

HOUSE BILL No. 2885

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

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

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

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

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

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

41 (d) Grant applications shall be approved by the Kansas criminal jus-
42 tice coordinating council based on the community's ability to demonstrate
43 that such community has experienced a disproportionate amount and fear

1 of crime and is willing to mobilize a coordinated community response by
2 creating original solutions.
3 Sec. 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its
4 publication in the statute book.