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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to a grant program to provide grants to law enforcement agencies to equip certain motor vehicles with bullet-resistant windshields.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1.  Subchapter A, Chapter 772, Government Code, is amended by adding Section 772.0079 to read as follows:

Sec. 772.0079.  BULLET-RESISTANT WINDSHIELD GRANT PROGRAM. (a) In this section, "criminal justice division" means the criminal justice division established under Section 772.006.

(b)  The criminal justice division shall establish and administer a grant program to provide financial assistance to a law enforcement agency in this state, other than the Department of Public Safety, for purposes of equipping all motor vehicles used by officers of the agency in discharging the officers' official duties with bullet-resistant windshields.

(c)  The criminal justice division shall establish:

(1)  eligibility criteria for grant applicants;

(2)  grant application procedures;

(3)  guidelines relating to grant amounts;

(4)  procedures for evaluating grant applications; and

(5)  procedures for monitoring the use of a grant awarded under the program and ensuring compliance with any conditions of a grant.

(d)  Not later than December 1 of each year, the criminal justice division shall submit to the Legislative Budget Board a report that provides the following information for the preceding state fiscal year:

(1)  the name of each law enforcement agency that applied for a grant under this section; and

(2)  the amount of money distributed to each law enforcement agency that received a grant under this section.

(e)  The criminal justice division may use any revenue available for purposes of this section.

SECTION 2.  This Act takes effect January 1, 2022.