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TERRY L. SPIELER, Secretary.

AN ACT

To repeal section 195.509, RSMo 1994, relating to public safety, and to enact in lieu thereof one new section relating to the same subject.

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

Section A. Section 195.509, RSMo 1994, is repealed and one new section enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as section 195.509, to read as follows:

195.509. 1. A multijurisdictional enforcement group which meets the minimum criteria established in this section is eligible to receive state grants to help defray the costs of operation.

2. To be eligible for state grants, a MEG shall:

(1) Be established and operating pursuant to intergovernmental contracts written and executed in conformity by law, and involve two or more units of local government;

(2) Establish a MEG policy board composed of an elected official, or his designee, and the chief law enforcement officer from each participating unit of local government **and a representative of a hazardous materials response team or, if such team is not formed, then a representative of the local fire response agency**, to oversee the operations of the MEG and make such reports to the department of public safety as the department may require;

(3) Designate a single appropriate official of a participating unit of local government to act as the financial officer of the MEG for all participating units of the local government and to receive funds for the operation of the MEG;

(4) Limit its target operation to enforcement of drug laws;

(5) Cooperate with the department of public safety in order to assure compliance with sections 195.501 to 195.511 and to enable the department to fulfill its duties under sections 195.501 to 195.511 and supply the department with all information the department deems necessary therefor;

(6) Cooperate with the local hazardous material response team to establish a local emergency response strategy.

3. The department of public safety shall monitor the operations of all MEG units which receive state grants. From the moneys appropriated annually, if funds are made available by the general assembly for this purpose, the director shall determine and certify to the auditor the amount of the grant to be made to each designated MEG financial officer. No provision of this section shall prohibit funding of multijurisdictional enforcement groups by sources other than those provided by the general assembly, if such funding is in accordance with and in such a manner as provided by law.

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