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<b>Kansas City Mo Police Department supports the bill as proposed</b>		



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As a Missouri taxpayer and resident, I am concerned about HB?1882, which would authorize a 100% state tax credit for contributions to youth police initiatives in urban areas. While supporting positive youth engagement programs is worthwhile, this bill raises significant fiscal and policy concerns.

First, unlike other Missouri tax credit programs—such as Champion for Children, MOScholars, Advantage Missouri, and the Youth Opportunities Program—which include clear caps per taxpayer or statewide, HB?1882 allows the transfer and sale of credits and imposes only a total statewide limit of \$500,000 per year. This creates massive inequities and opportunities for abuse. By allowing credits to be sold or transferred, the fiscal impact on state revenue is amplified, and the benefit can flow to third parties rather than the original contributors. Existing programs keep the benefit with the contributor; HB?1882’s transferability is inconsistent with standard Missouri tax credit practice.

Second, the bill’s broad language and lack of alignment with existing programs creates inconsistency in Missouri tax policy. Taxpayers deserve clarity and uniform rules across programs. Introducing a new, open-ended tax expenditure risks confusion, administrative burdens, and unequal treatment of contributors. Caps and safeguards in existing programs exist precisely to prevent these issues; this program should follow the same principles.

Finally, while the program sunsets in six years, the combination of unlimited transferability, a 100% credit value, and the absence of individual caps makes the fiscal impact unpredictable. Without clear safeguards, this program could set a precedent for future credits that undermine state revenue stability.

Missouri should encourage support for youth and public safety initiatives, but it must do so within a framework of responsible, consistent, and fiscally prudent tax policy. HB?1882, as drafted, fails to provide these safeguards.

For these reasons, I urge lawmakers to oppose HB?1882 or amend it to include per-taxpayer caps, alignment with similar programs, and rules more consistent with existing governing transferability guidelines.



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While the goal of building trust between communities and police is laudable, I strongly oppose House Bill 1882. This bill represents a misguided and regressive approach that fails to address the root causes of community-police tension and redirects essential public funds toward ineffective solutions.

The bill proposes a tax credit for donations to nonprofit-run "youth police initiatives." This is a direct subsidy for the police, funneling up to \$500,000 annually in foregone state revenue—funds that could instead be invested in proven, community-led public safety solutions like mental health crisis responders, youth employment programs, affordable housing, and fully-funded schools. These are the initiatives that genuinely address the poverty and systemic neglect that create "at-risk" conditions.

Furthermore, the structure is ripe for abuse. It allows tax credits to be sold or transferred, potentially benefiting wealthy donors and corporations more than communities. It places the Department of Public Safety—an agency aligned with law enforcement—in charge of certifying eligible programs, creating a clear conflict of interest and ensuring only initiatives acceptable to police departments will qualify.

This bill doubles down on a failed model that seeks to improve the image of policing rather than substantively reimagining public safety. Trust is not built through curated interactions but through accountability, justice, and shifting resources away from punitive systems and into community well-being. I urge you to reject this bill and instead pursue legislation that invests directly in our communities, not in tax breaks for funding police public relations.



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I respectfully oppose HB 1882.

At first glance, this bill presents itself as a well-intentioned effort to build trust between youth and law enforcement.

In practice, however, it does something far more consequential: it uses the tax code to subsidize a specific law-enforcement-adjacent policy agenda without public oversight, uniform standards, or democratic accountability.

1. This is a 100% tax write-off, not a charitable credit — and that matters.

HB 1882 authorizes a one-hundred percent tax credit, not a deduction. That means participating taxpayers are not sharing the cost — the public is.

Every dollar credited is a dollar not available for schools, housing, healthcare, or independent youth services.

This is public funding by another name, routed through private actors, with none of the safeguards normally required of public programs.

2. The bill creates a selective pipeline for law-enforcement-aligned nonprofits.

Only nonprofits that operate “youth police initiatives” in urban areas qualify. That is not neutral policy.

It is viewpoint-specific funding embedded in the tax code, privileging one approach to youth engagement — police-centered programming — over all others.

Youth mentoring, trauma-informed care, violence interruption, restorative justice, and community-led programs receive no such benefit under this bill, despite decades of evidence supporting their effectiveness.

3. There are no enforceable standards, outcomes, or civil-rights safeguards.

The bill does not require:

**Independent evaluation of outcomes**

**Civil-rights or bias-prevention training standards**

**Youth consent or parental oversight protections**

**Data transparency on stops, referrals, or enforcement outcomes connected to these programs**

**The Department of Public Safety merely maintains a list. That is administrative convenience, not accountability.**

**4. Transferable tax credits invite abuse and profit-seeking.**

**HB 1882 allows tax credits to be sold or assigned.**

**That transforms a supposed community initiative into a tradable financial instrument — a mechanism historically associated with tax-credit arbitrage, not youth wellbeing.**

**Public trust is not built through secondary markets.**

**5. Trust cannot be manufactured through incentives.**

**Trust between youth and police is earned through conduct, accountability, and restraint — not purchased through tax credits.**

**In communities where trust is strained, subsidizing police-branded engagement programs without addressing underlying harms risks deepening skepticism rather than healing it.**

**6. The legislature should fund youth directly — not outsource policy through the tax code.**

**If the state believes youth engagement is a priority, it should fund it transparently, through appropriations debated in public, subject to constitutional checks, and open to a diversity of evidence-based approaches.**

**Using tax credits to quietly steer public money toward one ideology of public safety avoids that responsibility.**

**In short:**

**HB 1882 asks the public to underwrite a specific law-enforcement narrative without oversight, balance, or proof of effectiveness — and to do so invisibly through the tax system.**

**That is not sound policy.**

**That is not fiscal responsibility.**

**And it is not how trust is built.**

**For these reasons, I urge the committee to oppose HB 1882.**