
HOUSE BILL 1403

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By Representatives Sheahan and Schindler

Read first time . Referred to Committee on .

1 AN ACT Relating to financial assistance to cities, towns, and
2 counties for the investigation of extraordinary crimes; and amending
3 RCW 43.10.232.

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

5 **Sec. 1.** RCW 43.10.232 and 1986 c 257 s 16 are each amended to read
6 as follows:

7 (1) The attorney general shall have concurrent authority and power
8 with the prosecuting attorneys to investigate crimes and initiate and
9 conduct prosecutions upon the request of or with the concurrence of any
10 of the following:

11 (a) The county prosecuting attorney of the jurisdiction in which
12 the offense has occurred;

13 (b) The governor of the state of Washington; or

14 (c) A majority of the committee charged with the oversight of the
15 organized crime intelligence unit.

16 (2) Such request or concurrence shall be communicated in writing to
17 the attorney general.

18 (3) Prior to any prosecution by the attorney general under this
19 section, the attorney general and the county in which the offense

1 occurred shall reach an agreement regarding the payment of all costs,
2 including expert witness fees, and defense attorneys' fees associated
3 with any such prosecution.

4 (4) Subject to available funds and upon written request by a city,
5 town, or county law enforcement agency, the attorney general may
6 provide financial assistance to the law enforcement agency for the
7 investigation of extraordinary crimes. Financial assistance may
8 include reimbursement of law enforcement officers' salaries incurred in
9 investigating extraordinary crimes. In determining whether
10 reimbursement is warranted, the attorney general may consider such
11 factors as the nature of the crime, the cost of the investigation, and
12 the particular agency's ability to carry the cost of investigating the
13 extraordinary crime.

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