
SENATE BILL 6527

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By Senator Morton

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1 AN ACT Relating to financing county criminal justice programs;
2 amending RCW 82.14.310; and adding a new section to chapter 82.14 RCW.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 82.14.310 and 1995 c 398 s 11 are each amended to read
5 as follows:

6 (1) The county criminal justice assistance account is created in
7 the state treasury.

8 (2) The moneys deposited in the county criminal justice assistance
9 account for distribution under this section, less any moneys
10 appropriated for purposes under RCW 82.44.110, shall be distributed at
11 such times as distributions are made under RCW 82.44.150 ((and)).
12 Before distributing moneys to counties under this section, the state
13 treasurer shall deduct from these moneys a sum equal to three percent
14 of the distribution, which shall be apportioned and transmitted to the
15 department of community, trade, and economic development and
16 distributed pursuant to section 2 of this act. Moneys remaining shall
17 be distributed on the relative basis of each county's funding factor as
18 determined under this subsection.

19 (a) A county's funding factor is the sum of:

1 (i) The population of the county, divided by one thousand, and
2 multiplied by two-tenths;

3 (ii) The crime rate of the county, multiplied by three-tenths; and

4 (iii) The annual number of criminal cases filed in the county
5 superior court, for each one thousand in population, multiplied by
6 five-tenths.

7 (b) Under this section and RCW 82.14.320 and 82.14.330:

8 (i) The population of the county or city shall be as last
9 determined by the office of financial management;

10 (ii) The crime rate of the county or city is the annual occurrence
11 of specified criminal offenses, as calculated in the most recent annual
12 report on crime in Washington state as published by the Washington
13 association of sheriffs and police chiefs, for each one thousand in
14 population;

15 (iii) The annual number of criminal cases filed in the county
16 superior court shall be determined by the most recent annual report of
17 the courts of Washington, as published by the office of the
18 administrator for the courts;

19 (iv) Distributions and eligibility for distributions in the 1989-91
20 biennium shall be based on 1988 figures for both the crime rate as
21 described under (ii) of this subsection and the annual number of
22 criminal cases that are filed as described under (iii) of this
23 subsection. Future distributions shall be based on the most recent
24 figures for both the crime rate as described under (ii) of this
25 subsection and the annual number of criminal cases that are filed as
26 described under (iii) of this subsection.

27 (3) Moneys distributed under this section shall be expended
28 exclusively for criminal justice purposes and shall not be used to
29 replace or supplant existing funding. Criminal justice purposes are
30 defined as activities that substantially assist the criminal justice
31 system, which may include circumstances where ancillary benefit to the
32 civil justice system occurs, and which includes domestic violence
33 services such as those provided by domestic violence programs,
34 community advocates, and legal advocates, as defined in RCW 70.123.020.
35 Existing funding for purposes of this subsection is defined as calendar
36 year 1989 actual operating expenditures for criminal justice purposes.
37 Calendar year 1989 actual operating expenditures for criminal justice
38 purposes exclude the following: Expenditures for extraordinary events
39 not likely to reoccur, changes in contract provisions for criminal

1 justice services, beyond the control of the local jurisdiction
2 receiving the services, and major nonrecurring capital expenditures.

3 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 82.14 RCW
4 to read as follows:

5 Using funds received from the distribution made in RCW 82.14.310,
6 the department of community, trade, and economic development shall
7 provide additional assistance to counties under seventy thousand
8 population upon a showing that the county has experienced emergencies
9 or extraordinary events that have made it disproportionately difficult
10 for the county to provide mitigation of congested court systems,
11 medical treatment of jail inmates, or relief of overcrowded jails. The
12 department of community, trade, and economic development shall define
13 "emergency or extraordinary event" for purposes of receiving assistance
14 under this section.

15 Funds not expended by the end of each fiscal year shall lapse and
16 revert to the account of origin under RCW 82.14.310.

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