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ACT 786 Report

In 2019, the Task Force to Advance the State of Law Enforcement recommended that law enforcement agencies in the State of Arkansas seek and apply for federal, state, and local funding to aid in the implementation of state-of-the-art body cameras, as well as adequate server storage to aid in better surveillance for agencies. In response to the recommendation, the Arkansas General Assembly established the Public Safety Equipment Grant (Act 786) to be administered by the Secretary of the Arkansas Department of Public Safety. Specifically, the Public Safety Equipment Grant is designed to assist agencies in obtaining equipment that aids in improving trust and relationships between law enforcement agencies, detention centers, and corrections agencies, and the communities they serve.

This report is to provide an update on the progress, development, and activities pertaining to the Public Safety Equipment Grant established by Act 786 of October 1st, 2022. The Department of Public Safety (DPS) administers the grant through the Public Safety Equipment Grant Program (the “grant program”). The grant program assists agencies in achieving meaningful and measurable improvement in community trust and relationships by assisting with improvements in equipment and training. This report serves as an overview of the development of the grant program. The grant is awarded to assist with funding for equipment, training, or accreditation including without limitation:

- Body cameras with auto-activation capabilities;
- In-car cameras with auto-activation capabilities;
- Cloud-based storage devices; On premises server hardware and storage to accommodate on-premises installations;
- Conduct electrical devise and related training programs;
- Virtual reality training;
- Agency accreditation programs;
- Bulletproof vests; Pepper spray; Rubber bullets; and
- Other equipment as deemed necessary by the Secretary

ALLOCATED FUNDING

In March 2021, the Arkansas General Assembly passed Act 995, a portion of which established a \$40 million appropriation for the grant program. On September 1, 2021, Arkansas Attorney General (AG) Rutledge invested \$500,000 in the grant fund, allowing for an initial allocation of grant funding to Arkansas agencies.

Following the FY 2022 allocation and distribution of \$500,000 in funding awards for the DPS Public Safety Equipment Grant Program (i.e., awardees announced on December 10th, 2021), on

March 8th, 2022, Governor Hutchinson signed Senate Bill 101, establishing a transfer of \$10 million dollars from the Governors Restricted Reserve funding into the DPS Public Safety Equipment Grant fund for the FY 2023 Grant Cycle. Subsequently, on July 22nd, 2022, the Arkansas Department of Finance and Administration (DFA) implemented the official transfer of the allocated \$10 million dollars from the Governors Restricted Reserve fund into DPS Public Safety Equipment Grant Program fund.

PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT

Following the enactment of Acts 786 and 995, the Department of Public Safety began working with subject matter experts to develop guidelines for the grant program consisting of program parameters, application design and evaluation construction, anticipated statistical methodologies for measuring program deliverables, advertisement of funding, grant committee recruitment, and a feasible timeline of activities.

A. Development and Review of Grant Program Process

- i. On July 20th, 2021, DPS held its first meeting regarding Act 786. The meeting included subject matter experts, law enforcement representatives, and Arkansas stakeholders to discuss the following elements:
 - a. Secretary Cook selected Arkansas State Police LTC Shawn Garner to serve as the administrator for the grant program. LTC Garner served as the lead contact for grant development. LTC Garner was also asked to provide recommendations of individuals to serve on the grant committee.
 - b. Secretary Cook and LTC Garner, along with subject matter experts, law enforcement representatives, and Arkansas stakeholders met to determine the selection process and establishment of the DPS Public Safety Equipment Grant Committee and reviewed the proposed grant program description and application instructions, anticipated award selection process, application evaluation, timeline of events, DPS Memorandum of Understanding (MOU), and statistical analysis for program deliverables and provided insight and recommendations.
 - c. Secretary Cook and LTC Garner, along with subject matter experts, law enforcement representatives, and Arkansas stakeholders determined that the DPS Public Safety Equipment Grant would consist of 15 representatives from the following entities:
 - (2) Sheriffs or Designee from Sheriff's Department
 - (1) Executive Director AR Sheriffs Assoc.
 - (1) Executive Director AR Assoc. of Chiefs of Police
 - (1) President (i.e., or designee) of AR Jail Administrators Assoc.
 - (1) Secretary (i.e., or designee) of AR Department of Corrections
 - (2) Chiefs of Police (i.e., or designee) from Municipal LE

- (1) Director (i.e., or designee) of AR Office of Prosecutor Coordinator
 - (1) Prosecuting Attorney (i.e., or Deputy Prosecuting Attorney)
 - (1) Colonel (i.e., or designee) AR Game and Fish Commission
 - (1) Colonel (i.e., or designee) ASP
 - (1) Director or Designee CLEST
 - (2) Full-time Non-Supervisory Law Enforcement Officers
- ii. On April 20th, 2022, the DPS Public Safety Equipment Grant Committee re-convened to discuss and identify any necessary adjustments for the FY 2023 Grant Cycle. The Grant Committee voted on the following changes:
 - a. The Grant Committee voted to transition the DPS Public Safety Equipment Grant Application process to an online portal format to provide an ease of services to applicants.
 - b. The Grant Committee voted to adjust the Grant Application timeline and to implement a \$100,000.00 dollar funding award cap to provide consistency in award funding for the upcoming FY 2023 Grant Cycle.
- iii. On April 21st, the DPS Research and Planning Unit collaborated with the DPS IT division to begin the development of the DPS Public Safety Equipment Grant Online Application Portal. Following the development of the online application, the DPS Research and Planning division distributed the newly developed online application portal to the Grant Committee on May 2nd, 2022, to garner feedback for application changes.
- iv. On June 16th, 2022, the DPS Public Safety Equipment Grant Committee met to finalize the Grant Application online portal and Grant Timeline for the official opening date for application submissions on July 1st, 2022.

B. Grant Committee

- i. On September 10th, 2021, selection of the DPS Public Safety Equipment Grant Committee, led by retired LTC Shawn Garner, was established, and consisted of the following representatives:
 1. (2) Sheriffs or Designee from Sheriff's Department
 - Sheriff Marty Boyd, Craighead County
 - Sheriff Scott Sawyer, Polk County
 2. (1) Executive Director Arkansas Sheriffs Assoc.
 - Scott Bradley
 3. (1) Executive Director Arkansas Assoc. of Chiefs of Police
 - Gary Sipes
 4. (1) President or Designee of Arkansas Jail Administrators Assoc.
 - Keith Bowers
 5. (1) Secretary or Designee of the Arkansas DOC

- Secretary Solomon Graves (Lead)
 - Sterling Penix (Co-Representative if absent)
 - 6. (2) Chiefs of Police or designee from Municipal Law Enforcement
 - Chief Chris Chapmond, Hot Springs PD
 - Chief Brad McNew, Vilonia PD
 - 7. (1) Director or Designee from Arkansas Office of Prosecutor Coordinator
 - Bob McMahan
 - 8. (1) Prosecuting Attorney or Deputy Prosecuting Attorney
 - Teresa Howell, Prosecutor 7th Judicial District
 - 9. (1) Colonel or Designee Arkansas Game and Fish Commission
 - Major Brian Aston
 - 10. (1) Colonel or Designee ASP
 - Sgt. Marcus Daniels
 - 11. (1) Director or Designee CLEST
 - Deputy Director Fred Weatherspoon
 - 12. (2) Full-time Non-Supervisory Law Enforcement Officers
 - Danny Harris, Investigator Saline County Sheriff's Office
 - Ashley Noel, Investigator North Little Rock Police Department
- ii. On March 23rd, 2022, DPS Secretary Cook appointed Lieutenant Jeff Whitlock to serve as co-chair of the FY 2023 DPS Public Safety Equipment Committee and to replace the FY 2022 DPS Public Safety Equipment Chair, retired LTC Shawn Garner on July 31st, 2022. Following Chair LTC Shawn Garner's retirement on July 31st, 2022, the DPS Public Safety Equipment Grant Committee was overseen by Chair Jeff Whitlock, with no changes to the Grant Committee representatives.

C. Program Implementation

- i. On September 15th, 2021, the DPS Public Safety Equipment Grant Committee convened to review and approve the grant program and discuss the notification protocol for agencies through various DPS communication platforms. The following components were addressed:
- a. The Grant Committee selected October 1st, 2021, as the opening of the FY 2022 Grant Application Process and finalized the DPS Public Safety Grant Equipment Timeline. The official timeline of events regarding the DPS Public Safety Equipment Grant application process and distribution of funding for law enforcement agencies is detailed below:
- Oct. 1, 2021 – Grant Application published on DPS Website
 - Nov. 12, 2021 – Closing of Grant Application Submissions
 - Nov. 30, 2021 – Grant Committee Review of Applications
 - Dec.10, 2021 – Announcement of Grant Awards
 - Dec.10, 2021 – Distribution of Statement of Awards and MOUs
 - Dec. 27, 2021 – Deadline for Acceptance of Awards and MOU to DPS
 - Feb. 10, 2022 – Monthly report due to DPS

- March 10, 2022 – Monthly report due to DPS
 - April 10, 2022 – Monthly report due to DPS
 - May 10, 2022 – Monthly report due to DPS
 - June 10, 2022 – Monthly report due to DPS
 - July 10, 2022 – Monthly report due to DPS
 - Aug. 10, 2022 – Monthly report due to DPS
 - Sept. 10, 2022 – Monthly report due to DPS
 - Oct. 10, 2022 – Monthly report due to DPS
 - Nov.10, 2022 – Monthly report due to DPS
 - Dec. 10, 2022 – Final report due and/or Unused Funds returned to DPS
- ii. On October 1st, 2021, an official announcement from the DPS Secretary, Jami Cook, was made detailing the opening of the DPS Public Safety Equipment Grant Program consisting of:
- a. The approved and published DPS Public Safety Equipment Grant Instructions Guide for all applicable agencies.
 - b. Selection of the Grant Program Instruction Webinar series, held by Dr. Mary Hughes, Director of DPS Research and Planning Unit were established. Each Grant Program Instruction webinar was recorded to assist law enforcement agencies unable to attend the online webinar series. Subsequently, the DPS Research and Planning Unit placed the recorded presentations on the DPS Public Safety Equipment Grant Program webpage as a resource for eligible law enforcement agency applicants. The grant webinars were conducted on the following dates:
 - **Webinar One:** Tuesday, October 12, 2021
 - **Webinar Two:** Thursday, November 4, 2021
 - c. Formalized FY 2022 Grant Application Timeline detailing all necessary grant programmatic dates.
- iii. The Grant Committee held a total of two (2) application submission review process meetings between November 30th and December 10th of 2021. On November 30th, 2021, the DPS Public Safety Equipment Grant Committee Grant Committee held its first meeting to begin the review process of eligible application submissions. The submissions consisted of the following:
- a. The FY 2022 DPS Public Safety Equipment Grant Program received a total of 161 application submissions, with a total of \$5,314,558.74 in grant funding requests. Of the submitted applications a total of 151 (93.79%) completed the requirements for eligibility, with 6 (3.73%) identified as **late** submissions and 4 (2.48%) of applications identified as **incomplete**. As a result, only 151 (97.79%) of applications were sent to

the Grant Committee for review. The total request amount of funding for the 151 (93.79%) eligible applications was \$4,973,271.75.

- b. For the FY 2022 DPS Public Safety Equipment Grant Program, the Grant Committee received a total of 96 (63.58%) of eligible applications requesting body camera equipment. Of the remaining eligible application submissions, 32 (21.19%) of applications requested items including in-car cameras, cloud-based storage, on-premises server hardware and storage equipment, conducted electrical devise & programs, virtual reality training equipment, and ballistic vests; and 23 (15.23%) of applications requested items “as deemed necessary by the DPS Secretary.”
- c. Given the high volume of applications (i.e., 151 total eligible applications) for the FY 2022 Public Safety Equipment Grant Program and limited grant fund of \$500,000.00, per lines 28 – 36 of Act 786, (i.e., “*The Task Force to Advance the State of Law Enforcement in Arkansas specifically recommended that law enforcement agencies in the State of Arkansas seek and apply for federal, state, and local funding opportunities to aid in the implementation of state-of-the-art body cameras, as well as adequate server storage to aid in better surveillance for all agencies. The task force advocated for funding legislation that helps to ensure that all front-line duty officers will be wearing state-of-the-art body cameras by 2026*”) the Grant Committee voted to **only** review applications (i.e., 96 eligible applications) requesting body camera equipment.
- d. Following the initial grant review meeting, the DPS Public Safety Equipment Grant Committee Grant Committee held a second and concluding meeting on December 6th, 2021, to finalize the selection of Grant Awardees. Awarded applications consisted of both **full** and **partial** funding awards (i.e., partial awards are defined as less than the applicants initial funding request).

- iv. On December 6th, 2021, the DPS Public Safety Equipment Grant Committee selected a total of 31 applications to be awarded funding, which consisted of the distribution of the total \$500,000.00 grant fund allocated for the grant program. The following eligible applicants were awarded:

Table 1. *Breakdown of FY 2022 Grant Awardees*

Agency Name	Award Amount (\$)	Funding Type
Arkansas County Detention Center	\$7,000.00	Funded Partial
Ash Flat Police Department	\$2,633.91	Funded Partial
Augusta Police Department	\$17,892.00	Funded Partial
Batesville Police Department	\$33,269.43	Funded Partial
Bauxite Police Department	\$12,000.00	Funded Full
Bay Police Department	\$3,645.00	Funded Partial
Bonanza Police Department	\$5,510.03	Funded Partial
Centron Police Department	\$13,600.00	Funded Partial
East Camden Police Department	\$3,100.00	Funded Partial
Gentry Police Department	\$3,220.05	Funded Full
Grannis Police Department	\$4,866.22	Funded Partial
Greers Ferry Police Department	\$10,039.90	Funded Partial
Guy Police Department	\$10,347.33	Funded Full
Izard County Sheriff's Department	\$47,596.50	Funded Partial
Jasper Police Department	\$1,796.00	Funded Partial
Kensett Police Department	\$21,980.00	Funded Partial
Lawrence County Sheriff's Department	\$9,137.95	Funded Partial
Little River County Sherriff's Department	\$37,311.00	Funded Partial
Logan County Police Department	\$5,958.44	Funded Full
Lonoke Police Department	\$25,000.50	Funded Partial
Madison County Police Department	\$16,546.88	Funded Partial
Malvern Police Department	\$24,878.00	Funded Full
Marshall Police Department	\$10,922.40	Funded Partial
Marvell Police Department	\$10,198.00	Funded Full
Miller County Police Department	\$6,157.52	Funded Partial
Pea Ridge Police Department	\$27,091.24	Funded Full
Piggott Police Department	\$20,000.00	Funded Full
Stone County Police Department	\$39,330.00	Funded Partial
Tuckerman Police Department	\$8,362.95	Funded Partial
Vilonia Police Department	\$37,369.00	Funded Partial
West Fork Police Department	\$23,239.75	Funded Partial
Total Awardees (#)		31
Total Amount Awarded (\$)		\$500,000
Total Partial Funding Awards (#)		23
Total Full Funding Awards (#)		8

- v. On January 1st, 2022, the DPS Fiscal Unit began the distribution of funding to the 31 awarded law enforcement agencies.
- vi. On October 1st, the DPS Fiscal Unit has provided the following data regarding funding expenditures for the 31 awarded applicants in the FY 2022 DPS Public Safety Equipment Grant Program.

Table 1. *Breakdown of FY 2022 Funding Expenditures by Agency*

Agency Name	Award Amount Distributed (\$)
Arkansas County	\$7,000.00
City Of Ash Flat	\$2,633.91
City Of Augusta	\$17,892.00
City Of Batesville	\$33,269.43
City Of Bay	\$3,645.00
City Of Bonanza	\$5,510.03
City Of Camden	\$3,100.00
City Of Centerton	\$13,600.00
City Of Gentry	\$3,220.05
City Of Greers Ferry	\$5,305.00
City Of Guy	\$10,347.33
City Of Jasper	\$1,796.00
City Of Kensett	\$21,980.00
City Of Lonoke	\$25,000.50
City Of Malvern	\$24,878.00
City Of Marshall	\$10,922.40
City Of Marvell	\$10,198.00
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City Of Piggott	\$20,000.00
City Of Tuckerman	\$8,362.95
City Of Vilonia	\$37,369.00
City Of West Fork	\$23,239.75
Izard County	\$47,596.50
Lawrence County	\$9,137.95
Little River County	\$37,311.00
Logan County	\$5,958.44
Madison County	\$16,546.88
Miller County	\$6,157.52
Stone County	\$39,330.00
Town Of Bauxite	\$12,000.00
Town Of Grannis	\$4,866.22
Total Awardees (#)	31
Total Amount Awarded (\$)	\$495,265.10
Total Funding Returned to DPS (#)	4,734.90

- vii. On June 16th, 2022, the DPS Public Safety Equipment Grant Committee convened to review and approve the grant program and discuss the notification protocol for agencies through various DPS communication platforms for the FY 2023 Grant Cycle. The following components were addressed:
 - a. The Grant Committee selected July 1st, 2022, as the opening of the FY 2023 Grant Application Process and finalized the DPS Public Safety Grant Equipment Timeline. The official timeline of events regarding the FY 2023

grant application process and distribution up to \$10 million dollars in grant funding for law enforcement agencies is detailed below:

- July 1, 2022 – Grant Application published on DPS Website
- Aug. 31, 2022 – Closing of Grant Application Submissions
- Sept 1 – Nov. 30, 2022 – Grant Committee Review of Applications
- Dec. 1, 2022 – Announcement of Grant Awards
- Dec. 1, 2022 – Distribution of Statement of Awards and MOUs
- Dec. 30, 2022 – Deadline for Acceptance of Awards and MOUs
- Feb. 10, 2023 – Monthly report due to DPS
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viii. On July 1st, 2022, an official announcement from the DPS Secretary was made detailing the opening of the DPS Public Safety Equipment Grant Program consisting of:

- a. The approved and published DPS Public Safety Equipment Grant Instructions Guide for all applicable agencies.
- b. Selection of the Grant Program Instruction Webinar series, held by Dr. Mary Hughes, Director of DPS Research and Planning Unit were established. Each Grant Program Instruction webinar was recorded to assist law enforcement agencies unable to attend the online webinar series. Subsequently, the DPS Research and Planning Unit placed the recorded presentations on the DPS Public Safety Equipment Grant Program webpage as a resource for eligible law enforcement agency applicants. The grant webinars were conducted on the following dates:
 - **Webinar One:** Friday, July 22nd, 2022
 - **Webinar Two:** Tuesday, August 23rd, 2022
- c. Formalized FY 2022 Grant Application Timeline detailing all necessary grant programmatic dates.

- ix. On September 29th, 2022, the DPS Public Safety Equipment Grant Committee will begin the review process for the FY 2023 Grant Cycle. To date, the following information has been provided regarding the FY 2023 Grant Cycle:
- a. The FY 2023 DPS Public Safety Equipment Grant Program has received a total of 120 application submissions, with a total of \$14,456,299.99 in grant funding requests. Of the submitted applications a total of 120 (100%) completed the requirements for eligibility, as a result of the new online application portal.
 - b. For the FY 2023 DPS Public Safety Equipment Grant Program Cycle, the Grant Committee held its first meeting to discuss and finalize the Grant Application Review Process on September 30th, 2022. The Grant Committee will begin the Grant Application Review Process on Tuesday **October 11th, 2022**, and will conclude the review of application submissions by **November 7th, 2022**. The finalized selection of Grant Application Review dates are as followed:
 - **Meeting (1):** Tuesday, October 11th, 2022
 - **Meeting (2):** Tuesday, October 25th, 2022
 - **Meeting (3):** Tuesday, November 8th, 2022
 - c. If the Grant Committee exceeds the anticipated review dates, the following dates are scheduled as alternative (i.e., extended) Grant Application Review Meetings.
 - **Meeting (4):** Tuesday, November 16th, 2022
 - **Meeting (5):** Tuesday, November 30th, 2022
 - d. The DPS Research and Planning Division will distribute all notifications of grant awards on December 1st, 2022.

1 State of Arkansas As Engrossed: S2/10/21 S3/3/21 S3/15/21 H4/8/21

2 93rd General Assembly

A Bill

3 Regular Session, 2021

SENATE BILL 292

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5 By: Senators Rapert, B. Johnson

6 By: Representatives Watson, M. Berry, Hollowell, McClure, Bentley, Beck, Rye, Crawford, C. Cooper,

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For An Act To Be Entitled

10 AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE PUBLIC SAFETY EQUIPMENT GRANT
11 PROGRAM; TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY; AND FOR OTHER
12 PURPOSES.

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21 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

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23 SECTION 1. DO NOT CODIFY. Legislative findings.

24 The General Assembly finds that:

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(1) Implementing the best policing practices improves trust
26 between law enforcement officers and persons in the communities in which they
27 serve in Arkansas;

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(2) The Task Force to Advance the State of Law Enforcement in
29 Arkansas specifically recommended that law enforcement agencies in the State
30 of Arkansas seek and apply for federal, state, and local funding
31 opportunities to aid in the implementation of state-of-the-art body cameras,
32 as well as adequate server storage to aid in better surveillance for all
33 agencies;

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(3) Specifically, the task force advocated for funding
35 legislation that helps to ensure that all front line duty officers will be
36 wearing state-of-the-art body cameras by 2026; and



1 (4) Other nonlethal forms of equipment, including but not
2 limited to conducted electrical devices, rubber bullets, pepper spray, and
3 bulletproof vests are all essential to protecting the lives of police
4 officers and those in the community that they serve.

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6 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code Title 12, Chapter 1, is amended to add an
7 additional section to read as follows:

8 12-1-103. Public Safety Equipment Grant Program.

9 (a)(1) There is created within the Department of Public Safety the
10 Public Safety Equipment Grant Program to be administered by the Secretary of
11 the Department of Public Safety.

12 (2) The secretary may hire personnel necessary to carry out the
13 duties of administering the program.

14 (3)(A) The secretary shall establish a grant review committee to
15 evaluate applications and to advise on the awarding of grants under the
16 program.

17 (B) The grant review committee shall consist of law
18 enforcement officers and other interested persons as determined by the
19 secretary.

20 (b)(1) In consultation with the grant review committee, the secretary
21 shall award grants under the program to law enforcement agencies, detention
22 centers, and corrections agencies for equipment that aids in improving trust
23 and relationships between law enforcement agencies, detention centers, and
24 corrections agencies and the communities that they serve.

25 (2) Grants may be made for equipment, training, or accreditation
26 including without limitation:

27 (A) Body cameras with auto-activation capabilities;

28 (B) In-car cameras with auto-activation capabilities;

29 (C) Cloud-based storage services;

30 (D) On-premises server hardware and storage to accomodate
31 on-premises installations;

32 (E) Conducted electrical devices and related training
33 programs;

34 (F) Virtual reality training;

35 (G) Agency accreditation programs;

36 (H) Bulletproof vests;

- 1 (I) Pepper spray;
2 (J) Rubber bullets; and
3 (K) Other equipment as deemed necessary by the secretary.

4 (3) As a condition for receiving a grant under this section, the
5 secretary may require a law enforcement agency, detention center, or
6 corrections agency to provide matching funds at a percentage to be determined
7 by the secretary.

8 (4) As a part of the grant application process and in
9 consultation with the grant review committee, the secretary may:

10 (A) Design procedures and criteria for awarding grants under this
11 section;

12 (B) Receive and review applications for grants under this
13 section;

14 (C) Prescribe the form, nature, and extent of the
15 information that shall be contained in an application for a grant under this
16 section;

17 (D) Audit and inspect the records of grant recipients; and

18 (E) Require reports from grant recipients.

19 (c) On or before October 1 of each year, the secretary shall submit a
20 report to the Governor and the cochairs of the Legislative Council providing
21 an account of the activities and expenditures of the program during the
22 preceding calendar year.

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24 SECTION 3. Arkansas Code Title 19, Chapter 5, Subchapter 12, is
25 amended to add an additional section to read as follows:

26 19-5-1269. Public Safety Equipment Grant Program Fund.

27 (a) There is created on the books of the Treasurer of State, the
28 Auditor of State, and the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State a miscellaneous
29 fund to be known as the "Public Safety Equipment Grant Program Fund".

30 (b) The fund shall consist of:

31 (1) General revenues authorized by law;

32 (2) Moneys obtained from private grants or other sources that
33 are designated to be credited to the fund; and

34 (3) Any other revenues authorized by law.

35 (c) The fund shall be used by the Secretary of the Department of
36 Public Safety as provided in § 12-1-103.

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SECTION 4. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the General Assembly of the State of Arkansas that nonlethal equipment can save lives and improve transparency between law enforcement and the communities that they serve; and that this act provides for the nonlethal equipment necessary to save lives and improve transparency. Therefore, an emergency is declared to exist, and this act being immediately necessary for the improvement of transparency between law enforcement and the communities that they serve shall become effective on:

(1) The date of its approval by the Governor;

(2) If the bill is neither approved nor vetoed by the Governor, the expiration of the period of time during which the Governor may veto the bill; or

(3) If the bill is vetoed by the Governor and the veto is overridden, the date the last house overrides the veto.

/s/Rapert

APPROVED: 4/20/21