

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to present law.

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A Bill

SENATE BILL 143

By: Senator B. King

For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT CONCERNING CRIME REDUCTION AND PREVENTION; TO AUTHORIZE THE DIVISION OF ARKANSAS STATE POLICE TO COORDINATE WITH LOCAL SHERIFFS AND THE DIVISION OF COMMUNITY CORRECTION IN CRIME REDUCTION AND PREVENTION ACTIVITIES AND TO ASSIST IN PROBATION, PAROLE, AND POST-RELEASE SUPERVISION SERVICES; TO PROVIDE FUNDING; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

TO AUTHORIZE THE DIVISION OF ARKANSAS STATE POLICE TO COORDINATE WITH LOCAL SHERIFFS AND THE DIVISION OF COMMUNITY CORRECTION IN CRIME REDUCTION AND PREVENTION ACTIVITIES.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 12, Chapter 8, Subchapter 1, is amended to add an additional section to read as follows:

12-8-130. Funding for probation and parole assistance.

After the deductions as specified in § 19-5-202 have been made and before distributions provided in the Revenue Stabilization Law, § 19-5-101 et seq., the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State shall transfer on his or her books and those of the Treasurer of State and the Auditor of State the sum of one hundred million dollars (\$100,000,000) from sales and use tax collections deposited into a cash fund deposited in the State Treasury as determined by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State for the Department of Public Safety –



Division of Arkansas State Police to be used for:

- (1) Crime reduction and prevention programs; and
- (2) Assistance to the Division of Community Correction in the provision of probation, parole, and post-release supervision services.

SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 12-8-104, concerning the Director of the Division of Arkansas State Police, is amended to add an additional subsection to read as follows:

(1) The Director of the Division of Arkansas State Police may:

(1) Designate officers to participate in crime reduction and prevention programs and to assist the Division of Community Correction in the provision of probation, parole, and post-release supervision services;

(2) Enter into an agreement with the sheriff of a county to:

(A) Designate deputy sheriffs to participate in crime reduction and prevention programs and to assist the Division of Community Correction in the provision of probation, parole, and post-release supervision services; and

(B) Provide compensation for a sheriff's participation in the agreement; and

(3) Coordinate with the Director of the Division of Community Correction to provide assistance in the provision of probation, parole, and post-release supervision services.

SECTION 3. Arkansas Code § 12-8-106(e), concerning the duties of the Division of Arkansas State Police, is amended to read as follows:

~~(e)(1) However, this~~ This chapter shall not be construed so as to take away any authority of the regularly constituted peace officers in the state, but the Division of Arkansas State Police shall cooperate with them in the enforcement of the criminal laws of the state and assist such officers either in the enforcement of the law or apprehension of criminals.

(2) Officers designated by the director under 12-8-104(1)(1) are authorized to:

(A) Participate in crime reduction and prevention programs; and

(B) Assist the Division of Community Correction in the provision of probation, parole, and post-release supervision services.

(3) Officers designated by the director under § 12-8-104(1)(1) shall not:

(A) Stop or detain a person without reasonable cause to arrest the person;

(B) Conduct a warrantless search of a person or his or her property; or

(C) Execute a warrant containing an exception to the requirement for the executing officer to make known the officer's presence and authority for entering the dwelling, commonly known as a "no-knock warrant".

SECTION 4. Arkansas Code § 12-27-126(d), concerning the duties of the Director of the Division of Community Correction, is amended to add an additional subdivision to read as follows:

(6) Coordinate with the Director of the Division of Arkansas State Police regarding assistance with the provision of probation, parole, and post-release supervision services under § 12-8-104(1).

SECTION 5. Arkansas Code Title 14, Chapter 15, Subchapter 5, is amended to add an additional section to read as follows:

14-15-507. Agreement with Division of Arkansas State Police.

The sheriff of a county may enter into an agreement under § 12-8-104(1)(2) to designate deputy sheriffs to:

(1) Participate in crime reduction and prevention programs; and

(2) Provide assistance to the Division of Community Correction in the provision of probation, parole, and post-release supervision services.

/s/B. King