
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE BILL

No. 145 Session of
2023

INTRODUCED BY BREWSTER, FONTANA, COLLETT AND COSTA,
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REFERRED TO LAW AND JUSTICE, JANUARY 30, 2023

AN ACT

1 Amending Titles 53 (Municipalities Generally) and 75 (Vehicles)
2 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in employees,
3 providing for the Municipal Police Recruitment and Retention
4 Program and establishing the Municipal Police Recruitment and
5 Retention Program Fund; and, in penalties and disposition of
6 fines, providing for law enforcement enhancement surcharge.

7 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
8 hereby enacts as follows:

9 Section 1. Title 53 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated
10 Statutes is amended by adding a section to read:

11 § 2173. Municipal Police Recruitment and Retention Program.

12 (a) Establishment.--The Municipal Police Recruitment and
13 Retention Program is established in the commission.

14 (b) Fund.--The Municipal Police Recruitment and Retention
15 Program Fund is established in the State Treasury as a
16 nonlapsing fund. Money in the fund shall be expended for the
17 purposes stated in this section.

18 (c) Administration.--The commission shall administer the
19 program by making grants from the fund for recruitment and
20 retention of a municipality's part-time police force in

1 accordance with this section.

2 (d) Purpose of grants.--

3 (1) Grants shall be for the purpose of hiring and
4 retaining part-time police officers in a municipality and
5 shall be used to pay a portion of the salary of a part-time
6 police officer.

7 (2) Grants may not exceed \$5,000 per police officer
8 position and shall be used to supplement the part-time police
9 officer's salary paid by the municipality up to a maximum of
10 \$15 per hour of pay, not to exceed 85% of a full-time base
11 salary for a police officer in the municipality. The rate
12 shall be calculated based on average salaries for 2022 as
13 adjusted annually by the Consumer Price Index for the
14 metropolitan area in which the municipality is located.

15 (e) Other money.--In addition to the money available in the
16 fund, the amount of any appropriation to the commission for the
17 purpose of municipal police officer training in any other fund
18 that remains unexpended, uncommitted and unencumbered as of the
19 applicable lapse date shall be deposited into the fund
20 established under this section beginning with the current fiscal
21 year, for the purposes contained in this section.

22 (f) Regulations.--The commission shall promulgate rules and
23 regulations to implement and administer the provisions of this
24 section within 90 days of the effective date of this section.

25 (g) Definitions.--As used in this section, the following
26 words and phrases shall have the meanings given to them in this
27 subsection unless the context clearly indicates otherwise:

28 "Fund." The Municipal Police Recruitment and Retention
29 Program Fund established under subsection (b).

30 "Municipality." A city of the third class, borough, township

1 of the first class or township of the second class that provides
2 local police services through a municipal police department,
3 participation in a regional police department or contracts with
4 other municipal or regional police.

5 Section 2. Title 75 is amended by adding a section to read:
6 § 6508. Law enforcement enhancement surcharge.

7 (a) Levy and imposition.--In addition to any fines, fees or
8 penalties levied or imposed as provided by law under this title
9 or any other statute, a surcharge shall be levied for
10 disposition in accordance with subsection (b). Upon conviction
11 for a violation of the provisions of this title or other statute
12 of this Commonwealth, or regulations promulgated under this
13 title, which is a traffic violation, exclusive of parking
14 offenses, a surcharge of \$10 shall be levied.

15 (b) Disposition.--Notwithstanding the provisions of 42
16 Pa.C.S. §§ 3571 (relating to Commonwealth portion of fines,
17 etc.) and 3573 (relating to municipal corporation portion of
18 fines, etc.), all surcharges levied and collected under
19 subsection (a) by a division of the unified judicial system
20 existing under section 1 of Article V of the Constitution of
21 Pennsylvania and 42 Pa.C.S. § 301 (relating to unified judicial
22 system) shall be remitted to the Commonwealth for deposit into
23 the Municipal Police Recruitment and Retention Program Fund,
24 established under 53 Pa.C.S. § 2173 (relating to Municipal
25 Police Recruitment and Retention Program), for the purpose of
26 recruiting and retaining municipal police officers.

27 Section 3. This act shall take effect in 60 days.