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(a) A local law enforcement agency shall use the money distributed under this subtitle as an addition to and not as a substitute for money appropriated from sources other than the Fund to acquire or replace protective body armor.

(b) (1) Each local law enforcement agency shall spend money from its own sources to acquire or replace protective body armor in an amount at least equal to the amount of State money awarded from the Fund.

(2) After a local law enforcement agency receives notice from the [Secretary] EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR of a grant, the local law enforcement agency shall submit to the [Secretary] EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR proof of expenditures on protective body armor.

(3) After certifying the expenditures under paragraph (2) of this subsection, the [Secretary] EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR may authorize the reimbursement of one-half of the local law enforcement agency's expenditures on protective body armor, up to a maximum of the amount of the grant.

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To reduce the cost of protective body armor, the [Secretary] EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR should encourage the bulk purchase of protective body armor.

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On or before September 1 of each year, the [Secretary] EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR shall report to the Governor and, subject to § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, to the General Assembly on:

(1) the distribution of money under this subtitle; and

(2) the ratio of protective body armor to police officers in each local jurisdiction of the State that applied for money from the Fund.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That on July 1, 2006, all the functions, powers, duties, assets, and liabilities of the Protective Body Armor Fund within the Department of State Police shall be transferred to the Governor's Office of Crime Control and Prevention.

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 2006.

Approved May 2, 2006.