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AMENDMENT MEMO



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2019 Assembly Bill 527

Assembly Amendment 1

2019 ASSEMBLY BILL 527

2019 Assembly Bill 527 biennially appropriates \$150,000, from which the Department of Health Services (DHS) must award grants to organizations or coalitions, which may include a city, village, town, or county, for any of the following purposes:

- **To share guidelines and train staff at a firearm retailer or firearm range on how to avoid selling or renting a firearm to a person who may be considering suicide.**
- To provide suicide prevention materials for distribution at a firearm retailer or firearm range.
- **To provide voluntary firearm storage.**

DHS may award a one-year grant of up to \$5,000 to an eligible organization or coalition that contributes at least 20 percent of the grant amount in matching funds or in-kind services. The grant may not be renewed, but the bill does not prohibit a recipient from applying for a subsequent grant in the future. When awarding grants, DHS must give preference to organizations or coalitions that have not received a grant in the past.

ASSEMBLY AMENDMENT 1

Assembly Amendment 1 makes the following changes to the bill:

- Provides that a federally recognized American Indian tribe or band located in the state is eligible to receive a grant created by the bill.
- Amends the purpose of the grant described in the first bullet point in the previous section. Under the amendment, this purpose is, **“To train staff at a firearm retailer or firearm range on how to recognize that a person may be considering suicide.”**
- Amends the purpose of the grant described in the third bullet point in the previous section. Under the amendment, this purpose is, **“To provide voluntary temporary firearm storage.”**

BILL HISTORY

Assembly Amendment 1 was introduced by Representative James on October 25, 2019. On October 29, 2019, the Assembly Committee on Local Government voted to recommend both the adoption of the amendment, and the bill, as amended, on subsequent votes of Ayes, 9; Noes, 0.

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