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AMENDMENT MEMO



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Current law provides \$250,000 each biennium to the Department of Health Services (DHS) to award grants to counties or regions comprised of multiple counties to establish or enhance crisis programs to serve individuals having crises in rural areas. Under current law, grant recipients must provide a 50-percent match to the state-funded grant award from DHS.

Assembly Bill 333 expands the authorized purposes of this grant program by also allowing DHS to award grants to counties, municipalities, or regions comprised of multiple counties or municipalities to establish and enhance law enforcement and behavioral health services emergency response collaborations programs. For all grants awarded under the \$250,000 program, the bill requires a minimum 25-percent match, instead of 50 percent as required under current law, and limits single grant awards to \$100,000 or less.

ASSEMBLY AMENDMENT 1

Assembly Amendment 1 requires DHS to collect information from counties, municipalities, and regions comprised of multiple counties and municipalities receiving a grant under the program and submit a report to the appropriate legislative standing committees by June 30 of each odd-numbered year. The report must address all of the following topics:

- The uses that the grants were directed towards.
- Outcomes generated as a result of enhancing relationships between law enforcement and crisis response services.
- Any other accountability measures determined relevant by DHS.

BILL HISTORY

Representatives Steineke and Stubbs offered Assembly Amendment 1 on June 2, 2021. On June 3, 2021, the Assembly Committee on Criminal Justice and Public Safety recommended adoption of Assembly Amendment 1 on a vote of Ayes, 14; Noes, 1; and passage of the bill, as amended, on a vote of Ayes, 15; Noes, 0.

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