STATE OF NEW YORK

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2023-2024 Regular Sessions

IN ASSEMBLY

March 16, 2023

Introduced by M. of A. SMITH -- read once and referred to the Committee on Governmental Operations

AN ACT to amend the executive law, in relation to creating the police safety equipment grant program; and making an appropriation therefor

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

Section 1. The executive law is amended by adding a new section 839-a to read as follows:

§ 839-a. Police safety equipment grant program. There is hereby created within the division of criminal justice services a police safety equipment grant program to be administered by the commissioner to award grants to provide for services and expenses related to police safety equipment including, but not limited to, bullet resistant vests, ballistic vehicle door panels, riot shields, conducted energy devices and portable electronic tablets. A grant may be awarded upon submission of an application to the commissioner. Such application for a grant shall demonstrate a specific need for an award of a grant to provide protective equipment for police officers as defined in section 1.20 of the criminal procedure law.

§ 2. The sum of thirty million dollars ($30,000,000), or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated to the police safety equipment grant program as established pursuant to section 839-a of the executive law from any moneys in the state treasury not otherwise appropriated and made immediately available to the division of criminal justice services for distribution to local law enforcement agencies for the purposes of carrying out the provisions of this act. Such moneys shall be payable on the audit and warrant of the comptroller on vouchers certified or approved by the commissioner of criminal justice services in the manner prescribed by law.

§ 3. This act shall take effect immediately.

EXPLANATION--Matter in *italics* (underscored) is new; matter in brackets [-] is old law to be omitted.

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