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1 AN ACT Relating to improving public safety funding by providing
2 resources to local governments and state and local criminal justice
3 agencies, and authorizing a local option tax; adding new sections to
4 chapter 82.14 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 43.101 RCW; and
5 creating a new section.

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

7 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 82.14
8 RCW to read as follows:

9 (1) The supplemental criminal justice account is created in the
10 state treasury.

11 (2) At the beginning of each quarter, the state treasurer must
12 distribute the funds appropriated to the account to qualified cities
13 and counties based on the following per capita formula:

14 (a) The amount appropriated into the account in the biennial
15 budget for the 2025-2027 fiscal biennium divided by six;

16 (b) The amount in (a) of this subsection divided by the total
17 population of all qualified cities and counties for the quarter
18 combined; and

19 (c) The per person amount calculated in (b) of this subsection by
20 the population of each qualified city or county.

1 (3) For the purposes of this section, "qualified city or county"
2 means a city or county that is approved for a grant in section 2 of
3 this act. The criminal justice training commission must transmit a
4 list of cities and counties approved for grants to the state
5 treasurer at least four weeks before the end of a quarter.

6 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 43.101
7 RCW to read as follows:

8 (1) Subject to the availability of amounts appropriated for this
9 specific purpose, the commission shall develop and implement a local
10 law enforcement grant program for the purpose of providing direct
11 support to local and tribal law enforcement agencies in hiring,
12 retaining, and training law enforcement officers to increase
13 community policing and public safety. Under this section, the
14 commission shall:

15 (a) Establish procedures and policies for submitting the grant
16 applications and publish them on the commission's website;

17 (b) Publish the criteria for evaluating and selecting grant
18 recipients described in subsection (2) of this section on the
19 commission's website;

20 (c) Create a grant application form that local and tribal law
21 enforcement agencies must use to apply for grant funding; and

22 (d) Require reports from grant recipients that must include, but
23 is not limited to, how the funding impacts retention rates and
24 improved vacancy rates, and the percent of officer compliance with
25 the commission's 40-hour crisis intervention team training and
26 trauma-informed training approved by the commission.

27 (2) The grants under the local law enforcement grant program must
28 be awarded to local and tribal law enforcement agencies based on
29 their submittals to the commission. To qualify for a grant pursuant
30 to this section, a law enforcement agency must have:

31 (a) Issued and implemented policies and practices consistent with
32 RCW 43.17.425 and 10.93.160, and the office of the attorney general's
33 keep Washington working act guide, model policies, and training
34 recommendations for state and local law enforcement agencies;

35 (b) Participated in commission training as required by RCW
36 43.101.455 and 36.28A.445;

37 (c) Issued and implemented procedures and policies regarding use
38 of force and de-escalation tactics consistent with RCW 10.120.030 and
39 the office of the attorney general's model policies, and all other

1 commission and attorney general model policies for law enforcement
2 including, but not limited to, duty to intervene and canine;

3 (d) Implemented use of force data collection and reporting
4 consistent with chapters 10.118 and 10.120 RCW;

5 (e) Issued and implemented policies and practices consistent with
6 chapters 7.105, 9.41, and 10.99 RCW and the commission model policies
7 and training addressing firearm relinquishment pursuant to court
8 orders and domestic violence 911 response;

9 (f) A 25 percent officer compliance rate with the commission's
10 40-hour crisis intervention team training;

11 (g) A 100 percent officer compliance rate for those officers
12 required to complete trauma-informed, gender-based violence
13 interviewing, investigation, response, and case review training
14 developed or approved by the commission pursuant to RCW 43.101.272,
15 43.101.278, and 43.101.428, and if requested by the commission,
16 participated in agency case reviews;

17 (h) Adopted a flexible work policy pursuant to chapter 49.28 RCW;

18 (i) Disclosed the number of vacancies at the applying agency as
19 of the time of application; and

20 (j) Primary funding from a jurisdiction that has authorized the
21 imposition of the sales and use tax pursuant to RCW 82.14.340 or
22 82.14.450, or authorized in section 3 of this act before the awarding
23 of the grant.

24 (3) Grant funding awarded to local and tribal law enforcement
25 agencies may only be used for the purposes of:

26 (a) Recruiting and funding new law enforcement officers from the
27 community in which the officer will be working;

28 (b) Funding use of force, de-escalation, crisis intervention, and
29 trauma-informed trainings for newly hired officers to remain in
30 compliance with the commission's required trainings; and

31 (c) Funding broader law enforcement and public safety efforts
32 including, but not limited to, emergency management planning,
33 environmental hazard mitigations, security personnel, community
34 outreach and assistance programs, and mental health crisis response.

35 (4) If the commission receives and sustains a report that the law
36 enforcement agency is no longer abiding by or implementing the
37 policies required to receive the grant established in this section,
38 the law enforcement agency must repay any moneys received pursuant to
39 this section.

1 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** A new section is added to chapter 82.14
2 RCW to read as follows:

3 (1) By December 31, 2027, the legislative authority of a
4 qualified city or county may fix and impose a sales and use tax in
5 accordance with the terms of this chapter. A qualified city or county
6 is a city or county where the voters have not repealed by referendum
7 a tax imposed pursuant to RCW 82.14.340 or rejected a ballot
8 proposition to impose a tax pursuant to RCW 82.14.450 in the previous
9 two calendar years. The tax authorized in this section is in addition
10 to any other taxes authorized by law and must be collected from those
11 persons who are taxable by the state pursuant to chapters 82.08 and
12 82.12 RCW upon the occurrence of any taxable event within such
13 county.

14 (2) The rate of tax equals 0.1 percent of the selling price, in
15 the case of a sales tax, or value of the article used, in the case of
16 a use tax. The tax may only be imposed and collected if the city or
17 county receives a grant pursuant to section 2 of this act.

18 (3) Moneys received from the tax imposed under this section must
19 be expended for criminal justice purposes.

20 (4) For purposes of this section, "criminal justice purposes"
21 means activities that substantially assist the criminal justice
22 system, which may include circumstances where ancillary benefit to
23 the civil justice system occurs, and which includes:

24 (a) Domestic violence services, such as those provided by
25 domestic violence programs, community advocates, and legal advocates,
26 as those terms are defined in RCW 70.123.020;

27 (b) Staffing adequate public defenders to provide appropriate
28 defense for individuals;

29 (c) Diversion programs;

30 (d) Reentry work for inmates;

31 (e) Local government programs that have a reasonable relationship
32 to reducing the numbers of people interacting with the criminal
33 justice system including, but not limited to, reducing homelessness
34 or improving behavioral health; and

35 (f) Community placements for juvenile offenders.

36 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** If specific funding for the purposes of
37 this act, referencing this act by bill or chapter number, is not

1 provided by June 30, 2025, in the omnibus appropriations act, this
2 act is null and void.

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