

## HOUSE BILL No. 2875

By Representatives Kuether, Flora, Kirk, Nichols and R. Toelkes

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AN ACT concerning crime prevention; creating a program to target areas in the state with high incidences of crime.

*Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:*

Section 1. (a) Subject to appropriation acts, there is hereby created a program to target areas in the state with the highest incidences of crime. Such program shall enlist community members to work with law enforcement officials to make neighborhoods safer. The program shall identify neighborhoods that needed intensive action and allocate grants and resources to such neighborhoods.

(b) The program shall bring together representatives, including but not limited to, the following: The department of corrections, the juvenile justice authority, Kansas bureau of investigation, the office of judicial administration, court service officers, community corrections, federal law enforcement officials, community leaders, local officials and community policing officers to form local teams. This collaborative approach shall foster cooperation, trust, assistance and coordination among participating local, state and federal agencies.

(c) To become part of this program, neighborhoods are required to develop a crime control and prevention strategy incorporating six core elements:

- (1) Community mobilization;
- (2) community policing;
- (3) community probation;
- (4) community maintenance, including nuisance abatement, rapid response to abandoned cars and littered lots and removal of drug houses;
- (5) youth prevention activities; and
- (6) local coordination, with the designation of a senior local official to coordinate the program activities.

(d) Grant applications shall be approved by the Kansas criminal justice coordinating council based on the community's ability to demonstrate that such community has experienced a disproportionate amount and fear of crime and is willing to mobilize a coordinated community response by creating original solutions.

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