

HOUSE BILL No. 5714

May 3, 1990, Introduced by Rep. Stupak and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

A bill to provide for the implementation of community police officer programs by local law enforcement agencies; to provide funding for these programs; and to prescribe the powers and duties of certain state departments and local law enforcement agencies.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Sec. 1. As used in this act:

2 (a) "Community police officer" means a police officer
3 employed by a local law enforcement agency who is assigned to
4 work in a high crime area in a community police officer program
5 described in section 3.

6 (b) "Department" means the department of state police.

7 (c) "Local law enforcement agency" means a police department
8 of a city, village, or township.

1 Sec. 2. (1) A community police officer program fund is
2 created in the state treasury and shall receive funds
3 appropriated by the legislature. The fund shall be administered
4 by the department of state police and shall be used exclusively
5 to provide grants to local law enforcement agencies for the cre-
6 ation and operation of community police officer programs
7 described in section 3.

8 (2) A local law enforcement agency applying for a grant from
9 the fund shall submit along with the application a plan to imple-
10 ment a community police officer program within the agency's
11 jurisdiction. The department shall not approve a grant applica-
12 tion if the program proposed to be implemented does not meet all
13 of the requirements of section 3. An initial grant under this
14 section shall be in the amount of 100% of the proposed budget for
15 the community police officer program for the first year of
16 operation.

17 (3) A local law enforcement agency shall be eligible to
18 apply for and receive subsequent grants from the fund as provided
19 in this subsection, if the agency demonstrates to the satisfac-
20 tion of the department that the agency's community police officer
21 program continues to meet the requirements of section 3. A sub-
22 sequent grant shall be for a 1-year period and shall be in the
23 following amount:

24 (a) For the second year of operation, 80% of the proposed
25 budget for the program.

26 (b) For the third year of operation, 60% of the proposed
27 budget for the program.

1 (c) For the fourth year of operation, 40% of the proposed
2 budget for the program.

3 (d) For the fifth year of operation, 20% of the proposed
4 budget for the program.

5 (4) The department shall provide reasonable advice and
6 assistance to local law enforcement agencies in implementing com-
7 munity police officer programs and applying for grants under this
8 act.

9 (5) The department may promulgate rules under the adminis-
10 trative procedures act of 1969, Act No. 306 of the Public Acts of
11 1969, being sections 24.201 to 24.328 of the Michigan Compiled
12 Laws, for the administration of the fund.

13 Sec. 3. (1) A local law enforcement agency that receives a
14 grant under this section shall use the money granted to operate a
15 community police officer program that meets all of the following
16 requirements:

17 (a) A police officer shall be assigned to work exclusively
18 within an area identified as a high crime area under subsection
19 (2) and if appropriate to live within that area, for a minimum
20 period of time determined by the chief of police of the local law
21 enforcement agency that is not less than 2 years.

22 (b) The community police officer shall be required to work
23 out of an office located within the area to which he or she is
24 assigned, or out of his or her home if the home is located within
25 that area and if appropriate. The community police officer shall
26 be furnished by the local law enforcement agency with a telephone

1 and an official vehicle that is assigned to him or her while he
2 or she is a community police officer.

3 (c) A community police officer's duties shall include, but
4 shall not be limited to, all of the following:

5 (i) To perform ordinary law enforcement duties within the
6 high crime area to which the officer is assigned.

7 (ii) To identify problems in the community within the high
8 crime area that contribute to the incidence of crime in that com-
9 munity and to determine which problem or problems are most impor-
10 tant; to identify public and private resources available to the
11 community to deal with the problems identified; and to devise and
12 carry out plans to deal with the problems identified and to help
13 create a safer community.

14 (iii) To involve, as much as possible, neighborhood associa-
15 tions, business groups, churches, and other civic organizations,
16 and individuals, within the community in accomplishing the tasks
17 described in subparagraph (ii) and in preventing and solving
18 crimes within the area.

19 (2) The chief of police of the local law enforcement agency
20 shall identify high crime areas within the agency's jurisdiction
21 to which officers may be assigned under the community police
22 officer program. The location and size of each area shall be
23 determined on the basis of crime rate, general population, and
24 juvenile population.