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Law and Legislation Committee
Sacramento, California

Honorable Members in Session:

**SUBJECT: State of California - Law Enforcement Technology Grants
Senate Bill 27 (SB 27) Support Letter**

LOCATION AND COUNCIL DISTRICT: City-wide

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Law and Legislation Committee review and recommend for City Council approval the attached proposed letter of support for a California State Legislature bill pertaining to law enforcement technology grants, Senate Bill 27.

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FOR COMMITTEE MEETING OF May 3, 2001

SUMMARY

This report provides information on a bill now active before the California State Legislature, Senate Bill 27 (SB 27). If passed and approved by the Governor, this bill would appropriate \$100 million from the State's General Fund to fund law enforcement technology grants and technology-related acquisitions to enhance public safety.

COMMITTEE/COMMISSION ACTION

None.

BACKGROUND

Existing law established in each county treasury a Supplemental Law Enforcement Services Fund. Since 1996, funding has been appropriated for allocation to counties and other entities for specified law enforcement purposes. For fiscal year 2000-01, the appropriated amount is \$242.6 million.

SB 27 would appropriate an additional \$100 million from the State's General Fund to be allocated to county sheriffs, city police chiefs, and certain special districts providing police protection for the purpose of funding technology grants and technology-related acquisitions to enhance public safety. This bill would provide each county sheriff and city police chief with \$150,000. The balance of the funds would be allocated per capita in accordance with the most recent estimates established by the Department of Finance for local law enforcement funding.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

This bill would provide \$100 million in funding for technology grants and technology related acquisitions to enhance public safety. Approval of this measure would provide at least \$150,000 to the Sacramento Police Department. More funding may be provided to the Department depending upon the balance of the appropriation.

POLICY CONSIDERATIONS

Support of this legislation is consistent with the City's efforts to identify and obtain alternative funding to support services as appropriate.

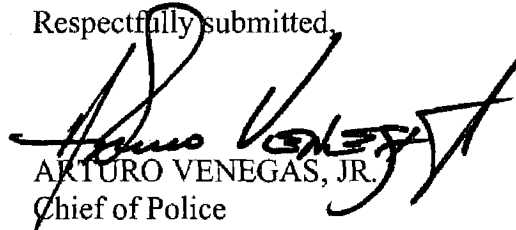
ENVIRONMENTAL CONSIDERATIONS

The actions recommended in this report are exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act according to CEQA guidelines Section 15378(3)(b)(1).

ESBD CONSIDERATIONS

None. No goods or services are being purchased.

Respectfully submitted,



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Chief of Police

RECOMMENDATION APPROVED:



ROBERT P. THOMAS
City Manager

Attachments

Draft letter of Support
SB 27

AV:tlv

Date

The Honorable Jim Brulte
California State Senate
State Capitol #305
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Senator Brulte:

SUBJECT: Senate Bill 1605

On behalf of the City of Sacramento, it is my pleasure to offer this letter of support for Senate Bill 27 which would appropriate an additional \$100 million from the State's General Fund to be allocated to county sheriffs, city police chiefs, and certain special districts providing police protection for the purpose of funding technology grants and technology-related acquisitions to enhance public safety.

If approved, SB 27 would provide at least \$150,000 in funding for the Sacramento Police Department. This would allow our Department to expand our technological capabilities to prevent and solve crimes. Adoption of this measure would provide us with additional resources to better serve our community.

Thank you for sponsoring this significant public safety legislation.

Sincerely

BILL NUMBER: SB 27 AMENDED
BILL TEXT

AMENDED IN SENATE APRIL 17, 2001
AMENDED IN SENATE FEBRUARY 14, 2001

INTRODUCED BY Senators Brulte, Battin, Chesbro, Dunn, Haynes,
Johannessen, Knight, Margett, ~~Monteith, and Morrow~~
McPherson, Monteith, Morrow, Polanco, and Soto
(Coauthors: Assembly Members Ashburn, Cedillo,
Cogdill, Cox, Diaz, Dickerson, La Suer, Leach, Leonard, Maddox,
Maldonado, Rod Pacheco, Richman, Runner, and Strickland)

DECEMBER 4, 2000

An act relating to public safety, and making an appropriation
therefor.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 27, as amended, Brulte. Local law enforcement funding.

Existing law establishes in each county treasury a Supplemental Law Enforcement Services Fund (SLESF), sets forth provisions governing the administration of these funds, and appropriated \$242,600,000 from the General Fund for the 2000-01 fiscal year for allocation to counties and other entities for specified law enforcement purposes.

This bill would appropriate ~~-\$100,000,000-~~ \$75,000,000, and an amount sufficient to ensure the receipt of no less than \$100,000 by each recipient, from the General Fund to the Controller to be allocated , as specified, and subject to prescribed conditions, to county sheriffs, city police chiefs, and certain cities and special districts ~~providing police protection services~~ for the purpose of funding technology grants and technology-related acquisitions to enhance public safety.

Vote: 2/3. Appropriation: yes. Fiscal committee: yes.
State-mandated local program: no.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

~~SECTION 1. The sum of one hundred million dollars~~

SECTION 1. There is hereby appropriated from the General Fund to the Controller the following sums:

(a) The sum of seventy-five million dollars (\$75,000,000), for the purpose of funding technology grants and technology-related acquisitions to enhance public safety, as follows:

(1) Each county sheriff, including the Sheriff of the City and County of San Francisco, shall receive a per capita allocation in accordance with the most recent population estimates established by the Department of Finance for local law enforcement funding.

(2) Each city police chief, including the Chief of Police of the City and County of San Francisco, shall receive a per capita allocation in accordance with the most recent population estimates established by the Department of Finance for local law enforcement funding.

(3) Each city that contracts for police or sheriff's services shall receive a per capita allocation in accordance with the most recent population estimates established by the Department of Finance for local law enforcement funding.

(4) The Broadmoor Police Protection District within the County of San Mateo, the Bear Valley Community Services District and the Stallion Springs Community Services District within Kern County, the Lake Shastina Community Services within Siskiyou County, and the Kensington Police Protection and Community Services District within Contra Costa County shall each receive a per capita allocation in accordance with the most recent population estimates established by the Department of Finance for local law enforcement funding.

(b) An amount sufficient to ensure that no county sheriff, city police chief, contract city, or special district specified in subdivision (a) shall receive less than one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) pursuant to this act.

SEC. 2. It is the intent of the Legislature that in each county and each city and county, a Law Enforcement Technology Grant Coordinating Committee shall convene prior to the disbursement of the funds allocated pursuant to Section 1 of this act. The committee shall consist of the sheriff of the county, the city manager of any city receiving contracted public safety services within the county, and the chief of police of any police department within the county. The committee shall convene for the purpose of encouraging communication between these agencies to help assess local and regional technology needs and to maximize their purchasing abilities, allow for the coordinated purchases of large communication systems, and ensure compatibility with the systems of the neighboring agencies.

SEC. 3. (a) By accepting the funds provided by this act, local entities shall agree to report in writing to the Department of Finance no later than July 15, 2001, or within two weeks after the Budget Act of 2001 is chaptered, whichever is later. The report shall include, at a minimum, all of the following:

(1) How funds for technology growth and technology-related acquisitions that were received in the 2000-01 fiscal year pursuant to Item 9210-106-0001 of the Budget Act of 2000 were expended or if those funds have not been expended, how and when the funds are proposed to be expended.

(2) A description of those expenditures and how they will benefit public safety.

(3) A summary of the public safety budget for the most recent year available.

(4) The signature of the county sheriff, the city police chief, or the special district administrator, or his or her designee.

(b) The report required by subdivision (a) should not exceed five pages in length.

(c) By accepting the funds provided by this act, local entities shall also agree to report in writing to the Department of Finance no later than July 15, 2002, or within two weeks after the Budget Act of 2002 is chaptered, whichever is later. The report shall include, at a minimum, all of the following:

(1) How funds received in the 2001-02 fiscal year pursuant to this act were spent, or if those funds have not been expended, how and when the funds are proposed to be expended.

(2) A description of the expenditures and how they will benefit public safety.

(3) A summary of the public safety budget for the most recent year available.

(4) The signature of the county sheriff, the city police chief, or the special district administrator, or his or her designee.

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(d) The report required by subdivision (c) should not exceed five pages in length.

(e) Local entities that receive funds pursuant to this act and either do not agree to the reporting requirements of this section or do not report within either of the specified time periods shall return the grant moneys provided in the 2000-01 or the 2001-02 fiscal year to which the report pertains, to the Controller within 30 days after the due date of the report. Any returned funds shall revert to the General Fund. ~~—(\$100,000,000) is hereby appropriated from the General Fund to the Controller for the purpose of funding technology grants and technology related acquisitions to enhance public safety as follows:~~

~~—(a) One hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$150,000) to each county sheriff, including the Sheriff of the City and County of San Francisco.~~

~~—(b) One hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$150,000) to each city police chief, including the Chief of Police of the City and County of San Francisco.~~

~~—(c) One hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$150,000) to the Broadmoor Police Protection District within the County of San Mateo, the Bear Valley Community Services District and the Stallion Springs Community Services District within Kern County, the Lake Shastina Community Services within Siskiyou County, and the Kensington Police Protection and Community Services within Contra Costa County.~~

~~—(d) The balance of all remaining funds shall be allocated per capita pursuant to subdivisions (a) and (b) in accordance with the most recent estimates established by the Department of Finance for local law enforcement funding.~~