

52:27D-118.11 et seq.

LEGISLATIVE HISTORY CHECKLIST

NJSA: 52:27D-118.11 et seq.

(Safe and Clean
Neighborhoods--additional
police officers--
distribution formula)

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Bill No: S2751

Sponsor(s): Graves and others

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"The neighborhood cop," 2-4-85 Star Ledger
"Jersey escalates the war on crime..." 5-24-85 Star Ledger
"S.J. gets \$2.3M for more police," 5-24-85 Asbury Park Press
"Governor to clear \$25 million for more cops," 5-21-85 Star Ledger

See also newspaper clipping file, "NJ--Police--1985" in New Jersey Reference Department.

See attached:

974.901 New Jersey. Governor. Kean,
G53 Annual budget message. . . January 28, 1985
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SENATE, No. 2751

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

INTRODUCED FEBRUARY 25, 1985

By Senators GRAVES, ORECHIO, GORMLEY, HIRKALA, LYNCH,
DALTON, DiFRANCESCO, BASSANO, GAGLIANO, LESNIAK,
COWAN, CAUFIELD, RAND and BUBBA

Referred to Committee on Law, Public Safety and Defense

A SUPPLEMENT to the "Safe and Clean Neighborhoods Act of 1979,"
approved June 28, 1979 (P. L. 1979, c. 118, C. 52:27D-118.1
et seq.).

1 BE IT ENACTED *by the Senate and General Assembly of the State*
2 *of New Jersey:*

1 1. ***[The amount]*** **Notwithstanding any provisions to the con-*
2 *trary of section 3 of P. L. 1979, c. 118 (C. 52:27D-118.3), the*
3 *amounts** appropriated in any State fiscal year beginning after
4 June 30, 1985 for distribution to municipalities under the provi-
4A sions of P. L. 1979, c. 118 (C. 52:27D-118.1 et seq.) shall be appor-
4B tioned as follows:

5 a. ***[Each municipality which received a distribution under the**
6 **Safe and Clean Neighborhoods Program in 1985 or any year pre-**
7 **vious thereto shall first be apportioned the maximum amount which**
8 **it received in any such year.]*** **Any municipality which received*
9 *State aid under P. L. 1979, c. 118 (C. 52:27D-118.1 et seq.) during*
10 *the 1985 State fiscal year shall first be apportioned, as matching*
11 *funds pursuant to subsection a. of section 3 thereof, the greatest*
12 *of the following amounts: (1) the amount received during the 1985*
13 *local budget year; (2) the amount received in any previous local*
14 *budget year; or (3) the amount to which the municipality is en-*
15 *titled in any subsequent local budget year.**

16 b. A municipality which ***[becomes a qualifying municipality]***
17 **is entitled to such aid on or** after the effective date of this sup-
18 *plementary act*, but which did not receive such aid during the 1985*

**EXPLANATION—Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill
is not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.**

Matter printed in italics thus is new matter.

Matter enclosed in asterisks or stars has been adopted as follows:

***—Senate committee amendments adopted March 7, 1985.**

19 *local budget year,** shall then be apportioned the amount for which
20 it qualifies.

21 c. 65% of any ***[additional]*** amount appropriated **above that*
22 *required under subsections a. and b. of this section, and appro-*
23 *priated for additional police services** shall then be apportioned
24 to qualifying municipalities to provide a uniform percentage in-
25 crease in the amount apportioned to these municipalities. The
26 amount so apportioned shall be made available exclusively to allow
27 employment of **full-time** police officers regularly assigned uni-
28 formed patrol duties in addition to the number **of full-time police*
29 *officers** employed by the municipality **and regularly assigned to*
30 *uniformed patrol duties** on January ***[1]** **31**, 1985. In order
31 to receive funds for this purpose, a municipality shall be required
32 to provide matching funds from other sources equal to 25% of the
33 amount provided hereunder.

34 d. The remaining amount appropriated **for additional police*
35 *services** shall then be available to provide assistance to non-
36 qualifying municipalities which maintain a regularly organized
37 police force to employ **full-time** police officers regularly assigned
38 uniformed patrol duties in addition to the number **of full-time*
39 *police officers** employed by the municipality **and regularly as-*
40 *signed to uniformed patrol duties** on January ***[1,]** **31**, 1985,
41 provided, however, that no municipality which is ineligible to re-
42 ceive a revenue sharing distribution pursuant to P. L. 1976, c. 73
43 (C. 54A:10-1 et seq.), from the State in the ***[year]** **1985* *local*
44 *budget year** shall be eligible for such assistance. Each eligible
45 municipality may be apportioned an amount not to exceed that
46 proportion of the total amount available to all such municipalities
47 as the number of full-time police officers **regularly assigned to*
48 *uniformed patrol duties that** it employed as of January ***[1,]**
49 **31**, 1985 bears to the entire number of **such** full-time officers
50 employed on that date by all such municipalities. In order to re-
51 ceive funds for this purpose, an eligible municipality shall be re-
52 quired to provide from other sources at least 50% of the cost of
53 employing the additional police officers*****, except that an amount
54 not to exceed 10% of the total available to nonqualifying munici-
55 palities may be reserved by the Director of the Division of Local
56 Government Services to reduce this requirement to a level not less
57 than 50% for joint applications by municipalities under the Inter-
58 local Services Act (P. L. 1973, c. 208, C. 40:8A-1 et seq.)*****.

59 **e. Any two or more nonqualifying municipalities may join to-*
60 *gether under the "Interlocal Services Act" (P. L. 1973, c. 208, C.*
61 *40:8A-1 et seq.) for the purpose of receiving and expending funds*

62 pursuant to subsection d. above. The Director of the Division of
 63 Local Government Services, in contracting with such municipalities
 64 pursuant to section 4 of this supplementary act, is authorized to
 65 establish a matching requirement of 50% of the cost of employing
 66 additional police officers. No more than 10% of the total available
 67 to nonqualifying municipalities may be distributed under this sub-
 68 section.

1 2. In the event that any funds remain undistributed after all
 2 eligible municipalities have had an opportunity to enter into a con-
 3 tract pursuant to this supplementary act, there shall be established
 4 a discretionary fund, and eligible municipalities may make applica-
 5 tion for such funds as still remain undistributed as determined by
 6 the director. Any funds paid pursuant to this section shall be for
 7 the purposes of augmenting or upgrading patrol activities.

1 3. Each police officer employed under this act shall wear the uni-
 2 form of the municipality that appointed him and shall wear a
 3 shoulder patch of a kind approved by the Director of the Division
 4 of Local Government Services, containing an insignia indicative
 5 of the State's support of the program.*

1 ***[2.]*** *4.* In addition to the other powers and duties expressed
 2 in P. L. 1979, c. 118 (C. 52:27D-118.1 et seq.), the Director of the
 3 Division of Local Government Services shall adopt specific regula-
 4 tions*, pursuant to the "Administrative Procedure Act," P. L.
 5 1968, c. 410 (C. 52:14B-1 et seq.),* to govern provision of assistance
 6 under this act to qualifying and nonqualifying municipalities for
 7 the employment of *appropriate* police officers in addition to the
 8 number*of such police officers* employed on January ***[1]*** *31*,
 9 1985. In addition to such other matters as the director may find
 10 appropriate, the regulations shall:

11 a. Require the municipality to enter into a contract in a form
 12 prescribed by the director under which the municipality shall agree
 13 to provide its share of the cost of employing additional police
 14 officers and further agree to maintain its police force at an ex-
 15 panded level over that as of January ***[1]*** *31*, 1985 as a condi-
 16 tion of continued assistance;

17 b. Identify the particular costs of employing additional police
 18 officers, generally limited to training, salary, benefits and equip-
 19 ment (exclusive of motor vehicles), for which assistance may be
 20 provided*.* *;* *

21 *c. Contain the design of the shoulder patch that additional police
 22 officers employed under this act are required to wear under section
 23 2 of this act.

1 5. In addition to the appropriations required under section 4 of

2 P. L. 1979, c. 118 (C. 52:27D-118.4), there shall be annually appro-
 3 priated a sum which shall be apportioned among municipalities
 4 which qualify under the provisions of this supplementary act.

1 6. The funds a qualifying municipality shall acquire pursuant
 2 to this act shall be appropriated by the municipality in compliance
 3 with the "Local Budget Law," P. L. 1960, c. 169 (N. J. S. 40A:4-1
 4 et seq.). Notwithstanding any provisions of the Local Budget Law,
 5 any municipality qualifying for State aid under the provisions of
 6 this act may anticipate the receipt of the amount of State aid certi-
 7 fied to it by the director and may file such amendments or correc-
 8 tions in its local budget as may be required to properly reflect the
 9 amount certified.*

1 ***[3.]*** *7.* This act shall take effect immediately.

STATEMENT

This bill provides a formula for the distribution of supplemental Safe and Clean Neighborhoods assistance to municipalities for the purpose of employing additional police officers regularly assigned uniformed patrol duties. The Governor's fiscal year 1986 Budget Message proposes an appropriation of \$25 million for this purpose over and above the amount appropriated for the Safe and Clean Neighborhoods program in fiscal year 1985. Under this bill, municipalities which meet the existing qualification standards for the Safe and Clean Neighborhoods program will share in a pool consisting of 65% of the appropriation in excess of that made for fiscal year 1985. This pool will be allocated to provide a uniform percentage increase in safe and clean funding for those municipalities for the exclusive purpose of employing additional police officers engaged in uniformed patrol duties. These funds will be available to qualified municipalities with a local match of \$1.00 for every \$4.00 of State assistance, as opposed to the dollar for dollar match under the existing program. The remaining 35% of the additional appropriation will provide assistance to municipalities who do not qualify for the existing program, providing they maintain a regularly organized police force and are qualified for State revenue sharing. These funds will be allocated to the municipalities in proportion to the size of their local police forces on January 1, 1985 on a dollar for dollar matching basis for the employment of additional police officers engaged in uniformed patrol duties.

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ASSEMBLY REVENUE, FINANCE AND APPROPRIATIONS
COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

SENATE, No. 2751

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STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: APRIL 15, 1985

PROVISIONS:

Senate Bill No. 2751 (OCR) provides a formula for the distribution of additional funds for the State's "Safe and Clean Neighborhoods" Program.

The municipalities which now qualify for the program will be entitled to 65% of the additional \$25 million. The money will be allocated to those municipalities on a uniform percentage basis. It is to be used to employ additional police officers. Instead of the dollar for dollar matching in the existing program, the local portion to be provided would be \$1.00 for every \$4.00 of State funds.

The remaining 35% of the \$25 million is to be allocated among those municipalities that do not qualify for the "Safe and Clean Neighborhoods" Program but have a local police force and receive State revenue sharing funds under P. L. 1976, c. 73. The money is to be allocated on the basis of the proportion of the size of their local police force on January 31, 1985. One-half of the net is to be matched by the municipality.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The additional amount available would be:

65%	\$16,185,057	(50 Towns)
35%	8,715,031	(427 Towns)
Total	\$24,900,088	(477 Towns)

The committee favorably reports this bill.

SENATE LAW, PUBLIC SAFETY AND DEFENSE
COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

SENATE, No. 2751

with Senate committee amendments

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: MARCH 7, 1985

Senate Bill No. 2751, as amended by the Senate Law, Public Safety and Defense Committee, provides a formula for distributing supplemental funds under the "Safe and Clean Neighborhoods Act of 1979" to municipalities for the purpose of employing additional police officers to perform regularly assigned, uniformed, patrol duties.

The Governor's Budget Message for Fiscal Year 1986 proposes an appropriation of \$25 million over and above the amount appropriated for the Safe and Clean Neighborhoods Program in fiscal year 1985 to fund the additional police officers.

According to the formula set forth in the bill as amended, municipalities that qualify under the existing standards of the Safe and Clean Neighborhoods Program will share approximately 65% of the \$25 million appropriation. The funds will be allocated among these municipalities to provide a uniform rate of increase in their funding under the Safe and Clean Neighborhoods Program. The funds will be used exclusively for employing additional police officers engaged in uniformed, patrol duties, and will be available to qualified municipalities with a local match of \$1.00 for every \$4.00 of State assistance.

The remaining 35% of the \$25 million appropriation will provide assistance to municipalities that do not meet existing standards for the Safe and Clean Neighborhoods Program, provided that they maintain a regularly organized police force and are qualified for State revenue sharing. These municipalities will receive funds for the employment of additional police officers in proportion to the size of their local police forces on January 31, 1985. The municipalities will be required to provide at least 50% of the cost of employing each additional police officer.

The committee adopted several technical amendments to the bill to ensure that: (1) only municipalities that now qualify for safe and clean funding, rather than municipalities that qualified at any time in the past, will receive a basic safe and clean grant and will fall into the safe and clean group of municipalities for the purposes of qualifying

for funds to hire additional police officers; (2) this bill does not conflict with the funding provisions of the "Safe and Clean Neighborhoods Act of 1979;" (3) qualifying safe and clean towns are guaranteed to receive at least the maximum amount they received in 1985 or any previous year, but not placing a cap on the amount that they can receive in the future.

The committee also adopted a technical amendment to clarify the provisions of the bill dealing with municipalities that do not qualify for safe and clean funds that choose the option of joining together for the purpose of receiving funds to hire additional police officers.

The committee also adopted several non-technical amendments. The first of these amendments would authorize the Director of the Division of Local Government Services to establish a discretionary fund from funds that remain undistributed after all eligible municipalities have had an opportunity to enter into a contract under the bill. This fund would be available to municipalities upon application and would be used to augment or upgrade patrol activities.

Other non-technical amendments adopted by the committee would: (1) ensure that the number of police officers a municipality is required to maintain in order to qualify for additional funds for police services does not include officers who are not being assigned to uniformed patrol duties, such as those on permanent leave; (2) require that municipalities maintain the size of their police departments at the level established on January 31, 1985, rather than January 1, 1985; (3) require that police officers hired under this act wear an insignia indicative of State support; (4) require that funds be annually appropriated to municipalities for hiring additional police officers under this act; and (5) permit a municipality to anticipate funds appropriated under this act in its budget.

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ASSEMBLY, No. 3451

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

INTRODUCED MARCH 7, 1985

By Assemblyman FLYNN and Assemblywoman WALKER

A SUPPLEMENT to the "Safe and Clean Neighborhoods Act of 1979," approved June 28, 1979 (P. L. 1979, c. 118; C. 52:27D-118.1 et seq.).

1 BE IT ENACTED *by the Senate and General Assembly of the State*
2 *of New Jersey:*

1 1. Notwithstanding any provisions to the contrary of section 3
2 of P. L. 1979, c. 118 (C. 52:27D-118.3), the amounts appropriated
3 in any State fiscal year beginning after June 30, 1985 for distribu-
4 tion to municipalities under the provisions of P. L. 1979, c. 118
5 (C. 52:27D-118.1 et seq.) shall be apportioned as follows:

6 a. Any municipality which received State aid under P. L. 1979,
7 c. 118 (C. 52:27D-118.1 et seq.) during the ***[1984 local budget]***
8 **1985 State fiscal** year shall first be apportioned, as matching funds
9 pursuant to subsection a. of section 3 thereof, the greatest of the
10 following amounts: (1) the amount ***[the municipality is entitled**
11 **to receive in]*** **received during** the 1985 local budget year; (2)
12 the amount received in any previous local budget year; or (3) the
13 amount to which the municipality is entitled in any subsequent local
13A budget year.

14 b. ***[Any]*** **A** municipality which is ***[first]*** entitled to
15 ***[State]*** **such** aid ***[under the provisions of P. L. 1979, c. 118**
16 **(C. 52:27D-118.1 et seq.) in]*** **on or after the effective date of the*
17 *supplemental act, but which did not receive such aid during** the
17A 1985 local budget year shall then be apportioned the amount ***[of**
17B **aid]*** for which it ***[is entitled]*** **qualifies**.

18 c. ***[An amount equal to]*** 65% of any amount appropriated
19 above that required under subsections a. and b. of this section, and

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Matter enclosed in asterisks or stars has been adopted as follows:

***—Assembly committee amendments adopted April 15, 1985.**

20 appropriated for additional police services shall then be apportioned
 21 ***[among the]*** *to* qualifying municipalities to provide a uniform
 22 percentage increase in the amount apportioned to ***[those]*** *these*
 23 municipalities. The amount so apportioned shall be made available
 24 exclusively to allow ***[the]*** employment of full-time police officers
 25 regularly assigned uniformed patrol duties in addition to the num-
 26 ber *of full-time police officers* employed by the municipality and
 27 regularly assigned to uniform patrol duties on January 31, 1985.
 28 In order to receive funds ***[pursuant to]*** *for* this ***[** subsection,
 29 the]***** *purpose a* municipality ***[is]*** *shall be* required to pro-
 29A vide matching funds from other sources equal to 25% of the amount
 29B provided ***[herein]*** *hereunder*.

30 ***[d.** An amount equal to 35% of any amount appropriated above
 31 that required under subsections a. and b. of this section, and ap-
 32 propriated for additional police services shall be available to pro-
 33 vide assistance to nonqualifying municipalities which have created
 34 and established, and maintain, police forces pursuant to N. J. S.
 35 40A:14-118 and which are entitled to receive State revenue sharing
 36 funds under the provisions of section 4 of P. L. 1976, c. 73 (C.
 37 54A:10-4) to employ additional policemen regularly assigned uni-
 38 form patrol duties.

39 The amounts available for distribution under the provisions of
 40 this subsection shall be allocated in the following manner:

$$41 \quad MS = \frac{MCRI}{\Sigma MCRI} \times F$$

42 Where: MS equals the amount allocated to the municipality
 43 under this subsection.

44 MCRI is the crime rate index of the municipality as determined
 45 by multiplying the Total Crime Index for the municipality, as set
 46 forth in the most recent Uniform Crime Report submitted by the
 47 Attorney General to the Governor and the Legislature pursuant to
 48 P. L. 1966, c. 37 (C. 52:17B-5.1 et seq.), by the quotient resulting
 49 from the division of the population of the municipality, as reported
 50 by the New Jersey Department of Labor, Office of Demographic and
 51 Economic Analysis, by the number 1,000.

52 Σ MCRI is the sum of the MCRI's of all municipalities eligible to
 53 receive an allocation of funds pursuant to this subsection.

54 F is the total amount available for allocation to all eligible mu-
 55 nicipalities under this subsection.

56 In order to receive funds under the provisions of this subsection,
 57 an eligible municipality is required to provide from other sources
 58 at least 50% of the cost of employing the additional police officers
 59 to be assigned regular uniform patrol duties.

60 If any funds available for allocation under the provisions of this
 61 subsection are unapportioned because the governing body of an
 62 eligible municipality has determined not to provide from other
 63 sources the amount required to employ additional police officers,
 64 the Director of the Division of Local Government Services shall
 65 establish a discretionary fund and other eligible municipalities
 66 may apply for a portion of those funds which the director has cer-
 67 tified as available for reallocation.】*

68 **d. The remaining amount appropriated for additional police*
 69 *services shall then be available to provide assistance to nonqualify-*
 70 *ing municipalities which maintain a regularly organized police force*
 71 *to employ full-time police officers regularly assigned uniformed*
 72 *patrol duties in addition to the number of full-time police officers*
 73 *employed by the municipality and regularly assigned to uniformed*
 74 *patrol duties on January 31, 1985, provided, however, that no mu-*
 75 *nicipality which is ineligible to receive a revenue sharing distribu-*
 76 *tion pursuant to P. L. 1976, c. 73 (C. 54A:10-1 et seq.), from the*
 77 *State in the 1985 local budget year shall be eligible for such as-*
 78 *sistance. Each eligible municipality may be apportioned an amount*
 79 *not to exceed that proportion of the total amount available to all*
 80 *such municipalities as the number of full-time police officers regu-*
 81 *larly assigned to uniformed patrol duties that it employed as of*
 82 *January 31, 1985 bears to the entire number of such full-time offi-*
 83 *cers employed on that date by all such municipalities. In order to*
 84 *receive funds for this purpose, an eligible municipality shall be*
 85 *required to provide from other sources at least 50% of the cost of*
 86 *employing the additional police officers.*

87 *e. Any two or more nonqualifying municipalities may join to-*
 88 *gether under the "Interlocal Services Act" (P. L. 1973, c. 208, C.*
 89 *40:8A-1 et seq.) for the purpose of receiving and expending funds*
 90 *pursuant to subsection d. above. The Director of the Division of*
 91 *Local Government Services, in contracting with such municipali-*
 92 *ties pursuant to section 4 of this supplementary act, is authorized*
 93 *to establish a matching requirement of 50% of the cost of employ-*
 94 *ing additional police officers. No more than 10% of the total avail-*
 95 *able to nonqualifying municipalities may be distributed under this*
 96 *subsection.*

1 *2. In the event that any funds remain undistributed after all*
 2 *eligible municipalities have had an opportunity to enter into a*
 3 *contract pursuant to this supplementary act, there shall be estab-*
 4 *lished a discretionary fund, and eligible municipalities may make*
 5 *application for such funds as still remain undistributed as deter-*
 6 *mined by the director. Any funds paid pursuant to this section*

7 shall be for the purposes of augmenting or upgrading patrol activi-
8 ties.

1 3. Each police officer employed under this act shall wear the uni-
2 form of the municipality that appointed him and shall wear a
3 shoulder patch of a kind approved by the Director of the Division
4 of Local Government Services, containing an insignia indicative of
5 the State's support of the program.*

1 ***[2.]*** *4.* In addition to the other powers and duties expressed
2 in P. L. 1979, c. 118 (C. 52:27D-118.1 et seq.), the Director of the
3 Division of Local Government Services shall adopt specific regu-
4 lations*, pursuant to the "Administrative Procedure Act," P. L.
5 1968, c. 410 (C. 52:14B-1 et seq.),* to govern provision of assistance
6 under this act to qualifying and nonqualifying municipalities for
7 the employment of *appropriate* police officers an addition to the
8 number *of such police officers* employed on January ***[1]*** *31*,
8A 1985. In addition to such other matters as the director may find
8B appropriate, the regulations shall:

9 a. Require the municipality to enter into a contract in a form
10 prescribed by the director under which the municipality shall agree
11 to provide its share of the cost of employing additional police officers
12 and further agree to maintain its police force at an expanded level
13 over that as of January ***[1]*** *31*, 1985 as a condition of continued
14 assistance;

15 b. Identify the particular costs of employing additional police
16 officers, generally limited to training, salary, benefits and equip-
17 ment,>(*exclusive of motor vehicles*)*, for which assistance may
18 be provided***[.]*** *,*

19 *c. Contain the design of the shoulder patch that additional police
20 officers employed under this act are required to wear under sec-
21 tion 2 of this act.

1 5. In addition to the appropriations required under section 4 of
2 P. L. 1979, c. 118 (C. 52:27D-118.4), there shall be annually ap-
3 propriated a sum which shall be apportioned among municipalities
4 which qualify under the provisions of this supplementary act.

1 6. The funds a qualifying municipality shall acquire pursuant
2 to this act shall be appropriated by the municipality in compliance
3 with the "Local Budget Law," P. L. 1960, c. 169 (N. J. S. 40A:4-1
4 et seq.). Notwithstanding any provisions of the Local Budget Law,
5 any municipality qualifying for State aid under the provisions of
6 this act may anticipate the receipt of the amount of State aid cer-
7 tified to it by the director and may file such amendments or correc-
8 tions in its local budget as may be required to properly reflect the
9 amount certified.*

1 ***[3.]*** *7.* This act shall take effect immediately.

63 sources the amount required to employ additional police officers,
 64 the Director of the Division of Local Government Services shall
 65 establish a discretionary fund and other eligible municipalities
 66 may apply for a portion of those funds which the director has cer-
 67 tified as available for reallocation.

1 2. In addition to the other powers and duties expressed in P. L.
 2 1979, c. 118 (C. 52:27D-118.1 et seq.), the Director of the Division
 3 of Local Government Services shall adopt specific regulations to
 4 govern provision of assistance under this act to qualifying and non-
 5 qualifying municipalities for the employment of police officers in
 6 addition to the number employed on January 1, 1985. In addition
 7 to such other matters as the director may find appropriate, the
 8 regulations shall:

9 a. Require the municipality to enter into a contract in a form
 10 prescribed by the director under which the municipality shall agree
 11 to provide its share of the cost of employing additional police officers
 12 and further agree to maintain its police force at an expanded level
 13 over that as of January 1, 1985 as a condition of continued assis-
 14 tance;

15 b. Identify the particular costs of employing additional police
 16 officers, generally limited to training, salary, benefits and equip-
 17 ment, exclusive of motor vehicles, for which assistance may be
 18 provided.

1 3. This act shall take effect immediately.

STATEMENT

In his Budget Message for the State's 1986 fiscal year, the Gov-
 ernor proposed an appropriation for the State's "Safe and Clean
 Neighborhoods" program which is \$25,000,000.00 larger than that
 appropriated in the 1985 State fiscal year.

The purpose of this bill is to provide a formula for the distribu-
 tion of those additional funds.

Under the provisions of this bill, the municipalities which qualify
 for "Safe and Clean Neighborhoods" moneys will be entitled to
 65% of the additional \$25,000,000.00. The moneys available will
 be allocated among those qualified municipalities on a uniform
 percentage basis and are to be used by the municipalities to employ
 additional police officers regularly assigned uniformed patrol du-
 ties. Unlike the dollar for dollar match required under the existing
 "Safe and Clean Neighborhoods" program, the qualified munici-
 palities receiving a portion of these additional moneys will be
 required to provide only \$1.00 for every \$4.00 of State aid.

The remaining 35% of the additional \$25,000,000.00 is to be allocated among those municipalities in the State which do not qualify for "Safe and Clean Neighborhoods" funds, but do (1) have a local police force and (2) receive State Revenue Sharing funds under P. L. 1976, c. 73 (C. 54A:10-1 et seq.). The moneys available to these municipalities are to be allocated on the basis of a crime rate index.

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Release: THURSDAY, MAY 23, 1985

Legislation to place an additional 2,000 police officers on the streets of high crime areas was signed today by Governor Thomas H. Kean during a day-long conference on fighting crime in New Jersey.

The legislation was signed by Kean as a part of the first Statewide Conference on Fighting Crime, held at the Meadowlands Hilton Hotel in Secaucus. The bill, S-2751, was sponsored by Senator Frank Graves, D-Passaic.

The legislation doubles the State aid to a total of \$50 million for the Safe and Clean Neighborhoods Program. The funds are allocated on a matching formula to eligible municipalities for the express purpose of placing more patrol officers on the streets.

"We have seen a steady drop in the crime rate for the past several years," Kean said, in signing the bill. "There should be no doubt that the higher visibility and increased presence of uniformed officers is a major factor contributing to this steady decline."

The Governor pointed out that the decline in New Jersey's crime rate has been greater than the national average and exceeds that of other states in the region.

"The additional State support for the Safe and Clean Neighborhoods Program is a part of our overall strategy to combat crime in the State," Kean said. "We have sent a clear signal to those who would commit violent crimes that their conduct will not be tolerated and that they will be removed from society and sent to prison for their acts."

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The legislation signed by the Governor provides that 65 percent of the new funding will be allocated to the 49 communities now eligible for the Safe and Clean Neighborhoods Program. These communities will be required to provide a 25 percent matching amount.

The remainder of the funds will be allocated on a 50-50 matching basis to any municipality which maintains a regularly organized police force and which qualifies for State revenue sharing.

Because of the matching fund provisions, it is estimated that an additional 2,000 police officers could be hired for patrol duties.

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