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AMENDMENT MEMO



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**Senate Substitute
Amendment 1**

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Senate Bill 124 requires the Department of Justice (DOJ) to award grants to cities to fund community-oriented policing (COP) house programs. Under the bill, cities with a population of 60,000 or more are eligible for the grant. The bill appropriates \$600,000 in fiscal year 2020-21 for the grant program and requires DOJ to develop criteria to use when awarding the grants.

SENATE SUBSTITUTE AMENDMENT 1

Senate Substitute Amendment 1 generally maintains the bill's provisions creating a grant program to fund the use of COP houses, but makes the following changes:

- Expands eligibility for the grant program to cities with a population of 30,000 or more.
- Removes the appropriation for the grant program.
- Specifies that DOJ must award the grants using the following criteria: (1) the ability to maximize grant resources to serve the greatest number of people and the greatest number of cities; (2) the city's plan to integrate the COP house into the fabric of the community and the neighborhood; (3) the future ability to use the COP house for multiple purposes, including building relationships between law enforcement and the community and connecting residents of the neighborhood to community supports; and (4) the ability for community organizations, government agencies, faith-based organizations, and other nonprofit entities to use the COP house once it is established.

BILL HISTORY

Senator Wanggaard offered Senate Substitute Amendment 1 on May 4, 2021. On May 6, 2021, the Senate Committee on Judiciary and Public Safety recommended adoption of the substitute amendment, and passage of the bill, as amended, on votes of Ayes, 6; Noes, 1.

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