

HOUSE BILL No. 2759

By Representatives Kuether, Klein, Loganbill, Ruff and Swenson

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

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

13 Section 1. (a) Subject to appropriation acts, there is hereby created
14 a program to target areas in the state with the highest incidences of crime.
15 Such program shall enlist community members to work with law enforce-
16 ment officials to make neighborhoods safer. The program shall identify
17 neighborhoods that needed intensive action and allocate grants and re-
18 sources to such neighborhoods.

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

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

30 (1) Community mobilization;

31 (2) community policing;

32 (3) community probation;

33 (4) community maintenance, including nuisance abatement, rapid re-
34 sponse to abandoned cars and littered lots and removal of drug houses;

35 (5) youth prevention activities; and

36 (6) local coordination, with the designation of a senior local official
37 to coordinate the program activities.

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

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1 Sec. 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its
2 publication in the statute book.