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By: **Prince George's County Delegation**  
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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Local Correctional Officers Armored Vest Matching Fund**  
3 **PG 315-99**

4 FOR the purpose of creating a Local Correctional Officers Armored Vest Matching  
5 Fund that will be used to award grants to the Prince George's County  
6 Department of Corrections for the purchase of armored vests; requiring the  
7 Secretary of Public Safety and Correctional Services to establish application  
8 procedures, administer the Fund, and consider certain factors when awarding  
9 funds; requiring the Prince George's County Department of Corrections to  
10 expend, from its own funds, an amount that is equal to the amount of grant  
11 money received from the Fund; and generally relating to Prince George's County  
12 and local correctional officers.

13 BY adding to  
14 Article - Correctional Services  
15 Section 11-804  
16 Annotated Code of Maryland  
17 (As enacted by Chapter \_\_\_\_ (H.B. 11) of the Acts of the General Assembly of  
18 1999)

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

21 **Article - Correctional Services**

22 11-804.

23 (A) (1) IN THIS SECTION THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS  
24 INDICATED.

25 (2) "ARMORED VEST" MEANS A VEST OR SIMILAR ARTICLE  
26 MANUFACTURED OF BULLET AND PUNCTURE RESISTANT FABRIC AND DESIGNED TO  
27 BE WORN ON THE BODY FOR PROTECTION AGAINST BLUNT FORCE TRAUMA.

1 (3) "DEPARTMENT" MEANS THE PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY  
2 DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS.

3 (4) "FUND" MEANS THE LOCAL CORRECTIONAL OFFICERS ARMORED  
4 VEST MATCHING FUND.

5 (5) "SECRETARY" MEANS THE SECRETARY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF  
6 PUBLIC SAFETY AND CORRECTIONAL SERVICES.

7 (B) (1) THERE IS A LOCAL CORRECTIONAL OFFICERS ARMORED VEST  
8 MATCHING FUND.

9 (2) THE PURPOSE OF THE FUND IS TO ASSIST THE DEPARTMENT IN  
10 ACQUIRING ARMORED VESTS FOR EACH CORRECTIONAL OFFICER IN THE  
11 DEPARTMENT.

12 (C) (1) THE FUND IS A SPECIAL CONTINUING, NONLAPSING FUND THAT IS  
13 NOT SUBJECT TO § 7-302 OF THE STATE FINANCE AND PROCUREMENT ARTICLE.

14 (2) THE TREASURER SHALL SEPARATELY HOLD AND THE COMPTROLLER  
15 SHALL ACCOUNT FOR THE FUND.

16 (3) THE FUND IS SUBJECT TO AUDIT BY THE OFFICE OF LEGISLATIVE  
17 AUDITS UNDER § 2-1220 OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE.

18 (D) (1) THE FUND SHALL BE INVESTED AND REINVESTED IN THE SAME  
19 MANNER AS OTHER STATE FUNDS.

20 (2) ANY INVESTMENT EARNINGS SHALL BE CREDITED TO THE FUND.

21 (E) (1) THE SECRETARY SHALL ADMINISTER THE FUND IN ACCORDANCE  
22 WITH THIS SECTION AND ALL OTHER APPLICABLE LAW.

23 (2) THE FUND SHALL CONSIST OF ALL MONEYS APPROPRIATED TO THE  
24 FUND IN THE STATE BUDGET.

25 (3) PAYMENTS FROM THE FUND SHALL BE MADE TO THE DEPARTMENT  
26 BY THE TREASURER AS AUTHORIZED BY THE SECRETARY.

27 (4) THE SECRETARY, TO THE EXTENT PROVIDED IN THE STATE BUDGET,  
28 SHALL AWARD GRANTS FOR THE PURCHASE OF ARMORED VESTS TO THE  
29 DEPARTMENT BASED UPON THE CRITERIA SET FORTH IN SUBSECTION (F)(2) OF THIS  
30 SECTION.

31 (F) (1) THE SECRETARY SHALL ESTABLISH APPLICATION PROCEDURES FOR  
32 THE DEPARTMENT TO APPLY FOR GRANTS FROM THE FUND.

33 (2) IN APPLYING FOR GRANTS FROM THE FUND, THE DEPARTMENT  
34 SHALL PROVIDE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION TO THE SECRETARY:

1 (I) THE PERCENTAGE OF OFFICERS IN THE DEPARTMENT THAT DO  
2 NOT HAVE ACCESS TO AN ARMORED VEST; AND

3 (II) WHETHER THE DEPARTMENT HAS A MANDATORY WEAR  
4 POLICY THAT REQUIRES ON-DUTY OFFICERS TO WEAR ARMORED VESTS WHEN  
5 FEASIBLE.

6 (G) (1) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL USE FUNDS AWARDED UNDER THIS  
7 SECTION ONLY TO PURCHASE ARMORED VESTS.

8 (2) THE DEPARTMENT MUST EXPEND FUNDS FOR ACQUIRING ARMORED  
9 VESTS FROM ITS OWN SOURCES THAT ARE AT LEAST EQUAL TO THE AMOUNT OF  
10 STATE GRANTS AWARDED FROM THE FUND.

11 (3) AFTER THE DEPARTMENT RECEIVES NOTICE OF A GRANT FROM THE  
12 SECRETARY, THE DEPARTMENT MUST SUBMIT PROOF OF EXPENDITURES ON  
13 ARMORED VESTS TO THE SECRETARY.

14 (4) AFTER CERTIFYING THE EXPENDITURES, THE SECRETARY MAY  
15 AUTHORIZE THE REIMBURSEMENT OF 50% OF THE DEPARTMENT'S EXPENDITURES  
16 UP TO THE GRANT AMOUNT.

17 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take  
18 effect October 1, 1999.