

# HOUSE BILL No. 5086

August 1, 2007, Introduced by Reps. LeBlanc, Cushingberry and Sak and referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

A bill to create a public safety officer grant program; to prescribe certain powers and duties of the Michigan commission on law enforcement standards and the department of state police; and to create certain funds.

## THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1       Sec. 1. As used in this act:

2       (a) "Certified law enforcement officer" means a law  
3 enforcement officer certified by the commission under the law  
4 enforcement officers training council act of 1965, 1965 PA 203, MCL  
5 28.601 to 28.616.

6       (b) "Commission" means the Michigan commission on law  
7 enforcement standards created in Executive Reorganization Order No.  
8 2001-2, MCL 28.621.

9       (c) "Firefighter" means a regularly employed member of a fire

1 department of a local unit of government who is employed to fight  
2 fires.

3 (d) "Fund" means the public safety officer grant fund created  
4 in section 8.

5 (e) "Local unit of government" means a city, village,  
6 township, or county.

7 Sec. 2. (1) The commission shall establish a public safety  
8 officer grant program. The program shall provide funding to local  
9 units of government in this state for the costs of employing  
10 certified law enforcement officers and firefighters. The commission  
11 shall make the grants described in this act.

12 (2) Each grant made under this act shall cover 50% of the  
13 annual cost of employing either 1 full-time certified law  
14 enforcement officer or 1 full-time firefighter in that local unit  
15 of government. As a condition of receiving a grant under this act,  
16 the local unit of government shall expend matching funds in the  
17 same amount to cover the remaining 50% of that cost.

18 Sec. 3. (1) A local unit of government may apply for a grant  
19 pertaining to a law enforcement officer under this act only if the  
20 number of full-time certified law enforcement officers employed by  
21 the local unit of government on the date of application is less  
22 than the number of full-time certified law enforcement officers  
23 employed by the local unit of government on September 11, 2001.

24 (2) A local unit of government may apply for a grant  
25 pertaining to a firefighter under this act only if the number of  
26 full-time firefighters employed by the local unit of government on  
27 the date of application is less than the number of full-time

1 firefighters employed by the local unit of government on September  
2 11, 2001.

3 Sec. 4. (1) A local unit of government may be awarded not more  
4 than 15 grants in any 1 state fiscal year.

5 (2) Once a grant has been awarded to a local unit of  
6 government, the local unit of government may apply to the  
7 commission each subsequent fiscal year to renew that grant.

8 Sec. 6. (1) The department shall not expend more than 90% of  
9 the total amount in the fund in any state fiscal year on the public  
10 safety officer grant program.

11 (2) Of the total amount in the fund in any fiscal year, not  
12 more than 1/6 of that amount may be expended for grants to pay  
13 costs of employing firefighters.

14 Sec. 7. Within 6 months after the effective date of this act,  
15 the commission shall establish an application and review process  
16 for considering grant applications under this act. The application  
17 shall contain the information required by the commission. Within 60  
18 days after receiving an administratively complete grant  
19 application, the commission shall, in writing, notify the applicant  
20 whether the application is approved or rejected. If the commission  
21 approves a grant under this act, the commission shall enter into a  
22 grant agreement with the recipient before transferring funds. The  
23 grant agreement shall contain terms established by the commission.

24 Sec. 8. (1) The public safety officer grant fund is created  
25 within the state treasury.

26 (2) The state treasurer may receive money or other assets from  
27 any source for deposit into the fund. The state treasurer shall

1 direct the investment of the fund. The state treasurer shall credit  
2 to the fund interest and earnings from fund investments.

3 (3) Money in the fund at the close of the fiscal year shall  
4 remain in the fund and shall not lapse to the general fund.

5 (4) The department of state police shall be the administrator  
6 of the fund for auditing purposes.

7 (5) The commission shall expend money from the fund, upon  
8 appropriation, only for grants as provided under this act.