



General Assembly

**Substitute Bill No. 7084**

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**AN ACT CONCERNING AN URBAN VIOLENCE REDUCTION GRANT PROGRAM, A DATABASE OF CERTAIN PERSONS REPORTING THE LOSS OR THEFT OF A FIREARM AND FUNDING FOR THE STATE-WIDE FIREARMS TRAFFICKING TASK FORCE.**

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 twenty-five thousand  
19 dollars, the cities of New London and Waterbury shall each receive,  
20 annually, a grant of four hundred seventy-five thousand dollars and  
21 the city of Stamford shall receive, annually, a grant of two hundred  
22 thousand dollars. Such grants may be made to a municipality or to one  
23 or more eligible agencies acting on behalf of a municipality.  
24 Notwithstanding the provisions of this subsection, for the fiscal year  
25 ending June 30, 2008, and each fiscal year thereafter, the amount of the  
26 grant payable to each municipality in accordance with this section  
27 shall be reduced proportionately in the event that the total amount  
28 payable in grants to all municipalities under this section exceeds the  
29 amount appropriated for such grants for such year.

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

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

48 (f) The Office of Policy and Management shall review all grant

49 applications received under the program and determine which grant  
50 applications shall be funded and at what funding levels. Criteria for  
51 such determinations shall be established by the secretary and included  
52 in the notice of grant availability.

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

62 (h) The secretary may adopt regulations, in accordance with chapter  
63 54 of the general statutes, to carry out the provisions of this section.

64 Sec. 2. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2007*) The Department of Public  
65 Safety shall maintain a database of any person (1) who has reported  
66 the loss or theft of a firearm pursuant to section 53-202g of the general  
67 statutes, as amended by substitute senate bill 903 of the current  
68 session, (2) who has committed an infraction or been convicted of a  
69 crime pursuant to section 53-202g of the general statutes, as amended  
70 by substitute senate bill 903 of the current session, and (3) who has lost  
71 such firearm or from whom such firearm has been stolen but who had  
72 not discovered such loss or theft as of the time a law enforcement  
73 agency seized or recovered such firearm and determined such person's  
74 ownership thereof.

75 Sec. 3. (*Effective July 1, 2007*) (a) The sum of five hundred thousand  
76 dollars is appropriated to the Department of Public Safety, from the  
77 General Fund, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2008, for the purpose  
78 of funding the state-wide firearms trafficking task force established in  
79 section 29-38e of the general statutes.

80 (b) The sum of five hundred thousand dollars is appropriated to the  
81 Department of Public Safety, from the General Fund, for the fiscal year  
82 ending June 30, 2009, for the purpose of funding the state-wide  
83 firearms trafficking task force established in section 29-38e of the  
84 general statutes.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2007</i>	New section
Sec. 2	<i>October 1, 2007</i>	New section
Sec. 3	<i>July 1, 2007</i>	New section

**JUD**      *Joint Favorable Subst.*