

HOUSE BILL NO. 5097

October 15, 2025, Introduced by Rep. Lightner and referred to Committee on Appropriations.

A bill to create a violent crime clearance program in the department of state police; to provide grants to certain law enforcement agencies; to provide for the powers and duties of certain state and local governmental officers and entities; and to create the violent crime clearance rate grant fund.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Sec. 1. This act may be cited as the "violent crime clearance
2 act".

3 Sec. 3. As used in this act:

1 (a) "Clearance by arrest" or "cleared by arrest" means 1 of
2 the following occurred after a violent crime:

3 (i) An individual was arrested for committing and is charged
4 with the violent crime.

5 (ii) An individual under 18 years of age had a verified
6 petition provided to a court that lists the violent crime as an
7 offense committed by the individual.

8 (b) "Clearance by exception" or "cleared by exception" means
9 the law enforcement agency to which a violent crime was reported
10 has clearly and definitively established the identity of 1 or more
11 offenders of the violent crime, has sufficient probable cause to
12 arrest an offender of the violent crime, and has sufficient
13 information to effectuate the arrest, but has a reason outside the
14 control of the law enforcement agency that prevents the law
15 enforcement agency from making the arrest.

16 (c) "Clearance rate" means the quotient obtained by dividing
17 the sum of the number of incidents of violent crime that have a
18 clearance by arrest and the number of incidents of violent crime
19 that have a clearance by exception by the total number of incidents
20 of violent crime reported to the law enforcement agency.

21 (d) "Department" means the department of state police.

22 (e) "Fund" means the violent crime clearance rate grant fund
23 created in section 11.

24 (f) "Grant program" means the violent crime clearance grant
25 program created under section 5.

26 (g) "Law enforcement agency" means the police department of a
27 municipality or the sheriff's office of a county.

28 (h) "Offense category" means the index of crimes that are
29 categorized as a violent offense in the Michigan incident crime

1 reporting system.

2 (i) "Violent crime" means that term as defined by the Federal
3 Bureau of Investigation's Uniform Crime Reporting Program.

4 Sec. 5. (1) The violent crime clearance grant program is
5 created in the department to improve clearance rates.

6 (2) A law enforcement agency may apply to the department for a
7 grant under the grant program. A law enforcement agency may join
8 with 1 or more law enforcement agencies to submit a joint
9 application for a grant under the grant program.

10 (3) A grant awarded under the grant program may be used by a
11 law enforcement agency for 1 or more of the following:

12 (a) Hiring, retaining, and training personnel to do any of the
13 following:

14 (i) Investigate violent crime.

15 (ii) Collect, process, and forensically test evidence.

16 (iii) Analyze violent crime, including by monitoring temporal
17 and geographic trends.

18 (b) Acquiring, upgrading, or replacing technology or equipment
19 used for evidence collection or processing, or for forensic
20 testing.

21 (c) Upgrading record management systems to comply with the
22 reporting requirements under section 7.

23 (d) Ensuring compliance with reporting requirements under
24 section 7.

25 (e) Supporting witnesses to help investigate violent crime.

26 (4) The department shall make awards under the grant program
27 in a manner that complies with all of the following:

28 (a) The awards are to law enforcement agencies that are
29 geographically dispersed throughout this state.

1 (b) An award to a law enforcement agency is not more than 20%
2 of the money available for the grant program in a single year.

3 (c) If an award is to a law enforcement agency that previously
4 received an award under this act, the department considers, in the
5 determination of the subsequent award, whether the municipality or
6 county decreased funding to the law enforcement agency because the
7 law enforcement agency previously received an award under this act.

8 Sec. 7. A law enforcement agency that receives a grant under
9 this act shall submit an annual report to the department and to the
10 senate and the house of representatives appropriations committees
11 that includes all of the following information pertaining to that
12 year:

13 (a) The fraction of cases in each offense category that have a
14 clearance by arrest and that have a clearance by exception.

15 (b) The year each offense identified under subdivision (a) was
16 committed and the year each offense identified under subdivision
17 (a) is cleared by arrest or cleared by exception.

18 (c) The number of personnel, including law enforcement
19 officers and nonsworn civilian personnel, hired or assigned to
20 investigate violent crime.

21 (d) The number of personnel hired or assigned to collect,
22 process, and test forensic evidence.

23 (e) A description of any training developed or implemented.

24 (f) A description of any technology or record management
25 system that was purchased, acquired, or upgraded.

26 (g) The percentage of the grant award that was utilized for
27 each eligible use described under section 5(3).

28 Sec. 9. (1) The department shall identify practices, policies,
29 or procedures that a grant recipient has deployed and that have

1 successfully improved clearance rates. The department may contract
2 with a third party to conduct an evaluation to identify the
3 practices, policies, and procedures described under this
4 subsection.

5 (2) The department shall submit a biennial report to the
6 senate and the house of representatives appropriations committees
7 with a detailed account of the results and performance of the grant
8 program administered under this act.

9 Sec. 11. (1) The violent crime clearance rate grant fund is
10 created within the state treasury.

11 (2) The state treasurer may receive money or other assets from
12 any source for deposit into the fund. The state treasurer shall
13 direct investment of money in the fund and credit to the fund
14 interest and earnings from fund investments.

15 (3) The department is the administrator of the fund for audits
16 of the fund.

17 (4) The department shall expend money from the fund, on
18 appropriation, only as follows:

19 (a) For grants awarded under this act.

20 (b) Not more than 15% of the annual appropriations from the
21 fund for the administrative costs of the department in implementing
22 the grant program.