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H.B. No. 85

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1  
2 relating to a grant program to provide grants to law enforcement  
3 agencies to equip certain motor vehicles with bullet-resistant  
4 windshields.

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

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

8 Sec. 772.0079. BULLET-RESISTANT WINDSHIELD GRANT PROGRAM.

9 (a) In this section, "criminal justice division" means the  
10 criminal justice division established under Section 772.006.

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

17 (c) The criminal justice division shall establish:

- 18 (1) eligibility criteria for grant applicants;  
19 (2) grant application procedures;  
20 (3) guidelines relating to grant amounts;  
21 (4) procedures for evaluating grant applications; and  
22 (5) procedures for monitoring the use of a grant  
23 awarded under the program and ensuring compliance with any  
24 conditions of a grant.

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

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

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

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

11       SECTION 2. This Act takes effect February 1, 2022.