

FINAL BILL REPORT

SSB 5780

C 90 L 03
Synopsis as Enacted

Brief Description: Revising method for making distributions under the municipal criminal justice assistance account.

Sponsors: Senate Committee on Children & Family Services & Corrections (originally sponsored by Senators Stevens, Hargrove and Shin; by request of Department of Community, Trade, and Economic Development).

Senate Committee on Children & Family Services & Corrections
House Committee on Appropriations

Background: Funds from the municipal criminal justice assistance account are distributed to cities using a variety of criteria including crime rate, population, and program requirements. The funds are to be used for specific purposes related to criminal justice such as crime prevention, child abuse, and domestic violence. A specific percentage of the overall fund is earmarked for specific programs within the cities receiving funds. The actual distribution of the funds are based on a funding request from the cities to the Department of Community, Trade, and Economic Development (CTED).

Summary: There is no longer a requirement for a funding request from the cities to CTED. The portion of the fund going to the cities for some of the specific purposes is distributed on a per capita basis. The cities then decide how the funds will be used within the acceptable criteria.

Votes on Final Passage:

Senate	48 0
House	93 0

Effective: July 27, 2003