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1 AN ACT Relating to establishing and expanding wellness,
2 resiliency, and mental health support for law enforcement officers;
3 adding new sections to chapter 36.28A RCW; and creating a new
4 section.

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

6 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** (1) The legislature finds that it took
7 specific action in the 2020 regular session to establish three pilot
8 projects to support behavioral health and suicide prevention efforts
9 for law enforcement officers. Due to the impacts of COVID-19 and
10 financial uncertainties facing the state, the governor made the
11 difficult decision to veto section 3, chapter 327, Laws of 2020 and
12 the associated funding in the operating budget.

13 (2) The legislature further finds that law enforcement officers
14 who are not well do not serve the public well, and declares that the
15 pilot projects established in section 3, chapter 327, Laws of 2020
16 are worthy, especially in light of the impacts of COVID-19.

17 (3) The legislature intends to again pass legislation to
18 establish behavioral health supports and suicide prevention efforts
19 for law enforcement officers.

20 (4) The legislature further intends to appropriate sufficient
21 funding to the Washington association of sheriffs and police chiefs

1 to establish a program to support behavioral health supports and
2 suicide prevention efforts for law enforcement officers, including
3 awarding grants for three pilot projects for behavioral health
4 supports and suicide prevention efforts for law enforcement officers.

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 36.28A
6 RCW to read as follows:

7 Subject to the availability of amounts appropriated for this
8 specific purpose, the Washington association of sheriffs and police
9 chiefs shall establish a program to support behavioral health
10 improvement and suicide prevention efforts for law enforcement
11 officers.

12 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** A new section is added to chapter 36.28A
13 RCW to read as follows:

14 (1) Subject to the availability of the amounts appropriated for
15 this specific purpose, the Washington association of sheriffs and
16 police chiefs shall establish three pilot projects to support
17 behavioral health improvement and suicide prevention efforts for law
18 enforcement officers.

19 (2) The association shall establish a competitive grant program
20 to award funding for the three pilot projects by September 1, 2021.

21 (3) Law enforcement associations and agencies are eligible to
22 compete for grant funding.

23 (4) The following programs and activities are eligible for grant
24 funding:

25 (a) Public information and wellness promotion campaign;

26 (b) Embedded mental health professionals;

27 (c) Peer support programs;

28 (d) Resiliency training programs; and

29 (e) Critical incident stress management programs.

30 (5) Grantees must provide a report to the association on the
31 results of their program by October 1, 2022. The association must
32 provide a report on the three pilot projects to the governor and
33 appropriate committees of the legislature by December 1, 2022.

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