



Senate

General Assembly

File No. 595

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Substitute Senate Bill No. 355

Senate, April 14, 2008

The Committee on Appropriations reported through SEN. HARP of the 10th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the Senate, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

AN ACT ESTABLISHING A GRANT PROGRAM TO FOSTER COMMUNITY POLICING AND THE HIRING AND RETAINING OF POLICE OFFICERS.

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

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2008*) The Office of Policy and
2 Management shall, within available appropriations, establish a grant
3 program to enhance the ability of large municipalities to hire and
4 retain qualified public safety personnel and to foster community
5 policing that will be proactive and responsive to the needs of
6 neighborhoods and communities. Grants pursuant to this subsection
7 shall be awarded to municipalities and may be used for: (1) The hiring
8 of additional police personnel, (2) police personnel salary
9 enhancement, and (3) the lease or purchase of facilities for community
10 police stations.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1	<i>July 1, 2008</i>	New section
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The following fiscal impact statement and bill analysis are prepared for the benefit of members of the General Assembly, solely for the purpose of information, summarization, and explanation, and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either chamber thereof for any purpose:

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact:

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 09 \$
Policy & Mgmt., Off.	GF - Implements the Budget	1,000,000

Note: GF=General Fund

Municipal Impact:

Municipalities	Effect	FY 09 \$
Various Municipalities	Revenue Gain	1,000,000

Explanation

The bill requires the Office of Policy and Management (OPM), within available appropriations, to establish a grant program to hire and retain public safety personnel and foster community policing programs in large municipalities. sHB 5021, the budget bill, provides \$1.0 million within OPM for these purposes.

This would result in a revenue gain to any municipality that receives funding under the grant program.

The Out Years

The annualized ongoing fiscal impact identified above would continue into the future subject to inflation.

OLR Bill Analysis**sSB 355*****AN ACT ESTABLISHING A GRANT PROGRAM TO FOSTER
COMMUNITY POLICING AND THE HIRING AND RETAINING OF
POLICE OFFICERS.*****SUMMARY:**

This bill requires the Office of Policy and Management, within available appropriations, to establish a grant program to enhance the ability of large municipalities to (1) hire and retain qualified public safety personnel and (2) foster community policing that is proactive and responsive to the needs of neighborhoods and communities. Municipalities may use the grants to (1) hire additional police personnel, (2) increase police salaries, and (3) lease or buy facilities for community police stations. It is unclear, under the bill, what municipalities qualify as "large."

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2008

COMMITTEE ACTION

Public Safety and Security Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute Change of Reference

Yea 19 Nay 0 (03/04/2008)

Appropriations Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 50 Nay 0 (03/28/2008)