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***AN ACT ESTABLISHING AN 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, 2007*) (a) As used in this section:
- 2 (1) "Grant" means an urban violence reduction grant;
- 3 (2) "Eligible agency" means a nonprofit agency authorized by a  
4 municipality to apply for and administer a grant on behalf of such  
5 municipality; and
- 6 (3) "Secretary" means the Secretary of the Office of Policy and  
7 Management.
- 8 (b) There is established an urban violence reduction grant program  
9 for the purpose of reducing urban youth violence by providing grants  
10 for programs and services for youth in Connecticut's urban centers.  
11 The program shall be administered by the Office of Policy and  
12 Management.

13 (c) The secretary shall, within available appropriations, award  
14 grants under the program based on competitive proposals submitted  
15 and evaluated as provided in this section, except that, within available  
16 appropriations and subject to the requirements of subsection (g) of this  
17 section, the cities of Bridgeport, Hartford and New Haven shall each  
18 receive, annually, a grant of seven hundred fifty thousand dollars and  
19 the cities of New London and Waterbury shall each receive, annually,  
20 a grant of five hundred thousand dollars. Such grants may be made to  
21 a municipality or to one or more eligible agencies acting on behalf of a  
22 municipality. Notwithstanding the provisions of this subsection, for  
23 the fiscal year ending June 30, 2008, and each fiscal year thereafter, the  
24 amount of the grant payable to each municipality in accordance with  
25 this section shall be reduced proportionately in the event that the total  
26 amount payable in grants to all municipalities under this section  
27 exceeds the amount appropriated for such grants for such year.

28 (d) Grants made under this section shall be used to provide eligible  
29 programs and services for youth between twelve and eighteen years of  
30 age. Such programs and services shall include, but not be limited to: (1)  
31 Mentoring; (2) tutoring and enrichment activities; (3) social and  
32 cultural activities; (4) athletic and recreational opportunities; and (5)  
33 training in problem-solving, decision-making, conflict resolution, peer  
34 counseling and similar topics designed to reduce youth violence. Grant  
35 recipients shall provide for parental and youth involvement, on an  
36 ongoing basis, in the planning and operation of such programs.

37 (e) The Office of Policy and Management shall publish a notice of  
38 grant availability and solicit competitive proposals under the program  
39 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2008, and each fiscal year thereafter.  
40 Municipalities and eligible agencies acting on behalf of a municipality  
41 may file a grant application with the Office of Policy and Management  
42 on such forms and at such times as the secretary prescribes.  
43 Applications filed by eligible agencies acting on behalf of a  
44 municipality shall include the endorsement of the chief elected official  
45 of such municipality.

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

51 (g) The cities of Bridgeport, Hartford, New Haven, New London  
52 and Waterbury shall annually submit to the Office of Policy and  
53 Management a plan for the use of the grants made pursuant to  
54 subsection (c) of this section, and such plan shall be subject to the  
55 approval of the secretary. The plan shall be in such form, and contain  
56 such information, as the secretary shall prescribe. No grant shall be  
57 made to any such city pursuant to subsection (c) of this section unless  
58 such city has an approved plan for the fiscal year for which the grant is  
59 being made.

60 (h) The secretary may adopt regulations, in accordance with chapter  
61 54 of the general statutes, to carry out the provisions of this section.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2007</i>	New section

**Statement of Purpose:**

To implement the Governor's budget recommendations.

*[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]*