

# SENATE BILL NO. 1782

103RD GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY SENATOR SCHNELTING.

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KRISTINA MARTIN, Secretary

## AN ACT

To amend chapters 85 and 590, RSMo, by adding thereto two new sections relating to the use of canines by law enforcement agencies.

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

Section A. Chapters 85 and 590, RSMo, are amended by  
2 adding thereto two new sections, to be known as sections 85.025  
3 and 590.220, to read as follows:

85.025. 1. This section and section 590.220 shall be  
2 known as "Justin's Law".

3 2. The director of the department of public safety or  
4 his or her designee shall establish the "Illicit Narcotics  
5 Canine Committee" (INCC). The INCC shall work in  
6 coordination with the Missouri Police Chiefs Association,  
7 the Missouri Sheriff's Association, and other law  
8 enforcement entities as appropriate and necessary. The  
9 primary purpose of the INCC shall be to review applicants  
10 and award funds for the requested programs. The INCC shall  
11 have nine members appointed by the director and shall  
12 consist of:

13 (1) Two members from the department of public safety  
14 or Missouri state highway patrol;

15 (2) Two members from the Missouri Police Chiefs  
16 Association;

17           (3) Two members from the Missouri Sheriff's  
18 Association;

19           (4) Two canine officers; and

20           (5) One narcotics officer or detective.

21           3. Any police or county sheriff department may  
22 establish a canine program within their department with the  
23 primary purpose of illicit narcotic detection.

24           4. Any program established by a police department or  
25 county sheriff department under this section shall utilize  
26 law enforcement canines that have been trained to detect  
27 illicit narcotics.

28           5. All law enforcement dogs and handlers shall be  
29 fully certified as a team by one of the following accredited  
30 entities:

31           (1) North American Police Work Dog Association;

32           (2) International Police Work Dog Association;

33           (3) American Mantrailing, Police & Work Dog  
34 Association;

35           (4) Missouri Police Canine Association;

36           (5) United States Police Canine Association; or

37           (6) Any other approved certification deemed  
38 satisfactory by the INCC.

39           6. A police or county sheriff department that  
40 establishes or operates a program under this section shall  
41 have the authority to select from which kennel to purchase  
42 their canine, as long as those vendors are on the approved  
43 list designated by the INCC as certified vendors.

44           7. A police or county sheriff department that  
45 establishes or operates a program under this section may  
46 apply for a grant from the illicit narcotics canine fund in  
47 section 590.220 to cover certain law enforcement dog-related  
48 expenses.

49           8. Each department shall submit statistics no less  
50 than quarterly into Packtrack or a similar law enforcement  
51 dog record management software system.

          590.220. 1. There is hereby established in the state  
2 treasury the "Illicit Narcotics Canine Fund" which shall  
3 consist of moneys collected under this section. The state  
4 treasurer shall be custodian of the fund. In accordance  
5 with sections 30.170 and 30.180, the state treasurer may  
6 approve disbursements. The fund shall be a dedicated fund  
7 and, upon appropriation, moneys in the fund shall be used  
8 solely to provide grants for the establishment and operation  
9 of the illicit narcotics canine committee under section  
10 85.025.

11           2. The fund shall consist of five hundred thousand  
12 dollars appropriated annually by the general assembly as  
13 well as moneys received from private sources, gifts, and  
14 donations. Notwithstanding the provisions of section 33.080  
15 to the contrary, any moneys remaining in the fund at the end  
16 of the biennium shall not revert to the credit of the  
17 general revenue fund.

18           3. The state treasurer shall invest moneys in the fund  
19 in the same manner as other funds are invested. Any  
20 interest and moneys earned on such investments shall be  
21 credited to the fund.

22           4. The department of public safety in collaboration  
23 with the illicit narcotics canine committee established in  
24 section 85.025 shall issue grants of no more than thirty-  
25 five thousand dollars to police or county sheriff  
26 departments for the establishment of illicit narcotics  
27 canine programs under section 85.025. The grants shall be  
28 used for:

29           (1) The purchase of a law enforcement dog;

- 30           (2) Training for the law enforcement dog or the  
31 handler;
- 32           (3) A kennel build-out for officer vehicles;
- 33           (4) A kennel at the officer's residence;
- 34           (5) A kennel at the police or sheriff department;
- 35           (6) Training aids;
- 36           (7) Veterinary bills;
- 37           (8) Medical insurance; and
- 38           (9) Other equipment deemed necessary by the illicit  
39 narcotics canine committee.

40           5. If a grant is received by a police or county  
41 sheriff department, vehicles for law enforcement canines  
42 shall be equipped with a heat alarm. All law enforcement  
43 canines funded under this section shall have department-paid  
44 medical insurance for the duration of the law enforcement  
45 canine's working life.

46           6. Grants disbursed under this section shall not be  
47 used for the purchase of vehicles or salaries.

48           7. Every canine and canine handler shall train, at a  
49 minimum, at least sixteen hours per month with criteria  
50 established by the INCC.

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