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A SUMMARY OF HOUSE BILL 5714 AS INTRODUCED 5-3-90

The bill would create a new public act to provide grants for local community policing programs; grant money would come from a fund, administered by the Department of State Police, that would receive legislative appropriations. The department would provide reasonable advice and assistance to local law enforcement agencies in implementing community policing programs and applying for grants.

Program requirements. A program funded under the bill would have to have a police officer assigned to work exclusively within a high crime area for at least two years, and, if appropriate, to live in that area. The officer would work out of an office in the area (or, if in the area and appropriate, his or her home). The local law enforcement agency would provide a telephone and a vehicle. In addition to ordinary law enforcement, a community police officer's duties would include identifying community problems that contribute to the high crime rate, and developing solutions with the participation of local organizations and individuals. The local chief of police would have to identify high crime areas to which community police officers could be assigned. The location and size of each area would be based on crime rate, general population, and juvenile population.

Funding levels. An initial grant to a program would be for 100 percent of the budget proposed for the first year of operation. Any subsequent grants would be as follows: for the second year of operation, 80 percent of the proposed budget; for the third year, 60 percent; for the fourth year, 40 percent; for the fifth year, 20 percent.

Grant applications. A local law enforcement agency applying for a grant under the bill would submit a program plan along with the application. The department could not approve an application if the proposed program did not meet all the program requirements. A local law enforcement agency would be eligible to receive subsequent grants if it demonstrated to the satisfaction of the department that the community policing program continued to meet program requirements.

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