
SENATE BILL 5896

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By Senators Clements, McCaslin, Carrell, Honeyford and Holmquist

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1 AN ACT Relating to creating the extraordinary criminal justice
2 revolving fund; adding new sections to chapter 43.10 RCW; repealing RCW
3 43.330.190; and making an appropriation.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** RCW 43.330.190 (Reimbursement of
6 extraordinary criminal justice costs) and 1999 c 303 s 1 are each
7 repealed.

8 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 43.10 RCW
9 to read as follows:

10 There is hereby created the extraordinary criminal justice
11 revolving fund in the custody of the state treasurer for the purpose of
12 reimbursing counties the extraordinary criminal justice costs
13 associated with aggravated murder cases.

14 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** A new section is added to chapter 43.10 RCW
15 to read as follows:

16 The attorney general is authorized to expend from the extraordinary

1 criminal justice revolving fund, such funds as are necessary to
2 reimburse the counties the extraordinary criminal justice costs
3 associated with aggravated murder cases.

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** A new section is added to chapter 43.10 RCW
5 to read as follows:

6 (1) Counties may submit a petition for relief to the attorney
7 general for reimbursement of extraordinary criminal justice costs.
8 Extraordinary criminal justice costs are defined as those associated
9 with investigation, prosecution, indigent defense, jury impanelment,
10 expert witnesses, interpreters, incarceration, and other adjudication
11 costs of aggravated murder cases.

12 (2) The attorney general is responsible for the distribution of
13 funds from the extraordinary criminal justice revolving fund and shall,
14 in consultation with the Washington association of prosecuting
15 attorneys and the Washington association of sheriffs and police chiefs,
16 develop procedures for processing the petitions, auditing the veracity
17 of the petitions, and prioritizing the petitions. Prioritization of
18 the petitions shall be based on, but not limited to, such factors as
19 disproportionate fiscal impact relative to the county budget, efficient
20 use of resources, and whether the costs are extraordinary and could not
21 be reasonably accommodated and anticipated in the normal budget
22 process.

23 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 5.** The sum of five million dollars, or as much
24 thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated for the fiscal year ending
25 June 30, 2008, from the general fund to the extraordinary criminal
26 justice revolving fund for the purposes of this act.

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