

CHAPTER 307

GOVERNMENT - STATE

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AN ACT

CONCERNING CREATION OF A GRANT PROGRAM TO SUPPORT A SHARED PEACE OFFICER AUXILIARY,
AND, IN CONNECTION THEREWITH, MAKING AN APPROPRIATION.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:

SECTION 1. Legislative declaration. (1) The general assembly hereby finds and declares that:

(a) There exist in Colorado multiple jurisdictions that want to collaborate in order to create a shared reserve peace officer auxiliary group that would provide support and assistance to municipal governments and local, county, and state law enforcement agencies in the state;

(b) Members of these groups often work in peace officer positions similar to reserve peace officers, without peace officer training and certification provided by the peace officers standards and training board; and

(c) An auxiliary group with peace officer training and certification provided by the peace officers standards and training board is in the interest of professional policing in Colorado and better serves local government and local law enforcement agencies in the state.

(2) Therefore, the general assembly determines that it is necessary to provide one-time funding for a reserve peace officer training academy in order for a political subdivision of the state that is comprised of multiple jurisdictions to create a shared reserve peace officer auxiliary group that serves the jurisdictions.

SECTION 2. In Colorado Revised Statutes, **add** 24-33.5-1616 as follows:

Capital letters indicate new material added to existing statutes; dashes through words indicate deletions from existing statutes and such material not part of act.

24-33.5-1616. Reserve academy grant program - created - rules - repeal.

(1) THERE IS CREATED IN THE DIVISION THE RESERVE ACADEMY GRANT PROGRAM TO PROVIDE A GRANT TO A POLITICAL SUBDIVISION OF THE STATE THAT IS COMPRISED OF MULTIPLE JURISDICTIONS FOR THE PURPOSE OF CREATING A RESERVE PEACE OFFICER TRAINING ACADEMY THAT WILL TRAIN AND CERTIFY A RESERVE PEACE OFFICER AUXILIARY GROUP. THE DIVISION MAY SEEK, ACCEPT, AND EXPEND GIFTS, GRANTS, OR DONATIONS FROM PRIVATE OR PUBLIC SOURCES FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION.

(2) THE GRANT RECIPIENT MAY USE THE MONEY RECEIVED THROUGH THE GRANT PROGRAM TO FUND A RESERVE PEACE OFFICER TRAINING ACADEMY.

(3) THE DIVISION SHALL ADMINISTER THE GRANT PROGRAM AND, SUBJECT TO AVAILABLE APPROPRIATIONS, SHALL AWARD A GRANT AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (5) OF THIS SECTION.

(4) THE DIVISION SHALL IMPLEMENT THE GRANT PROGRAM IN ACCORDANCE WITH THIS SECTION. PURSUANT TO ARTICLE 4 OF THIS TITLE 24, THE DIVISION SHALL PROMULGATE SUCH RULES AS ARE REQUIRED IN THIS SECTION AND SUCH ADDITIONAL RULES AS MAY BE NECESSARY TO IMPLEMENT THE GRANT PROGRAM. AT A MINIMUM, THE RULES MUST SPECIFY THE TIME FRAMES FOR APPLYING FOR GRANTS, THE FORM OF THE GRANT PROGRAM APPLICATION, AND THE TIME FRAMES FOR DISTRIBUTING GRANT MONEY.

(5) (a) TO RECEIVE THE GRANT, A POLITICAL SUBDIVISION OF THE STATE THAT IS COMPRISED OF MULTIPLE JURISDICTIONS FOR THE PURPOSE OF CREATING A SHARED RESERVE PEACE OFFICER AUXILIARY GROUP MUST SUBMIT AN APPLICATION TO THE DIVISION IN ACCORDANCE WITH RULES PROMULGATED BY THE DIVISION.

(b) THE DIVISION SHALL REVIEW THE APPLICATIONS RECEIVED PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION. IN AWARDING THE GRANT, THE DIVISION SHALL CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING CRITERIA:

(I) EXISTING ACCESS TO START-UP CAPITAL;

(II) THE CAPACITY TO SERVE COMMUNITIES STATEWIDE; AND

(III) THE ABILITY TO ASSIST LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES IN TIMES OF NEED.

(c) SUBJECT TO AVAILABLE APPROPRIATIONS, ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 31, 2017, THE DIVISION SHALL AWARD A GRANT AS PROVIDED IN THIS SECTION. THE DIVISION SHALL DISTRIBUTE THE GRANT MONEY WITHIN THIRTY DAYS AFTER THE DIVISION AWARDS THE GRANT.

(6) THIS SECTION IS REPEALED, EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2019.

SECTION 3. Appropriation. (1) For the 2017-18 state fiscal year, \$814,834 is appropriated to the department of public safety for use by the office of preparedness. This appropriation is from the marijuana tax cash fund created in section 39-28.8-501 (1), C.R.S. To implement this act, the office may use this appropriation as follows:

(a) \$14,834 for personal services, which amount is based on an assumption that the department will require an additional 0.3 FTE; and

(b) \$800,000 for the reserve academy grant program.

SECTION 4. Safety clause. The general assembly hereby finds, determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, and safety.

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