

SENATE BILL 580

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Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings and Budget and Taxation

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Public Safety – Officer and Community Wellness Training Grant Fund**

3 FOR the purpose of establishing the Officer and Community Wellness Training Grant
4 Fund; requiring the Governor to include in the annual budget bill a certain
5 appropriation to the Fund to provide grant assistance to local law enforcement
6 agencies; requiring the Governor’s Office of Crime Prevention, Youth, and Victim
7 Services to administer the Fund and report to the Governor and the General
8 Assembly annually on the uses of the Fund; and generally relating to the Officer and
9 Community Wellness Training Grant Fund.

10 BY adding to

11 Article – Public Safety
12 Section 4–1012
13 Annotated Code of Maryland
14 (2022 Replacement Volume)

15 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,
16 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

17 **Article – Public Safety**

18 **4–1012.**

19 **(A) (1) IN THIS SECTION THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS**
20 **INDICATED.**

21 **(2) “EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR” MEANS THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF**
22 **THE GOVERNOR’S OFFICE OF CRIME PREVENTION, YOUTH, AND VICTIM SERVICES.**

23 **(3) “FUND” MEANS THE OFFICER AND COMMUNITY WELLNESS**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 **TRAINING GRANT FUND.**

2 (4) "LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY" MEANS A POLICE
3 DEPARTMENT OF A COUNTY OR MUNICIPALITY.

4 (B) THERE IS AN OFFICER AND COMMUNITY WELLNESS TRAINING GRANT
5 FUND.

6 (C) THE PURPOSE OF THE FUND IS TO PROVIDE GRANTS TO LOCAL LAW
7 ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES FOR:

8 (1) MENTAL HEALTH FIRST AID FOR PUBLIC SAFETY TRAINING; AND

9 (2) CRITICAL INCIDENT STRESS MANAGEMENT PEER SUPPORT
10 TRAINING.

11 (D) THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF CRIME PREVENTION, YOUTH, AND
12 VICTIM SERVICES SHALL ADMINISTER THE FUND.

13 (E) FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025 AND EACH FISCAL YEAR THEREAFTER, THE
14 GOVERNOR SHALL INCLUDE IN THE ANNUAL BUDGET BILL AN APPROPRIATION OF
15 AT LEAST \$1,000,000 FOR THE FUND.

16 (F) THE FUND CONSISTS OF:

17 (1) MONEY APPROPRIATED IN THE STATE BUDGET TO THE FUND; AND

18 (2) MONEY FROM ANY OTHER SOURCE ACCEPTED FOR THE BENEFIT
19 OF THE FUND.

20 (G) (1) THE FUND IS A SPECIAL, NONLAPSING FUND THAT IS NOT
21 SUBJECT TO §7-302 OF THE STATE FINANCE AND PROCUREMENT ARTICLE.

22 (2) THE STATE TREASURER SHALL HOLD THE FUND SEPARATELY
23 AND THE COMPTROLLER, IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR,
24 SHALL ACCOUNT FOR THE FUND.

25 (H) MONEY DISBURSED FROM THE FUND SHALL BE USED SOLELY TO
26 SUPPLEMENT, AND NOT SUPPLANT, FUNDS OTHERWISE AVAILABLE TO LOCAL LAW
27 ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES.

28 (I) WITHIN 90 DAYS AFTER THE END OF A GRANT CYCLE, AN ELIGIBLE
29 LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY THAT RECEIVED A GRANT UNDER THIS SECTION

1 SHALL SUBMIT, FOR THE FISCAL YEAR, TO THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR THE
2 FOLLOWING:

3 (1) PROOF OF THE EXPENDITURE OF THE GRANT FUNDS AND THE
4 PURPOSES FOR WHICH THE FUNDS WERE EXPENDED;

5 (2) THE TOTAL NUMBER OF GRANTS AWARDED AND AMOUNT PER
6 POLICE OFFICER;

7 (3) THE TOTAL NUMBER OF GRANTS AWARDED SEPARATED BY
8 TRAINING PROGRAM; AND

9 (4) ANY RELATED OUTCOME-BASED PERFORMANCE MEASURES AS
10 REQUIRED BY § 4-1009 OF THIS SUBTITLE.

11 (J) ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 31, 2023, AND ON OR BEFORE EACH
12 DECEMBER 31 THEREAFTER, THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR SHALL REPORT TO THE
13 GOVERNOR AND, IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 2-1257 OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT
14 ARTICLE, THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY ON THE INFORMATION REQUIRED BY THIS
15 SECTION.

16 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July
17 1, 2023.