
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 686 Session of
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INTRODUCED BY STURLA, SANCHEZ, HILL-EVANS, DEASY, CIRESI,
BULLOCK AND HARKINS, MARCH 23, 2023

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT, MARCH 23, 2023

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 44 (Law and Justice) of the Pennsylvania
2 Consolidated Statutes, providing for reduction of local
3 police services.

4 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
5 hereby enacts as follows:

6 Section 1. Title 44 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated
7 Statutes is amended by adding a chapter to read:

8 CHAPTER 25

9 REDUCTION OF LOCAL POLICE SERVICES

10 Sec.

11 2501. Scope of chapter.

12 2502. Definitions.

13 2503. Fee for reduction of local police services.

14 2504. Allocation of money.

15 § 2501. Scope of chapter.

16 This chapter relates to reduction of local police services.

17 § 2502. Definitions.

18 The following words and phrases when used in this chapter

1 shall have the meanings given to them in this section unless the
2 context clearly indicates otherwise:

3 "Commissioner." The Commissioner of the Pennsylvania State
4 Police.

5 "State Police." The Pennsylvania State Police.

6 § 2503. Fee for reduction of local police services.

7 (a) Reduction of local police services.--If a municipality
8 reduces the municipality's budget allocation for police services
9 by 25% or more from the prior calendar year, the municipality
10 must pay to the Commonwealth an amount equal to the reduction in
11 the municipality's budget allocation for police services.

12 (b) Elimination of local police services.--If a municipality
13 eliminates the municipality's police services from the prior
14 calendar year, the municipality must pay to the Commonwealth an
15 amount equal to the municipality's most recent police budget
16 allocation.

17 (c) Exemption.--A municipality that exceeds the 25%
18 reduction level and demonstrates that the services maintained
19 still meet or exceed the recommended policing levels per capita
20 established by the commissioner may seek an exemption to the
21 fee, which may be granted by the commissioner.

22 § 2504. Allocation of money.

23 Money collected under section 2503 (relating to fee for
24 reduction of local police services) shall be deposited into the
25 General Fund and shall be used exclusively to defray the cost of
26 State Police operations.

27 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2023, or
28 immediately, whichever is later.