A BILL ENTITLED

AN ACT concerning

Public Safety – Interjurisdictional Policing Grant Program

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 Executive Director of the Governor’s Office of Crime Prevention, Youth, and Victim Services to administer the Program and establish certain requirements for the Program; and generally relating to the Interjurisdictional Policing Grant Program.

BY adding to

Article – Public Safety

Section 4–1601 through 4–1604 to be under the new subtitle “Subtitle 16. Interjurisdictional Policing Grant Program”

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2018 Replacement Volume and 2021 Supplement)

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

Article – Public Safety

SUBTITLE 16. INTERJURISDICTIONAL POLICING GRANT PROGRAM.

4–1601.

(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 PREVENTION, YOUTH, AND VICTIM SERVICES.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW. [Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.
(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.

4–1602.

(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.

4–1603.

(A) In accordance with the requirements of this section, 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.

4-1604.

(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 PREVENTION, YOUTH, AND VICTIM SERVICES WEBSITE.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 2022.