HOUSE BILL 1355

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A BILL ENTITLED

AN ACT concerning

Public Safety – Interjurisdictional Policing Grant Program – Establishment

FOR the purpose of establishing the Interjurisdictional Policing Grant Program to provide counties with grants to defray costs associated with establishing and supporting interjurisdictional policing agreements; requiring the Governor, in each fiscal year, to provide a certain amount of funding in the annual budget bill; requiring the Executive Director of the Governor's Office of Crime Control and Prevention to administer the Program and establish certain requirements for the Program; specifying certain details regarding application procedures and grant awards under the Program; requiring a grantee to submit a certain report and the Executive Director to post that report to a certain website; defining certain terms; and generally relating to the Interjurisdictional Policing Grant Program.

BY adding to
Article – Public Safety
Section 4–1501 through 4–1504 to be under the new subtitle “Subtitle 15. Interjurisdictional Policing Grant Program”
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2018 Replacement Volume and 2019 Supplement)

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

Article – Public Safety

SUBTITLE 15. INTERJURISDICTIONAL POLICING GRANT PROGRAM.

4–1501.
(A) IN THIS SUBTITLE THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS INDICATED.

(B) “EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR” MEANS THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE GOVERNOR’S OFFICE OF CRIME CONTROL AND PREVENTION.

(C) “INTERJURISDICTIONAL POLICING AGREEMENT” MEANS AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN TWO OR MORE COUNTIES TO COOPERATE ON LAW ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITIES.

(D) “PROGRAM” MEANS THE INTERJURISDICTIONAL POLICING GRANT PROGRAM.

4–1502.

(A) THERE IS A GRANT PROGRAM ADMINISTERED BY THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR KNOWN AS THE INTERJURISDICTIONAL POLICING GRANT PROGRAM.

(B) THE PURPOSE OF THE PROGRAM IS TO PROVIDE GRANTS TO COUNTIES TO DEFRAY COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH ESTABLISHING AND SUPPORTING INTERJURISDICTIONAL POLICING AGREEMENTS.

(C) FOR EACH FISCAL YEAR, THE GOVERNOR SHALL INCLUDE IN THE ANNUAL BUDGET BILL AN APPROPRIATION OF $3,500,000 TO BE USED EXCLUSIVELY FOR GRANTS FROM THE PROGRAM.

4–1503.

(A) IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF THIS SUBSECTION, THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR SHALL:

(1) ESTABLISH GUIDELINES FOR COUNTIES TO APPLY FOR AND RECEIVE GRANTS FROM THE PROGRAM; AND

(2) MAKE GRANTS FROM THE PROGRAM.

(B) IN A SINGLE GRANT PERIOD, TWO OR MORE COUNTIES MAY APPLY FOR A GRANT FROM THE PROGRAM TO:

(1) ESTABLISH AN INTERJURISDICTIONAL POLICING AGREEMENT;

(2) SUPPORT FUTURE LAW ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITY IN ACCORDANCE
WITH AN INTERJURISDICTIONAL POLICING AGREEMENT; OR

(3) BE REIMBURSED FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITY UNDERTAKEN IN ACCORDANCE WITH AN INTERJURISDICTIONAL POLICING AGREEMENT.

(C) A GRANT AWARDED UNDER THIS SECTION:

(1) SHALL BE COMMENSURATE WITH:

(I) THE POPULATION AND GEOGRAPHIC SIZE OF THE COUNTIES APPLYING FOR THE GRANT; AND

(II) THE SCOPE OF THE INTERJURISDICTIONAL POLICING AGREEMENT; AND

(2) IF THE INTERJURISDICTIONAL POLICING AGREEMENT SPANS MULTIPLE YEARS, MAY BE SPREAD ACROSS MULTIPLE FISCAL YEARS.

4–1504.

(A) A COUNTY THAT RECEIVES A GRANT FROM THE PROGRAM SHALL, IN A MANNER APPROVED BY THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, ANNUALLY SUBMIT A REPORT TO THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR ON THE USE OF GRANT FUNDS.

(B) THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR SHALL POST A REPORT SUBMITTED UNDER SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION TO THE GOVERNOR’S OFFICE OF CRIME CONTROL AND PREVENTION WEBSITE.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 2020.