

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE BILL

No. 684 Session of 1997

INTRODUCED BY COSTA, HART, MELLOW, BODACK, BELAN, MURPHY,
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SCHWARTZ, SALVATORE, WOZNIAK, STOUT, STAPLETON, KITCHEN,
AFFLERBACH, FUMO AND TARTAGLIONE, MARCH 14, 1997

REFERRED TO LOCAL GOVERNMENT, MARCH 14, 1997

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 53 (Municipalities Generally) of the Pennsylvania
2 Consolidated Statutes, authorizing the commission to make
3 grants to certain municipalities for augmentation of their
4 police forces.

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

7 Section 1. Title 53 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes
8 is amended by adding a section to read:

9 § 2172. Crime Containment Officer Program.--

10 (a) General rule.--The commission shall administer the Crime
11 Containment Officer Fund created under 42 Pa.C.S. § 1725.1
12 (relating to costs) and make grants from the fund for
13 augmentation of a municipality's police force in accordance with
14 this section.

15 (b) Qualification for grant funding.--The commission may
16 make grants for augmentation of the police force to a
17 municipality determined to be financially distressed under act
18 of July 10, 1987 (P.L.246, No.47), known as the Municipalities

1 Financial Recovery Act, to a municipality located within an
2 empowerment zone or enterprise community designated under
3 section 13301 of the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1993
4 (Public Law 103-66, 107 Stat. 543) and to a municipality which
5 has part or all of a State-designated enterprise zone within the
6 municipal boundaries with a need as determined by crime
7 statistics acceptable to the commission.

8 (c) Purpose of grants.--Grants shall be for the purpose of
9 hiring additional full-time police officers. Grants shall be
10 made for a three-year period and shall be sufficient to
11 reimburse a municipality for 100% of the newly hired police
12 officers' salaries and benefits in the first year, 75% of the
13 officers' salaries and benefits in the second year and 50% of
14 the officers' salaries and benefits in the third year.

15 (d) Other funds.--In addition to the moneys available in the
16 Crime Containment Officer Fund, any appropriation for municipal
17 police officer training that remains as part of the Municipal
18 Police Officers Training Commission, prior to lapsing, shall be
19 deposited in the Crime Containment Officer Fund beginning with
20 the current fiscal year, for the purposes contained in this
21 section.

22 (e) Regulations.--The commission shall promulgate rules and
23 regulations to implement and administer the provisions of this
24 section within 90 days of the effective date of this section.

25 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.