



General Assembly

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Raised Bill No. 355

LCO No. 1608

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Referred to Committee on Public Safety and Security

Introduced by:
(PS)

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

10 (b) There is established a community policing account which shall
11 be a separate, nonlapsing account within the General Fund. The
12 account shall contain any moneys appropriated for purposes of this
13 section and any funds required or allowed by law to be deposited into
14 the account, including, but not limited to, gifts or donations received
15 for the purposes of this section. The Commissioner of Public Safety

16 may use funds in the community policing account for the purposes of
17 subsection (a) of this section.

18 (c) The Commissioner of Public Safety may adopt regulations, in
19 accordance with the provisions of chapter 54 of the general statutes, to
20 carry out the provisions of this section, including, but not limited to,
21 the setting of priorities for the awarding of grants under this section. In
22 setting such priorities, the commissioner may take into account (1) the
23 differing needs of municipalities, (2) the need for consistency and
24 equity in the distribution of grant awards, (3) the extent to which
25 particular projects may advance the purposes of this section, and (4)
26 any other criteria the commissioner deems relevant.

27 Sec. 2. (*Effective July 1, 2008*) The sum of ____ dollars is appropriated
28 to the Department of Public Safety, from the General Fund, for the
29 fiscal year ending June 30, 2009, for the purposes of the grant program
30 established in section 1 of this act.

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| This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections: | | |
| Section 1 | <i>July 1, 2008</i> | New section |
| Sec. 2 | <i>July 1, 2008</i> | New section |

Statement of Purpose:

To create a grant program for municipalities to hire additional police personnel and foster community policing.

[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.]