

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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INTRODUCED BY STURLA, KINSEY AND SCHLOSSBERG, JANUARY 12, 2022

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT, JANUARY 12, 2022

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

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

1 context clearly indicates otherwise:

2 "State Police." The Pennsylvania State Police.

3 § 2503. Fee for reduction of local police services.

4 (a) Reduction of local police services.--In any given year,  
5 a municipality that reduces the municipality's budget allocation  
6 for police services by 25% or more from the prior calendar year  
7 must pay to the Commonwealth an amount equal to the reduction in  
8 the municipality's budget allocation for police services.

9 (b) Elimination of local police services.--In any given  
10 year, a municipality that eliminates the municipality's police  
11 services from the prior calendar year must pay to the  
12 Commonwealth an amount equal to the municipality's most recent  
13 police budget allocation.

14 (c) Regulations.--Regulations under the act of July 10, 1987  
15 (P.L.246, No.47), known as the Municipalities Financial Recovery  
16 Act, shall apply to municipalities classified as distressed.  
17 § 2504. Allocation of money.

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

22 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2022, or  
23 immediately, whichever is later.