANT PROGRAM.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

- 1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2006*) (a) As used in this section:
- 2 (1) "Grant" means the Urban Violence Reduction Grant;
- 3 (2) "Eligible agency" means a nonprofit agency or agencies
4 authorized by a municipality to apply for and administer a grant on its
5 behalf;
- 6 (3) "Secretary" means the Secretary of the Office of Policy and
7 Management.
- 8 (b) There is established an Urban Violence Reduction Grant
9 Program to reduce urban youth violence by providing programs and
10 services to youth in Connecticut's urban centers. The program shall be
11 administered by the Office of Policy and Management.
- 12 (c) The secretary shall, within available appropriations, award such
13 grants based upon competitive proposals submitted and evaluated as
14 provided in this section, except that the cities of Bridgeport, Hartford
15 and New Haven shall each receive annually, a grant of seven hundred
16 fifty thousand dollars, within available appropriations, and the cities
17 of New London and Waterbury shall each receive annually, a grant of

18 five hundred thousand dollars, within available appropriations. Grants
19 may be made to a municipality or to one or more eligible agencies
20 acting jointly on behalf of a municipality. Notwithstanding the
21 provisions of this section, in the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2007,
22 and in each fiscal year thereafter, the amount payable to each
23 municipality in accordance with this section shall be reduced
24 proportionately in the event that the total amount payable to all
25 municipalities exceeds the amount appropriated.

26 (d) Grants shall be used to provide appropriate programs and
27 services for youth between twelve and eighteen years of age, inclusive.
28 Eligible programs and services shall include, but not be limited to: (1)
29 Mentoring, (2) tutoring and enrichment activities, (3) social and
30 cultural activities, (4) athletic and recreational opportunities, and (5)
31 training in problem-solving, decision-making, conflict resolution, peer
32 counseling and similar topics designed to reduce youth violence.
33 Grantees shall provide for parental and youth involvement in the
34 planning and operations of the program on an ongoing basis.

35 (e) The Office of Policy and Management shall publish a notice of
36 grant availability and solicit competitive proposals under the program
37 for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2006, and each fiscal year
38 thereafter. Municipalities and eligible agencies acting on behalf of a
39 municipality may file a grant application with the Office of Policy and
40 Management on such forms and at such times as the secretary
41 prescribes. Applications filed by eligible agencies acting on behalf of a
42 municipality shall include the endorsement of the chief elected official
43 of such municipality.

44 (f) The Office of Policy and Management shall review all grant
45 applications received and determine which applications shall be
46 funded and at what funding levels. Criteria for such decisions shall be
47 established by the secretary and included in the notice of grant
48 availability.

49 (g) The cities of Bridgeport, New Haven, Hartford, New London

50 and Waterbury shall annually submit a plan for the use of the funds
51 granted to such city, and such plan shall be subject to the approval of
52 the secretary. The plan shall be in such form, and contain such
53 information, as the secretary shall prescribe. No funds shall be
54 awarded to a city named in this subsection unless such city has an
55 approved plan for the fiscal year for which the funds are being
56 granted.

57 (h) The secretary may adopt regulations, in accordance with chapter
58 54 of the general statutes, to carry out the provisions of this section.

59 Sec. 2. Section 29-179f of the general statutes is repealed and the
60 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2006*):

61 (a) There shall be in the Division of State Police within the
62 Department of Public Safety a [state-wide cooperative crime control
63 task force] State Urban Violence and Cooperative Crime Control Task
64 Force that shall conduct and coordinate investigations in connection
65 with crimes of violence and other criminal activity deemed beyond the
66 ability of local authorities to contain.

67 (b) [The] Upon agreement between the chief elected official or chief
68 of police of any municipality and the Commissioner of Public Safety,
69 the task force may conduct any investigation [authorized by this
70 section] under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Safety, or
71 the commissioner's designee, at any place within the state [as may be
72 deemed] it deems necessary.

73 (c) The task force may request and may receive from any federal,
74 state or local agency, cooperation and assistance in the performance of
75 its duties, including the temporary assignment of personnel necessary
76 to carry out the performance of its functions.

77 (d) The task force may enter into mutual assistance and cooperation
78 agreements with other states pertaining to law enforcement matters
79 extending across state boundaries and may consult and exchange
80 information and personnel with agencies of other states with reference

81 to law enforcement problems of mutual concern.

82 (e) The Commissioner of Public Safety shall appoint a commanding
83 officer and other personnel as he deems necessary for the duties of the
84 task force, within available appropriations.

85 (f) In order to participate in and utilize the task force, a municipality
86 shall petition the Commissioner of Public Safety for assistance. Such
87 petition shall contain [plans for continuing community programs,
88 including, but not limited to, the enforcement of housing and health
89 codes, street clean-up, graffiti removal and condemnation and
90 demolition of abandoned buildings] a description of the problem, a
91 record of the efforts made to solve or contain the problem by local
92 authorities and a request for the deployment of the task force to
93 address specific problems or investigations. The task force may deploy
94 subject to agreement as described in subsection (b) of this section.
95 Municipalities participating in the task force shall assign local
96 resources and personnel to the extent of their ability to do so.

97 (g) The Commissioner of Public Safety may select such personnel
98 from any municipality of the state as the commissioner deems
99 necessary to act as temporary special state police officers to carry out
100 the duties of the task force.

101 (h) Any municipal police officer while assigned to duty with the
102 task force and working at the direction of the Commissioner of Public
103 Safety, or the commissioner's designee, shall, when acting within the
104 scope of such officer's authority, have the same powers, duties,
105 privileges and immunities as are conferred upon a state police officer.

106 (i) Each municipality shall be responsible for the full payment of the
107 compensation of personnel temporarily assigned to the task force and
108 such salary shall be payable to such assigned personnel while on duty
109 with the task force.

110 (j) For purposes of indemnification of such personnel and its
111 municipalities against any losses, damages or liabilities arising out of

112 the service and activities of the task force, personnel while assigned to,
113 and performing the duties of, the task force shall be deemed to be
114 acting as employees of the state.

115 Sec. 3. Section 29-179i of the general statutes is repealed and the
116 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2006*):

117 (a) There shall be a State-Wide Cooperative Crime Control Task
118 Force Policy Board which shall be in the Division of State Police within
119 the Department of Public Safety. [for administrative purposes only.]
120 The policy board shall consist of [a state committee and municipal
121 subcommittees representing each municipality participating in the
122 state-wide cooperative crime control task force. The state committee
123 shall consist of] the Commissioner of Public Safety or the
124 commissioner's designee who shall be the chairperson, the Chief Court
125 Administrator or [his] the Chief Court Administrator's designee, the
126 Chief State's Attorney or [his designee] an assistant state's attorney
127 designated by the Chief State's Attorney, the Commissioner of
128 Correction or [his] the commissioner's designee, [the director of the
129 Police Officer Standards and Training Council or his designee, the
130 Deputy Commissioner] the commanding officer of the Department of
131 Public Safety, Division of State Police, [or his designee,] three chiefs of
132 municipal police departments selected by the Connecticut Police
133 Chiefs Association and the commanding officer of the task force. [The
134 municipal subcommittees shall consist of the chief executive officer of
135 the participating municipality, the chief of police of the participating
136 municipality and three other members appointed by such chief
137 executive officer representing, but not limited to, the interests of the
138 business community, social and community services and education.]
139 Upon agreement between the chief elected official or chief of police of
140 any municipality to have the task force conduct an investigation in
141 accordance with section 29-179f, as amended by this act, the chief of
142 police for said municipality shall act as an ex-officio member of the
143 task force.

144 (b) The policy board shall direct and supervise the formulation of

145 policies and operating procedures and shall coordinate the activities of
146 the task force with other law enforcement agencies within and without
147 the state. Said board [may waive the requirement specified in
148 subsection (d) of section 29-179g relative to assignment of police
149 officers to the task force] shall determine if the assignment of
150 personnel and resources as described in subsection (f) of section 29-
151 179f, as amended by this act, is sufficient and appropriate.

152 (c) The policy board may apply for and shall administer any federal,
153 state, local or private appropriations or grant funds made available for
154 the operation of the task force. [Any funds not expended shall revert to
155 the agency or organization from which such funds were received.]

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2006</i>	New section
Sec. 2	<i>July 1, 2006</i>	29-179f
Sec. 3	<i>July 1, 2006</i>	29-179i

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