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Referred to Committee on Public Safety and Security

Introduced by:

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AN ACT ESTABLISHING A PROGRAM OF GRANTS TO MUNICIPALITIES TO HIRE AND RETAIN POLICE OFFICERS AND TO FOSTER COMMUNITY POLICING.

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

- 1 That the general statutes be amended to establish a program to
- 2 enhance the ability of larger cities to hire and retain qualified public
- 3 safety personnel and to foster community policing that will be
- 4 proactive and responsive to the needs of neighborhoods and
- 5 communities. Such program shall provide grants to municipalities for
- 6 (1) the hiring of additional police personnel, (2) police personnel salary
- 7 enhancement, and (3) the lease or purchase of facilities for community
- 8 police stations.

Statement of Purpose:

To respond to the increase in gun crime, crimes of violence and drug trafficking that has become endemic due to the loss of federal grants for assisting communities in maintaining adequate police resources; to provide aid to poorer communities that cannot compete with wealthier communities in compensating its police officers; and to more effectively respond to the degradation of the security and public safety

of primarily urban neighborhoods by emphasizing community police facilities to create a partnership with residents of the community in providing healthy, safe neighborhoods through mutual cooperation and trust.