

HCS#2 HB 1882 & 3097 -- TAX CREDIT FOR CONTRIBUTIONS TO YOUTH  
POLICE INITIATIVES

SPONSOR: Allen

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass with HCS" by the Standing Committee on Crime and Public Safety by a vote of 16 to 0. Voted "To return to Committee of Origin" by the Standing Committee on Rules-Administrative by a vote of 11 to 0. Voted "Do Pass with HCS No. 2" by the Standing Committee on Crime and Public Safety by a vote of 15 to 0.

The following is a summary of House Committee Substitute #2 for HB 1882.

This bill establishes a tax credit program for youth police initiatives.

Beginning January 1, 2027, a taxpayer will be able to claim a tax credit against their state tax liability equal to 50% of any eligible contribution made to an eligible non-for-profit organization that operates a youth initiative in an urban area in Missouri. These tax credits will not be refundable, but they may be carried forward for five subsequent tax years, or until the full tax credit has been redeemed. The credits also cannot be transferred, sold, or assigned. The total amount of tax credits authorized must not exceed \$150,000 in any tax year. The Missouri Department of Public Safety must maintain and update a list of eligible entities.

The provisions of this bill sunset six years after the effective date.

The following is a summary of the public testimony from the committee hearing. The testimony was based on the introduced version of the bill.

PROPOSERS: Supporters say that the bill represents what good governance should look like. It lets results drive funding and makes this model available statewide so everyone can take advantage of it. Structured programs that bring people together across divides can change attitudes, break down stereotypes and correct misconceptions on all sides. The youth police initiative has operated in Kansas City since 2017. It's an intensive five-day after school program to serve all of Missouri's urban areas. This is a statewide framework that anyone can use. The kids who participate in the program are all at-risk kids, either through

probation or some boys and girls clubs. This has been funded by line-item appropriations since 2017 so it's competing with many other programs for funding and that is not sustainable. We should move it off the budget books and let the private sector fund this. This provides 100% tax credits for contributions. The bill has reasonable safeguards: they are not refundable, but they can be carried forward. It makes it attractive to a broader range of donors. Eligible entities will be made public by the Department of Public Safety. The program includes a 6-year sunset, so if it doesn't deliver the results or attract the desired donors, the program will end. This was developed to provide training for police cadet academies so they could build and address fractured trust with those in urban communities. The program currently serves 45 communities around the country and provides tools and conflict resolution strategies.

Testifying in person for the bill were Representative Allen; Ryan Mills, Kansas City Board of Police Commissioners; Mary Preston, North American Family Institute; and Richard Smith.

OPPONENTS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.

Written testimony has been submitted for this bill. The full written testimony and witnesses testifying online can be found under Testimony on the bill page on the House website.