

FIRST REGULAR SESSION

# SENATE BILL NO. 551

## 101ST GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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INTRODUCED BY SENATOR MAY.

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ADRIANE D. CROUSE, Secretary

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### AN ACT

To amend chapter 590, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to mental health programs for peace officers.

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*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Missouri, as follows:*

Section A. Chapter 590, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto

2 one new section, to be known as section 590.192, to read as  
3 follows:

590.192. 1. There is hereby established the "Critical  
2 Incident Stress Management Program" within the department of  
3 public safety. The program shall provide services for peace  
4 officers to assist in coping with stress and potential  
5 psychological trauma resulting from a response to a critical  
6 incident or emotionally difficult event. Such services may  
7 include consultation, risk assessment, education,  
8 intervention, and other crisis intervention services  
9 provided by the department to peace officers affected by a  
10 critical incident.

11 2. All peace officers shall be required to meet with a  
12 program service provider once every three to five years for  
13 a mental health check-in. The program service provider  
14 shall send a notification to the peace officer's commanding  
15 officer that he or she completed such check-in.

16 3. Any information disclosed by a peace officer shall  
17 be privileged and shall not be used as evidence in criminal,

18 administrative, or civil proceedings against the peace  
19 officer unless:

20 (1) A program representative reasonably believes the  
21 disclosure is necessary to prevent harm to a person who  
22 received services or to prevent harm to another person;

23 (2) The person who received the services provides  
24 written consent to the disclosure;

25 (3) The program representative is a witness or a party  
26 to a critical incident that prompted the peace officer to  
27 receive critical stress services;

28 (4) The person receiving services discloses  
29 information that is required to be reported under mandatory  
30 reporting laws;

31 (5) The peace officer who received services is  
32 deceased; or

33 (6) The surviving peace officer who received services  
34 voluntarily testifies in a proceeding.

35 4. (1) There is hereby created in the state treasury  
36 the "988 Public Safety Fund", which shall consist of money  
37 appropriated by the general assembly. The state treasurer  
38 shall be custodian of the fund. In accordance with sections  
39 30.170 and 30.180, the state treasurer may approve  
40 disbursements. The fund shall be a dedicated fund and money  
41 in the fund shall be used solely by the department of public  
42 safety for the purposes of providing services for peace  
43 officers pursuant to subsection 1 of this section. Such  
44 services may include consultation, risk assessment,  
45 education, intervention, and other crisis intervention  
46 services provided by the department to peace officers  
47 affected by a critical incident.

48 (2) Notwithstanding the provisions of section 33.080  
49 to the contrary, any moneys remaining in the fund at the end

50 of the biennium shall not revert to the credit of the  
51 general revenue fund.

52 (3) The state treasurer shall invest moneys in the  
53 fund in the same manner as other funds are invested. Any  
54 interest and moneys earned on such investments shall be  
55 credited to the fund.

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