

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 1123 Session of
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INTRODUCED BY NEILSON, JOZWIAK, McNEILL, HILL-EVANS, DELLOSO,
SCHLOSSBERG, CIRESI, MALAGARI, WEBSTER AND DRISCOLL,
APRIL 7, 2021

AS AMENDED ON SECOND CONSIDERATION, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
APRIL 25, 2022

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of November 22, 1978 (P.L.1166, No.274),
2 entitled "An act establishing the Pennsylvania Commission on
3 Crime and Delinquency, providing for its powers and duties
4 establishing several advisory committees within the
5 commission and providing for their powers and duties,"
6 further providing for powers and duties of the commission;
7 and establishing the Constable William Davidson Reward Fund.

8 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
9 hereby enacts as follows:

10 Section 1. Section 3 of the act of November 22, 1978
11 (P.L.1166, No.274), referred to as the Pennsylvania Commission
12 on Crime and Delinquency Law, is amended by adding a paragraph
13 to read:

14 Section 3. Powers and duties of the commission.

15 The commission shall have the power and its duty shall be:

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17 (19) To offer and cause to be paid rewards of up to
18 \$50,000 for information leading to the arrest and conviction
19 of perpetrators of an offense under 18 Pa.C.S. § AGAINST A <--

1 LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER UNDER 18 PA.C.S. § 2502 (RELATING TO
2 MURDER) OR 2507 (relating to criminal homicide of law
3 enforcement officer).

4 Section 2. The act is amended by adding a section to read:

5 Section 8.2. Constable William Davidson Reward Fund.

6 (a) Establishment of fund.--The Constable William Davidson
7 Reward Fund is established as a special fund in the State
8 Treasury.

9 (b) Administration.--The fund shall be administered by the
10 commission. The commission shall use money in the fund solely
11 for the purpose of section 3(19).

12 ~~(c) Fund sources. The sources of the fund are as follows:~~ <--

13 ~~(1) Money transferred under subsection (d).~~

14 ~~(2) Contributions and donations to the fund.~~

15 ~~(d) Transfers. Commencing with fiscal year 2020 2021 and~~
16 ~~continuing annually thereafter, the sum of \$750,000 shall be~~
17 ~~transferred from the State Gaming Fund to the Constable William~~
18 ~~Davidson Reward Fund.~~

19 ~~(e) Definition. As used in this section, the term "fund"~~
20 ~~means the Constable William Davidson Reward Fund.~~

21 (C) FUND SOURCES.--FUNDING SHALL CONSIST OF APPROPRIATIONS <--
22 BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

23 (D) DEFINITIONS.--AS USED IN THIS SECTION, THE FOLLOWING
24 WORDS AND PHRASES SHALL HAVE THE MEANINGS GIVEN TO THEM IN THIS
25 SUBSECTION UNLESS THE CONTEXT CLEARLY INDICATES OTHERWISE:

26 "FUND." THE CONSTABLE WILLIAM DAVIDSON REWARD FUND.

27 "LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER." THE TERM SHALL HAVE THE SAME
28 MEANING AS THE TERM "PEACE OFFICER" UNDER 18 PA.C.S. § 501
29 (RELATING TO DEFINITIONS).

30 Section 3. This act shall take effect in 60 days.