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AN ACT

To amend chapter 650, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to the violent crime commission.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the state of Missouri, as follows:

Section A. Chapter 650, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto one new section, to be known as section 650.625, to read as follows:

650.625. 1. There is hereby established within the department of public safety the "Violent Crime Commission", which shall consist of the following members:

- (1) The director of the department of public safety, or his or her designee;
- 4 (2) The superintendent of the Missouri state highway patrol, or his or her designee;
- 5 (3) A representative of a law enforcement agency, as designated by the Missouri 6 Sheriffs' Association;
 - (4) A representative of a law enforcement agency, as designated by the Missouri Police Chiefs Association;
- 9 **(5)** A representative of a fraternal law enforcement organization with more than 10 five thousand members;
 - (6) The director of the office of prosecution services, or his or her designee;
- 12 (7) One member with experience as a criminal investigator, homicide detective, or 13 forensic expert, as designated by the speaker of the house of representatives; and
 - (8) One member with experience as a criminal investigator, homicide detective, or forensic expert, as designated by the president pro tempore of the senate.
- 2. Members of the violent crime commission, other than those listed under subdivisions (1), (2), and (6) of subsection 1 of this section, shall serve four-year terms.

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Members shall receive no additional compensation but shall be eligible for reimbursement for necessary expenses.

- 3. There is hereby established in the state treasury the "Violent Crime Commission Fund". The state treasurer shall credit to and deposit in the violent crime commission fund all moneys that may be appropriated to it by the general assembly, any gifts, contributions, grants, bequests, or other funds received from federal, private, or other sources. The state treasurer shall be custodian of the fund and may approve disbursements from the fund in accordance with sections 30.170 and 30.180. The violent crime commission, as established under this section, shall be the administrator of the fund. Moneys in the fund shall be used solely for the purposes established under this section. Notwithstanding the provisions of section 33.080 to the contrary, any moneys remaining in the fund at the end of the biennium shall not revert to the credit of the general revenue fund. The state treasurer shall invest moneys in the fund in the same manner as other funds are invested. Any interest and moneys earned on such investments shall be credited to the fund.
- 4. In all criminal cases involving any violation of the traffic laws of this state, including infractions, there shall be assessed as costs a surcharge in the amount of five dollars. No such surcharge shall be collected in any proceeding involving a violation of an ordinance or state law when the proceeding or defendant has been dismissed by the court or when costs are to be paid by the state, county, or municipality. Such surcharge shall be collected and distributed by the clerk of the court as provided under sections 488.010 to 488.020. The surcharge collected pursuant to this subsection shall be paid to the state treasury to the credit of the violent crime commission fund established in this section.
- 5. The violent crime commission shall establish a grant program to distribute funds to law enforcement agencies for the purpose of preventing, investigating, and solving violent crimes. Grants shall be awarded out of the violent crime commission fund as funds are available. Not more than three percent of the moneys in the fund shall be used to pay the administrative costs of the grant program. Grants shall be awarded by the violent crime commission based on applications filed by law enforcement agencies. Grants may be used to pay the salaries of detectives, investigators, and forensic personnel; to provide funding for the training of law enforcement personnel; or to purchase necessary equipment, supplies, and services. Priority shall be given to law enforcement agencies that seek to use the funds for the investigation of murders.
- 6. The commission shall report its disbursements under subsection 5 for the preceding year to the president pro tempore of the senate and the speaker of the house no later than October first of each year.

- 7. The violent crime commission, through the department of public safety, may promulgate rules and regulations necessary to effectuate the provisions of this section. Any rule or portion of a rule, as that term is defined in section 536.010, that is created under the authority delegated in this section shall become effective only if it complies with and is subject to all of the provisions of chapter 536 and, if applicable, section 536.028. This section and chapter 536 are nonseverable, and if any of the powers vested with the general assembly pursuant to chapter 536 to review, to delay the effective date, or to disapprove and annul a rule are subsequently held unconstitutional, then the grant of rulemaking authority and any rule proposed or adopted after August 28, 2021, shall be invalid and void.
 - 8. The provisions of this section shall expire on August 28, 2023.

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