

## AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL NO. 565

Sponsor: REPRESENTATIVE BULLOCK

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1 Amend Bill, page 1, line 1, by striking out "Title" and

2 inserting

3 Titles

4 Amend Bill, page 1, line 1, by inserting after "Offenses)"

5 and 35 (Health and Safety)

6 Amend Bill, page 1, line 10, by striking out the period after

7 "exception" and inserting

8 ; in public safety, providing for violence intervention and

9 prevention; establishing the Community-Based Violence

10 Intervention and Prevention (VIP) Grant Program; imposing

11 duties on the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and

12 Delinquency; and making an appropriation.

13 Amend Bill, page 19, by inserting between lines 8 and 9

14 Section 7. Part III of Title 35 is amended by adding a  
15 chapter to read:

16 CHAPTER 59

17 VIOLENCE INTERVENTION AND PREVENTION

18 Sec.

19 5901. Scope of chapter.

20 5902. Definitions.

21 5903. Grant program.

22 5904. Advisory committee.

23 5905. Application forms.

24 5906. Award of program grants.

25 5907. Appropriation.

26 5908. Administrative costs.

27 5909. Reports.

28 § 5901. Scope of chapter.

29 This chapter relates to violence intervention and prevention.

30 § 5902. Definitions.

31 The following words and phrases when used in this chapter

32 shall have the meanings given to them in this section unless the

33 context clearly indicates otherwise:

1 "Commission." The Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and  
2 Delinquency.

3 "Disproportionately impacted by violence." Having any of the  
4 following characteristics of a municipality or community:

5 (1) Experiencing 10 or more homicides per year for at  
6 least two of the three years preceding the submission of a  
7 program grant application.

8 (2) Demonstrating a unique and compelling need for  
9 additional resources to address gun and group-related  
10 violence within the municipality or community.

11 "Hospital-based violence intervention program." A violence  
12 intervention program that is operated by a hospital or an  
13 individual or entity in collaboration with a hospital and  
14 provides intensive counseling, case management and social  
15 services to individuals who are recovering from injuries  
16 resulting from violence.

17 "Municipality." A city, borough, incorporated town, township  
18 or home rule municipality.

19 "Program." The Community-Based Violence Intervention and  
20 Prevention (VIP) Grant Program established under section 5903(a)  
21 (relating to grant program).

22 § 5903. Grant program.

23 (a) Establishment.--The Community-Based Violence  
24 Intervention and Prevention (VIP) Grant Program is established  
25 within the commission.

26 (b) Purpose.--The purpose of the program is to award grants  
27 to improve public health and safety in municipalities and  
28 communities that are disproportionately impacted by violence by  
29 supporting, expanding and replicating effective community-based  
30 violence reduction initiatives through strategies that:

31 (1) Include, but are not limited to, hospital-based  
32 violence intervention, evidence-based street outreach and  
33 focused deterrence programs.

34 (2) Have demonstrated effectiveness at reducing gun or  
35 group-related violence without contributing to mass  
36 incarceration.

37 (3) Are primarily focused on providing community-based  
38 violence intervention services to the relatively small number  
39 of individuals within a program grantee's municipality or  
40 community who are identified as being at the highest risk of  
41 perpetrating or being victimized by violence in the near  
42 future.

43 (c) Administration.--The commission shall administer the  
44 program.

45 (d) Public notice.--The commission shall provide information  
46 regarding the availability and award of program grant money on  
47 the commission's publicly accessible Internet website.

48 § 5904. Advisory committee.

49 The commission shall form an odd-numbered grant selection  
50 advisory committee that includes, but is not limited to, the  
51 following:

1       (1) Individuals who have been personally impacted by  
2       violence.

3       (2) Individuals with experience implementing community-  
4       based violence reduction initiatives.

5       (3) At least three members of the Department of Health's  
6       Office of Health Equity Advisory Committee.

7       (4) A public health expert from a university in this  
8       Commonwealth.

9       § 5905. Application forms.

10       The commission shall develop annual grant application forms  
11       for any municipality or community-based organization serving a  
12       municipality that seeks a program grant. At a minimum, the forms  
13       shall contain the following information:

14       (1) The name, address and contact information of the  
15       municipality or community-based organization.

16       (2) The amount of program grant money requested.

17       (3) The proposed use for the program grant money  
18       requested, including clearly defined and measurable  
19       objectives for the program grant money and the anticipated  
20       number of individuals to be served.

21       (4) A statement describing how the municipality or  
22       community-based organization proposes to use the program  
23       grant money to implement a community-based violence reduction  
24       initiative in accordance with the strategies described in  
25       section 5903(b) (relating to grant program).

26       (5) A statement describing how the municipality or  
27       community-based organization proposes to use the program  
28       grant money to enhance coordination with relevant  
29       stakeholders or existing violence prevention and intervention  
30       programs and service providers in the municipality or  
31       community, if any, to achieve maximum impact and minimize  
32       duplication of services.

33       (6) Evidence indicating that the proposed violence  
34       reduction initiative would likely reduce the incidence of gun  
35       and group-related violence.

36       (7) Any other information that the commission deems  
37       necessary and appropriate.

38       § 5906. Award of program grants.

39       (a) Review.--After review of the information provided under  
40       each applicant's submitted application form, the commission  
41       shall determine whether to award grant program money to the  
42       applicant and, if so, the amount of the program grant money  
43       awarded.

44       (b) Competitive nature of awards.--Program grants shall be  
45       awarded on a competitive basis to municipalities and community-  
46       based organizations that are disproportionately impacted by  
47       violence.

48       (c) Considerations.--In awarding program grants, the  
49       commission shall:

50       (1) Give preference to applicants whose grant proposals  
51       demonstrate the greatest likelihood of reducing the number of

1 persons victimized by gun and group-related violence in their  
2 community, without contributing to mass incarceration.

3 (2) Consider the geographic and demographic diversity of  
4 the applicants.

5 (3) Consider the scope of the applicant's proposal and  
6 the applicant's demonstrated need for additional resources to  
7 effectively reduce gun and group-related violence in the  
8 affected municipality or community.

9 (d) Cash or in-kind match.--

10 (1) Subject to paragraph (2), each municipality that  
11 receives a program grant shall commit a cash or in-kind match  
12 that is equivalent to 25% of the cost of the program grant  
13 awarded under this chapter.

14 (2) The commission may waive the requirement under  
15 paragraph (1) for good cause.

16 (e) Distribution by municipality.--Each municipality that  
17 receives a program grant shall distribute at least 50% of the  
18 program grant money to:

19 (1) one or more community-based organizations within the  
20 municipality or community;

21 (2) a public agency or department that is not a law  
22 enforcement agency but is primarily dedicated to community  
23 safety or violence prevention within the municipality or  
24 community; or

25 (3) a combination of the entities specified under  
26 paragraphs (1) and (2).

27 (f) Duration.--Subject to the availability of State funding,  
28 a program grant shall be awarded for a duration of at least  
29 three years.

30 (g) Notice.--

31 (1) The commission shall provide written notice to the  
32 applicant of the award or denial of the program grant money.

33 (2) Notice of the award of program grant money shall  
34 include the amount of the program grant money awarded and any  
35 conditions or restrictions on the use of the program grant  
36 money.

37 (3) Notice of the denial of all or part of the program  
38 grant money requested shall include the reasons for the full  
39 or partial denial.

40 § 5907. Appropriation.

41 In addition to any amounts otherwise authorized to be  
42 appropriated or made available to the commission, and subject to  
43 section 5908 (relating to administrative costs), the sum of  
44 \$10,000,000 is hereby appropriated to the commission for the  
45 purpose of program grants.

46 § 5908. Administrative costs.

47 The commission may use up to 8% of the money appropriated for  
48 program grants for the costs of administering the program, which  
49 may include the costs relating to the employment of personnel,  
50 providing technical assistance to grantees, the reimbursement of  
51 travel expenses and evaluating the impact of initiatives

1 supported by the grants.

2 \$ 5909. Reports.

3 Upon completion of each grant cycle, the commission shall  
4 prepare and submit a report to the General Assembly regarding  
5 the impact of violence reduction initiatives supported by the  
6 program in each city that was awarded a grant and for all  
7 grantees in this Commonwealth combined.

8 Amend Bill, page 19, line 9, by striking out "7" and

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